**Thursday, April 27, 2023**

**(Statewide Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

 A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

I Corinthians 13:1

 The Apostle Paul writes: “If I speak in the tongues of mortals, and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.” Bow with me, please: O God of Grace, we implore You to never allow us -- any of us -- to become casual about caring for the people of South Carolina. And what an especially horrendous trap it might be for any of us to fall into: to be so caught up in projects, or budgets, or some selfish political agenda, that we fail to consider the true well-being and needs of the many women, men, young people and children who look to this Senate for caring leadership. Political realities are one thing. But to be blasé -- or even worse, absolutely uncaring -- about the heartfelt needs of our citizens, that should never be what this Senate is all about. So, Lord, touch the hearts of each of these leaders. May their love for all of the people of this State never falter. In Your name we pray, O Lord. Amen.

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

**Call of the Senate**

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

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Garrett

Grooms Gustafson Harpootlian

Hembree Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

*Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell Kimpson

Loftis Martin Massey

Matthews McLeod Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Sabb

Senn Setzler Shealy

Talley Verdin Young

 A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator KIMBRELL introduced Dr. Aundie Bishop of Spartanburg, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator TALLEY, at 11:08 A.M., Senator TURNER was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 11:23 A.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator KIMBRELL rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks by Senator KIMBRELL**

 Good morning colleagues. I know we are getting close to the end of session, and this is probably the last time I come up here on any kind of point this year, but I wanted to say thank you for the leadership of Chairman PEELER in the Senate Finance Committee. We worked together this week to get on the floor S. 634, which I recognize is contested and like most of us, whenever you are not going to have a chance to hear something out on the floor during the session, you get a chance to speak about it here.

 One of the things I have tried to do since I have been in the Senate, and I hope I have done well -- maybe Senator SETZLER can tell me later if I have -- is to have a point, make your point, but also be agreeable where you can be. I’ve probably been the loudest guy in the room this year about this ESG idea, and S. 634 -- which I put forward with about ten other colleagues -- was trying to get at this notion of making sure we do targeted tax incentives; we do economic development and we’re mindful of this growing agenda that I’m concerned about as it pertains to the culture of our State.

 Our former Governor and Ambassador Nikki Haley this week got into a pretty public spar with the Governor of Florida over the issue of ESG's. She said she wanted to move, and I respect Governor Haley a lot, but she said she wanted to move Disney to Charleston. I think our Charleston Delegation may not like the congestion in Charleston if Disney were to move there. We will let you make that decision, Senator KIMPSON, but I will tell you that I would not be supporting a targeted tax package to move Disney from Florida to South Carolina. I don't think they are going to move, but the point is, economic development needs to be done without a side of politics, and I’ve been very clear that I’m worried about that. I tried during the budget debates not to mess anything up. Chairman PEELER put forward a great budget this year. I think it addresses the needs of the State in a conservative and fiscally responsible fashion and I want to be sure we move that along quickly.

 During the discussion over Scout, I respect what Mayor Rickenmann here in Columbia said, and that is, the Upstate has a car manufacturing facility, the Low Country has planes and cars, and we need to give the Midlands a chance. Therefore, I pulled down an amendment I had offered about ESG’s, even on targeted tax incentives for Scout -- for Volkswagen. I will say now, I think it is good to give fair warning, if we can't get some form of resolution in the Senate going forward next year‑- saying we will not give this agenda of ESG’s a lot of life while we are doing economic development. I will offer amendments going forward on pretty much every economic incentives package to be sure that we are not holding our subcontractors accountable or to a standard they don't want to have to live up to.

 In Spartanburg, I have given this story in committee and subcommittee, and I’ll tell it here on the floor. A business in Spartanburg -- a large contractor -- very experienced -- has been in business for forty years with one thousand employees -- tried to do some business with a company that moved to Spartanburg under a targeted tax incentives plan. When they applied to be a subcontractor, they had to fill out a one hundred page questionnaire that had little to do with their bonding and insurance requirements -- had little to do with their ability to perform the job, but had everything to do with where they stood on everything from climate change, to LGBT recruitment, and a whole range of things that I really don't think had anything to do with their ability to perform the job. We are using our tax money -- their tax money -- to bring these businesses in, and the idea is we are going to have a multiplier effect, and we are going to do economic growth and development. And, if we are using tax money collected from the businesses that are here, then those businesses ought to be able to benefit from that economic development without being forced to change their culture, values or positions to bow down to an agenda they don't agree with.

 So, I will just say I appreciate, Mr. Chairman, S. 634 going through the Finance Committee. I appreciate that it is on the floor. I recognize it goes nowhere this year, but going forward I will be pretty aggressive on making sure we adopt -- if we can't get a Sense of the Senate on this sometime next year -- I will probably argue on every incentive package that we make sure our subcontractors are not forced to bow to this agenda in order to be successful.

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

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

The following co-sponsor was added to the respective Bill:

S. 634 Sen. Adams

**RECALLED**

 S. 564 -- Senator Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-330, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN JASPER COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD ONE PRECINCT, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

 Senator MATTHEWS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Judiciary.

 The Bill was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**Motion to Ratify Adopted**

 At 11:30 A.M., Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to invite the House of Representatives to attend the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts at a mutually convenient time.

 There was no objection and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 755 -- Senators Young, Malloy, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Rankin, Hembree, Matthews, Corbin, Talley, M. Johnson, Garrett, McLeod, Hutto, McElveen, Senn, Harpootlian, Sabb and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-130, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS BY OPERATION OF LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-290, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES TO ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ON DEATH FOR TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

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

 S. 756 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND THE APPELLATE PANEL, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5164, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 S. 757 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO UPDATE, REQUEST FOR HEARING, AND ANSWER, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5131, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 H. 3217 -- Reps. W. Newton, Carter, Mitchell and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFER ACT"; BY ADDING SUBARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 63 SO AS TO PROHIBIT UNREGULATED CHILD CUSTODY TRANSFERS OF CHILDREN PLACED FOR ADOPTION; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MAKING A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CHILD CUSTODY, RECEIVING CUSTODY OF A CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A PROHIBITED TRANSFER, SERVING AS AN INTERMEDIARY FOR A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CUSTODY, OR ADVERTISING OR SOLICITING A PROHIBITED TRANSFER OF CUSTODY; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS AND TAKE OTHER REGULATORY ACTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING SECTION 63-9-85 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHILD PLACING AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS, INCLUDING GENERAL ADOPTION INFORMATION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHILD, AND INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-9-80 RELATING TO CERTAIN INFORMATION PROVIDED TO PROSPECTIVE ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

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

 H. 3313 -- Rep. Jordan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-10, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF A REGISTER OF DEEDS, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-12, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

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

 H. 3583 -- Reps. Guffey, Lawson, Pace, Haddon, O'Neal, Pope, Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Anderson, Taylor, Carter, Brewer, Murphy, White, Guest, Mitchell, Pedalino, Oremus, Wooten, Caskey, Leber, Landing, Chapman, Vaughan, Hiott, Gilliam, Cromer, B. L. Cox, Moss, T. Moore, Beach, J. L. Johnson, Hartnett, Bauer, Schuessler, Bailey, Neese, W. Newton, Jordan, Hewitt, King, Gilliard, Williams, Jefferson, Weeks, Trantham, Nutt, McCravy, Robbins, Ballentine, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, G. M. Smith, Atkinson, Erickson, W. Jones, Blackwell, McDaniel, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Willis, Alexander and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-430 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF "SEXUAL EXTORTION" AND "AGGRAVATED SEXUAL EXTORTION", TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

 H. 3734 -- Reps. B. Newton, Cobb-Hunter and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-10, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF MUNICIPAL PRIMARY, GENERAL, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SUCH MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS BE CONDUCTED USING THE VOTING SYSTEM APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-40, RELATING TO TERMS OF OFFICE OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN COMMENCE THE MONDAY FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-50, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL WARD LINES AND TIME FOR MUNICIPAL GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS BE HELD ON ONE OF CERTAIN ENUMERATED DATES, PROHIBIT THE TERMS OF INCUMBENT COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM BEING EXTENDED WHEN A NEW TIME FOR MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS IS ESTABLISHED, AND REQUIRE MUNICIPAL SPECIAL ELECTIONS SCHEDULED TO OCCUR WITHIN CERTAIN TIME FRAMES OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD AT THE SAME TIME AS THE GENERAL ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-100, RELATING TO FUNCTIONS, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME FRAME BY WHICH A MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION MUST MEET AND DECLARE THE RESULTS FOLLOWING AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME WHEN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS MAY BE QUALIFIED AND THEIR TERMS COMMENCE TO THE MONDAY AFTER CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION RESULTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-145, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONS TO CONDUCT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS FOR MUNICIPALITIES THAT ELECT TO TRANSFER AUTHORITY.

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

 H. 3883 -- Reps. T. Moore, Hyde, Ligon, Brittain, Pope, Long, Lawson, McCravy, Guffey, Elliott, Harris, Nutt, Murphy, Guest, Jordan, Wheeler, W. Newton, Robbins and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1340, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND SERVICE OF ALTERNATE JURORS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT TO RETAIN ALTERNATE JURORS UPON SUBMISSION OF A CASE TO A JURY FOR DELIBERATIONS.

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

 H. 3953 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Bannister, Bradley, Crawford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Alexander, Wetmore, Hyde, Sessions, Guffey, Felder, Hixon, White, Moss, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Willis, S. Jones, Lawson, B. Newton, Robbins, Brewer, Murphy, Kirby, Long, Blackwell, Weeks, M. M. Smith, Davis and B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-103, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 37-6-104, 37-6-117, 37-6-501 THROUGH 37-6-510, 37-6-602, AND 37-6-604, ALL RELATING TO FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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

 H. 3987 -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF ANDERSON COUNTY, SO AS TO REASSIGN TO ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 A PARCEL OF ANDERSON COUNTY REAL PROPERTY PRESENTLY ZONED FOR ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 5.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

 H. 4350 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-160, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs polled out H. 3681 favorable:

 H. 3681 -- Reps. West, Long, Rutherford, Bannister, Bradley, Chumley, Hiott, Hixon, Atkinson and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44‑95‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE MAY NOT ENACT ANY LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RULES PERTAINING TO INGREDIENTS, FLAVORS, OR LICENSING OF CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, E‑LIQUID, VAPOR PRODUCTS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES ENACTED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREEMPTION IMPOSED BY THIS ACT.

**Poll of the Medical Affairs Committee**

**Polled 17; Ayes 14; Nays 0; Not Voting 3**

**AYES**

Verdin Peeler Hutto

Martin Alexander Davis

K. Johnson Corbin Gambrell

Senn Cash McLeod

Loftis Garrett

**Total--14**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

**Total--0**

**NOT VOTING**

Scott Kimpson Matthews

**Total--3**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3857 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑103‑15, RELATING TO CATEGORIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE AND THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS, SO AS TO ADD A NEW CATEGORY FOR DOCTORAL/PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITIES AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RELATED MISSIONS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4023 -- Reps. S. Jones, Erickson, Henegan, Alexander, Bradley, J.L. Johnson, White, Ott, Gilliam, Beach, Gibson, O'Neal, Cromer, McGinnis, McDaniel, Vaughan, Bauer, A.M. Morgan, Leber, T.A. Morgan, Chumley, McCravy, McCabe, Landing, Ballentine, Haddon, Hartnett, Herbkersman, Oremus and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑60, RELATING TO LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION, MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN TASKS BY LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑70, RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTICOUNTY PARTNERSHIPS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑150, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF A STANDARD FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PROCUREMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 63‑11‑1726 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL PUBLICLY FUNDED EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVING AGENCIES AND ENTITIES SHALL PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN DATA SHARING INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1720, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ADD THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS A TRUSTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1725, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO REVISE DATA GOVERNANCE POLICIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARENT KNOWLEDGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVIEW OF AN OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1730, RELATING TO OVERSIGHT DUTIES OF THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PERSONNEL POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUTHORIZING ACT ARE PERMANENT AND FUTURE REAUTHORIZATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED; AND BY AMENDING ACT 99 OF 1999, RELATING TO THE TIMES AT WHICH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT TAKES EFFECT AND IS REPEALED UNLESS REAUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL PROVISION AND REAUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., April 27, 2023

Mr. President and Senators:

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

 H. 3532 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pope, McCravy, B. Newton, West, Chapman, Burns, Wooten, Haddon, O'Neal, Carter, W. Newton, M.M. Smith, Davis, Pace, B.L. Cox, Gilliam, Thayer, Bailey, Hardee, Blackwell, Leber, Mitchell, Chumley, Ligon, Hiott, Yow, Landing, Hixon, Taylor, Oremus, Cromer and J.E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17‑15‑270 SO AS TO PROVIDE SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CRIMES WHILE ON PRETRIAL RELEASE ON BOND; BY ADDING SECTION 17‑15‑280 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PRETRIAL RELEASE ON BOND FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH COMMITTING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CRIMES AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING IF ADDITIONAL CHARGES ARE PENDING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17‑15‑15, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT OF A CASH PERCENTAGE IN LIEU OF BOND, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FULL CASH BOND FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN CRIMES.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

 Placed on Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

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

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

 S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

 On motion of Senator K. JOHNSON.

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

**CONTINUED**

 H. 3774 -- Reps. McCravy, G.M. Smith, Hiott, W. Newton, Pope, Yow, M.M. Smith, Hardee, J.E. Johnson, Hixon, Bustos, Erickson, Landing, Davis, Crawford, B.L. Cox, Connell, Vaughan, Ligon, T. Moore, Moss, Lawson, Hyde, Leber, B.J. Cox, Wooten, Whitmire, Long, Gagnon, Bradley, Herbkersman, Nutt, Mitchell, B. Newton, Jordan, Brewer, Murphy, Gilliam, Willis, Blackwell, Elliott, Guest, Oremus, Felder, Chapman, Haddon, S. Jones, Pace, Gibson, Robbins, Burns, Chumley and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT”; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO BAN ABORTIONS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE BAN ON ABORTIONS, TO PROTECT THE USE OF CONTRACEPTIVES AND ALTERNATIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN CANNOT BE PROSECUTED FOR HAVING AN ABORTION, TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS OR OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONALS SHALL LOSE THEIR LICENSE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A WOMAN’S NAME MAY REMAIN ANONYMOUS IN PROCEEDINGS INITIATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 44‑41‑90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM MAY NOT PAY FOR ABORTIONS, TO PROHIBIT STATE FUNDS FROM BEING USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF FETAL TISSUE OR FETAL REMAINS OBTAINED FROM AN ABORTION, AND TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD; BY ADDING SECTION 63‑17‑325 SO AS TO REQUIRE A BIOLOGICAL FATHER TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑146 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND HMO POLICIES TO COVER CONTRACEPTIVES; BY REQUIRING THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY TO COVER PRESCRIBED CONTRACEPTIVES FOR DEPENDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44‑41‑710, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION OF THIS ARTICLE, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 44‑41‑480, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION AGAINST IMPLICIT REPEAL OF EXISTING LAW, SO AS TO REMOVE LANGUAGE RELATED TO IMPLICIT REPEAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 44‑41‑20 RELATING TO LEGAL ABORTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44‑41‑70, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AND OTHER FACILITIES, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO SECTION 44‑41‑20; AND BY PROVIDING AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN CHALLENGES TO THIS ACT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator McLEOD spoke on the Bill.

**Point of Quorum**

 At 11:55 A.M., Senator MATTHEWS made the point that a quorum was not present. It was ascertained that a quorum was present. The Senate resumed.

 Senator McLEOD resumed speaking on the Bill.

**Remarks by Senator McLEOD**

 Thank you, Mr. PRESIDENT. This is day three of the debate on a total abortion ban. And I want to take a minute before I get started to thank the women of the Senate -- my sister Senators who have always led and continue to lead on this extremely important issue. I also want to thank our male colleagues on both sides of the isle who have supported us every single time, as well as those who take time off from their jobs and time away from their families just to come to the State House year after year, time after time to let us know that they stand in solidarity with us.

 You have already heard from my sister Senators SHEALY, GUSTAFSON and SENN. And while our approaches and experiences and deliveries may be different, all five of us are united on this issue. Maybe that's because only five of us in this Chamber are capable of giving birth. You have already heard some statistics so I won't reiterate. You have heard some constitutional arguments and a proposed constitutional amendment. We have talked briefly about the fiscal impact of this war on women. So, you should question those who describe themselves as fiscally conservative in one breath while still demanding that we debate and pass Bills like this and the other, knowing that we'll expend an extraordinary amount of time, money, energy and resources on the legal challenges.

 You've heard a very detailed account of a colleague’s childbirth experience, some of you probably wondered why she chose to disclose intimate details and I certainly can't speak for her. But as she was sharing, I was reminded of a special session during the height of the pandemic before vaccines were available. When we reconvened to debate yet another abortion Bill, it was my first time back in this Chamber after the pandemic began and I was wearing a mask. I was suited up. I had gloves -- the whole nine yards. But I was still nervous about putting my life and health on the line just to be here. It was then that I stood at this well and disclosed for the first time publicly that I was raped. My seatmate Senator SABB, yesterday leaned over and shared with me how unfortunate it is that the women of this Body often feel that we have to share intimate details of our lived experiences to enlighten and engage our male colleagues on issues that are unique to us. And he is right, it is unfortunate! But to sit idly by while forty-one men determine what is right for us, and our constituents, is not an option. The reason I chose to disclose that then, and to talk about it now here, wasn't because I believed my disclosure would change any of my male colleagues' minds. And it didn't. I shared my truth for the first time publicly so that women and girls across our State would know and understand that they have someone in this Chamber who sees them, who hears them, who gets them, who understands their plight and their pain and will continue to fight for them.

 Despite what we heard and saw yesterday, this issue is not about rubber babies or any other offensive props. It is about real people with real lives who face real challenges that require them to make real decisions that are best for them and their families. Reproductive rights are human rights and are deserving of equal protection.

 The total ban that is being debated here today clearly places the rights of a fetus over the rights of the women and girls who will be forced by our male-dominated Legislature to carry that fetus to term. There is no concern, no compassion and obviously no protection for women like me who live with a chronic health condition and are considered high risk for life threatening complications during pregnancy and beyond pregnancy. No equal protections for sexual assault survivors like me who will be forced by politicians to carry the seed of their rapist to term regardless of whether she has the means, the resources or the support to care for herself or a baby. No empathy for the ten-year-old victim of rape or incest who is still a child herself. Because if this Bill passes, a baby will be forced to carry and deliver another baby, even if it costs her life.

 The proponents of this Bill want you to believe that the rights of a fetus are absolute, and far outweigh the rights of the women and girls who are forced to carry that fetus. Please, make that make sense. So, they're not just attacking our constitutional rights. They are attacking our God-given rights. I said it many times before but I’ll say it again. God in his infinite wisdom entrusted these most important decisions, his most precious creations, his most magnificent assignments, to women and only women. Don't get mad at us, God did that. The same God that some of us purport to serve.

 It's hard to have to come back to this well every session, and sometimes like this, multiple times a session. And since our male- dominated Legislature can't control God, they've made it their life's mission to control us -- using his name to carry out their own personal political agendas. Quickly, unapologetically and selectively perverting scripture to describe their own views and when all else fails they have got a ram in the bush because serving in the Legislature allows them to play God on every legislative Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Quite often it is abortion bans on Tuesdays, I think the House has coined the phrase wicked Wednesdays. Sometimes on Wednesdays it is firing squads and on Thursdays permitless carry. Make no mistake, the arrogance, the ignorance, the flagrant hypocrisy of these men has always been on display for women and girls across South Carolina to see. And as our colleague read from scripture yesterday, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. And we are, by God, not man, for those in the back. So, it was God who decided that women and only women are capable of giving birth. If he wanted our male-dominated Legislature to make that decision, he would have given them the biological ability and equipment. Earlier this week we heard from several men right here in this Body who refused to answer certain questions -- pertinent questions from their female colleagues. Why? Well, one big reason is because they can't. Another reason is because a misogynistic mindset is a terrible thing to waste. Especially when you have the political power to ignore those of us who are directly impacted while you dictate what's best for us. What happened on Tuesday was never about the Senate PRESIDENT. All of us respect and appreciate him -- it's just that some of us respectfully disagreed with his interpretation only to discover that overriding the Senate PRESIDENT isn't allowed if initiated by a woman in this Chamber. Yet our rights, our decisions, our interpretations are overridden every time we debate this issue. As we say in my neck of the woods, the men in this Chamber and the one across the hall ain't got nothing on it. No money. No uterus. No firsthand knowledge or experience. No support, and no respect, or consideration for those of us who have to live with the consequences of their actions. To be blunt, the majority has no frame of reference, since only five of us in this Body have actually given birth. Yet they still try to speak with authority since they can't speak from experience. I don't come to the well often but I’ve never been one to mince words. So today, I’m just going to call it like I see it. Just as rape is about power and control, so is this total ban. Those who continue to push legislation like this are raping us again with their indifference. Violating us again with their righteous indignation. Taunting us again with their insatiable need to play God while they continue to pass laws that are ungodly. If God wanted men to make these decisions, he would have given them the ability to carry a baby and give birth. But he didn't. So now they've decided to take it by force. Tell me where in the Bible it says your will, not God's be done? Tell me where it says men have the right to control women and girls but no duty or responsibility to provide resources and support? Tell me where it says doctors and medical providers should be criminalized for treating their patients or refusing to violate HIPPA? What kind of world do we live in when members of the General Assembly are more focused on incarcerating and punishing victims of rape than holding their rapist accountable? Do we really want to live in a State where survivors of rape are forced to carry the seed of our rapist to term and be saddled with a life sentence for a crime that was committed against us, not by us?

 Earlier this week we had a real opportunity to show the people of South Carolina that their voices matter. That we have confidence in their ability to decide for themselves by simply putting the question on the ballot. Surprisingly, it was an amendment that one of our male republican colleagues sponsored. And what happened? It morphed into a heated debate about the Senate rules and the dangerous precedent that would be set if we override the Senate PRESIDENT's interpretation. We were reminded that the Senate is a Body of rules. Maybe it was at one point. But I’m resigned that if this Senate was a Body of rules it was long before I got here. Perhaps that was the case when it was a Body of forty-six men and there were no women's voices in this Chamber. Maybe it was a Body of rules when my sister Senator, Senator SHEALY first got here. But it's definitely not that way now. I said it before and I’ll say it again, in case you missed it. I've been a member of the Rules Committee for almost four years. And so far to my knowledge that committee has never met. I've never gotten one committee meeting notice, not one. But somehow the rules keep changing right here on the floor. And those special order slots that are designated as Rules Committee slots keep being used, should I say abused. More evidence that the rules are made for us, not by us.

 Just last week, SC GOP Congresswoman Nancy Mace tried to warn her party that banning abortion is a losing strategy and even with more pressing issues the majority party keeps prioritizing this one without any concern, compassion, empathy or support. As I was saying, Congresswoman Nancy Mace reminded her party this is a losing strategy, this total abortion ban and we do have more pressing issues. But the majority party keeps prioritizing this one without any compassion -- without any concern, empathy or support for the women and girls who will be impacted. And isn't it ironic that the same folks who insist that life begins at conception, don't seem the least bit concerned about the living? One of the most heinous hate crimes in South Carolina history took the life of one of our very own, one of our very own colleagues, yet we're still prioritizing everything but hate crimes. Yesterday our colleague just closed his remarks by saying, this Bill deserves a debate. Well, with all due respect, so does the Hate Crimes Bill that he and his two other colleagues put their names on to ensure that we won't have an opportunity to debate it before session ends just like they did last year.

 The hypocrisy, the audacity, the tone deafness by some in this Chamber is staggering. We claim we care about the living but we continue to pay hardworking South Carolinians $7.25 an hour knowing that they can't live or survive on those wages, let alone take care of their maternal health or the expenses of raising a baby to adulthood. We pass firing squad Bills and shield laws for companies that make lethal injection drugs and now we are on track to prioritize permitless carry knowing that it means more people who look like me will be targeted, and more young black men and women will die as a result. So, it makes me wonder whose lives we're really protecting. Not mine. Not my son's. And if you didn't know that South Carolina has been losing its best and brightest young people for decades, you should know that we are. I talked a little bit about that yesterday when Senator SENN was at the well. Because of Bills like this, we're not only losing nurses and doctors and medical practitioners, we'll continue to lose our best and brightest young people who are engaged especially when it comes to their reproductive rights and freedoms and the reproductive rights and freedoms of those they love. So, we will be in a position very soon where we won't have to always talk about losing teachers in this State. We are and we will continue -- we can just stop after saying that we are losing -- South Carolina is losing period because of Bills just like this one.

 I come from a rural community. I come from Marlboro County, Bennettsville, South Carolina. The challenges that we already face in finding doctors, nurses and other health care providers -- I can't even begin to articulate the impact it's having on rural communities just like my hometown. There is definitely a lack of access to quality affordable health care in this State. And yet we have consistently refused to even expand Medicaid. But we care about the living, right? We can't find medical students or residents who want to stay here. So I wonder who's going to deliver all these babies or care for moms and babies who have life-altering or life-threatening complications.

 Since we want to wear the Bible belt, it seems, like a badge of honor, shouldn't some of our actions reflect it? I am guided by my faith, in every aspect of my life. And I know that the God I serve can't be pleased when the majority of us claim to be Christians in one breath, and deliberately defy his very essence in the next. Too many legislative decisions are calculated, self-serving and, yes, hypocritical. We want to separate church and state but only when it's politically expedient. We push notions of justice, truth, fairness, equity -- in public, and yet privately hide behind our self-righteous, self-proclaimed Christian labels to push our own partisan political agendas. Think about it. The General Assembly loves to protect fetuses in the womb. But there's nothing protective or pretty about our refusal to protect or help support those same lives after birth. Apparently when the umbilical cord is cut, so is the concern and the compassion. Funny how we go from God's chosen to society's forgotten simply by passing through the birth canal.

 I’m not going to talk much longer. I know many of you are aware that back in 2016 I was in the House. It was the same year I got elected to the Senate but at the time I was in the South Carolina House. And I was so sick and tired of spending every moment of my summer listening to testimony on a committee. I was appointed by the Speaker to serve on a committee that I thought was about women's maternal health. Turned out it wasn't. It was a committee that was formed to listen to testimony all summer about how to defund Planned Parenthood. And as I listened intently, I became much more angry about how we had chosen to spend our time or how we were forced to spend our time. And so, I went back and looked at the statute and learned a lot about the hoops and hurdles that women and girls had to jump through just to exercise their reproductive rights and freedoms. I went home and I thought about what that would look like for men and I introduced the Viagra Bill.

 I learned a lot about Viagra, surprisingly. I didn't know that it was originally developed to address heart conditions. Erections were simply a side effect of the medicine. I won't go into it like I did when I introduced the Bill but I was floored by the fact that the Viagra Bill I introduced back in 2016, when this was again a priority for the majority in this State -- what I discovered from the introduction of that Bill you know, I was simply trying to show, trying to expose the hypocrisy, the double standard that exists around these conversations that nobody seems to want to have. But that Bill and the excitement around the Bill went viral. It got national and international media attention. And it let me know that although South Carolina is unique and we are different here, our struggles are the same for women and girls across South Carolina. So, I really appreciate the support and the concern and the consideration and the compassion for those of us who are speaking from firsthand experience, firsthand knowledge about issues like pregnancy and childbirth. I notice that I didn't start to get a lot of questions and comments from my colleagues until I brought up the Viagra Bill that I introduced in 2016, but I should have expected that!

 I want to close by saying despite what you may think or what you have heard, I’m not anti-men. I'm not anti-Viagra. But I am anti-hypocrisy, and I am anti-double standard. And frankly, I don't believe that Senators or Representatives need to be focused on abortion or erectile dysfunction. In fact, our State has much bigger issues and much more pressing challenges that are more deserving of our time and attention. I haven't revived the Viagra Bill yet, but I do believe that if we are going to insist upon governing any of it, I’m going to insist that we govern all of it.

 We have a real opportunity here today to send a message not only to the proponents of this total ban but to send a message to the women and girls who make up 55% of our state’s electorate and to let them know that there are five of us in here who look like them -- in many ways who act like them -- who hear them, who understand them, who appreciate them. We won’t stop fighting so that their voices, and our voices, can be heard.

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

 Senator MATTHEWS spoke on the Bill.

**Motion Under Rule 15A Failed**

 At 1:16 P.M., Senator MASSEY moved under the provisions of Rule 15A that debate on the entire matter of H. 3774 be brought to a close.

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

**Ayes 21; Nays 22**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Bennett

Cash Climer Corbin

Cromer Gambrell Garrett

Grooms *Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell

Loftis Martin Massey

Peeler Reichenbach Rice

Talley Verdin Young

**Total--21**

**NAYS**

Allen Davis Fanning

Gustafson Harpootlian Hembree

Hutto Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

Kimpson Malloy Matthews

McElveen McLeod Rankin

Sabb Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Williams

**Total--22**

 Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the motion under Rule 15A failed.

 Senator MATTHEWS moved to continue the Bill.

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

**Ayes 22; Nays 21**

**AYES**

Allen Davis Fanning

Gustafson Harpootlian Hembree

Hutto Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

Kimpson Malloy Matthews

McElveen McLeod Rankin

Sabb Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Williams

**Total--22**

**NAYS**

Adams Alexander Bennett

Cash Climer Corbin

Cromer Gambrell Garrett

Grooms *Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell

Loftis Martin Massey

Peeler Reichenbach Rice

Talley Verdin Young

**Total--21**

 Having received the necessary vote, the Bill was continued.

 Senator CORBIN moved that the Senate stand adjourned.

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

**Ayes 23; Nays 20**

**AYES**

Allen Cash Corbin

Fanning Harpootlian Hembree

Hutto Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

Kimpson Malloy Martin

Matthews McElveen McLeod

Rankin Sabb Scott

Senn Setzler Stephens

Talley Williams

**Total--23**

**NAYS**

Adams Alexander Bennett

Climer Cromer Davis

Gambrell Garrett Grooms

Gustafson *Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell

Loftis Massey Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Shealy

Verdin Young

**Total--20**

 The Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**Motion Adopted**

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator RANKIN, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Richard Scott Joye of Murrells Inlet, S.C. Scott was a graduate of Francis Marion University and the University of South Carolina Law School. He practiced in all levels of trial courts over the past nineteen years and was an independent program attorney for U.S. LawShield. Scott was recognized as Member of the Year by the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in 2010 and was a former council member for the State Bar Criminal Law Section. He received many awards including Top Rated Attorney and Super Lawyer and was a member of numerous professional organizations. Scott was a loving son and devoted father who will be dearly missed.

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**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Dr. Charles Stanley of Atlanta, GA. Charles was a senior pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta for fifty years and was the host of In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley and later In Touch Ministries. Charles wrote more than 40 books and was a devoted photographer of nature and the outdoors. Charles was a loving father and had an enduring legacy of faithful leadership and spiritual guidance that will forever be remembered.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 1:29 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

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