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of the

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



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TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

(STATEWIDE SESSION)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Micah 6:8: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God.”

Let us pray. O Lord, You have done a great thing, looking to these Representatives and staff new things, in which we will live in Your presence while we do the state’s business. I off to You to follow the teachings to which You have been called each and every day to do the work promised. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Faith and Grace are free gifts. God grant us Your comfort. We ask for Your care on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless our Armed Forces and those who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. MITCHELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin, which was agreed to.

**In Memory of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mullikin**

Mr. Speaker,

I rise today to ask that when we adjourn in memory of a great Kershaw Countian, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mullikin.

I along with others are still in utter shock of Mary Elizabeth's passing this pass Sunday, March 30, 2025. Mary Elizabeth was an attorney and lobbyist with Blue Cross and Blue Shield known for her keen intellect and quick wit, who could walk into any room and light it up. More importantly, Mary Elizabeth was a great friend to all who knew and loved her. We keep her parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, co-workers, and friends in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Sarah Seastrunk, wife of Chaplain Charles Seastrunk.

**COMMUNICATION**

The following was received:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

April 1, 2025

Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk

South Carolina House of Representatives

Post Office Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The State Election Commission has certified to this office that the Honorable Courtney Waters received the greatest number of votes cast for the State House of Representatives District 113 Special Election held on March 25, 2025.

The attached hereby certifies Courtney Waters as a duly and properly elected member of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Mark Hammond

Secretary of State

1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525

Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The State Election Commission, in its capacity as the State Board of Canvassers, hereby certifies Courtney Waters as the winner of the State House District 113 Special Election held on March 25, 2025, as reflected in the enclosed winner’s report. The official results are as follows:

Candidate Votes

Courtney Waters 389

Write-in Totals 8

Sincerely,

Howard M. Knapp

Executive Director

**MEMBER-ELECT SWORN IN**

Courtney Waters, Member-elect from District No. 113, presented her credentials and the oath of office was administered to her by the SPEAKER.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

The following was received:

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Courtney Waters

South Carolina House of Representatives

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Courtney:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,

G. Murrell Smith Jr.

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

**INVITATION**

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

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Dennis Moss

Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Offices of Parker Poe, 11th Floor, 1221 Main Street, Suite 1100.

Sincerely,

Conner Barker

Senior Coordinator, Southeastern States

Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3938 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CHARLESTON ROAD IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PIANO ROAD TO THE DARLINGTON/FLORENCE COUNTY LINE "DR. MELVIN LEROY HOWARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4271 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DONALD RHETT SHULER OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4272 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST K. JEANETTE OF DARLINGTON, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE RECENT RELEASE OF HER NEW SINGLE, "SHINE," AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4273 -- Reps. Rankin, Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR DARREN ROOD AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LAURENS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4274 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARTSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HEAD BASEBALL COACH TONY GAINEY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AT THE END OF THE 2025 SEASON AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COACHING, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4275 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE W. J. KEENAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4276 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4277 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HEAD COACH JOSHUA STALEY OF THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED TENURE AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN COACHING HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4278 -- Reps. Taylor, Clyburn, Oremus and Hartz: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUDY FLOYD, DIRECTOR OF CHRIST CENTRAL AIKEN-GRANITEVILLE, AND HER HUSBAND, ROGER FLOYD, FOR THEIR MEANINGFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AGENCY OF CHRIST CENTRAL, TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THEIR RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4279 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SANDRA ROSE MARTIN BELK UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS TOWN OF PAGELAND DEPUTY CLERK, TO COMMEND HER FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 509 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "HIGHER EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
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| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Chumley | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins | B. J. Cox | B. L. Cox |
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| Dillard | Duncan | Edgerton |
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| Gagnon | Garvin | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Gilreath |
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| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hart |
| Hartnett | Hartz | Hayes |
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| Hiott | Hixon | Holman |
| Hosey | Howard | Huff |
| J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson | Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | King |
| Kirby | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | Luck |
| Magnuson | Martin | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| J. Moore | T. Moore | Morgan |
| Moss | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rankin |
| Reese | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | Rutherford | Sanders |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis |
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| Vaughan | Waters | Weeks |
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**Total Present--119**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3045 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WILLIAMS, CROMER, GILREATH, HIXON, ERICKSON and BRADLEY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3046 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | ERICKSON and BRADLEY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3127 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WILLIAMS, ERICKSON and BRADLEY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3163 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | SANDERS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3201 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | RIVERS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3214 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | HIXON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3276 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | HIXON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3285 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | HARTNETT, BUSTOS, J. L. JOHNSON, TEEPLE and WICKENSIMER |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3387 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WILLIAMS and HIXON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3524 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WILLIAMS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3525 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WILLIAMS and J. MOORE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3603 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | BAUER |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3645 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | DILLARD and KIRBY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3753 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | GUFFEY and BEACH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3831 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | RIVERS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3832 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | KIRBY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3863 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | RIVERS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4123 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | RANKIN, BEACH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, SANDERS, MCCABE and HARRIS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4134 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | DILLARD |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4145 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | J. MOORE, BUSTOS and LANDING |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4215 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | CROMER, WHITE, KILMARTIN, GILREATH and BEACH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4260 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | BURNS, W. NEWTON, LANDING and M. M. SMITH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4261 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | J. MOORE, RIVERS and ANDERSON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4270 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 04/01/25 | WETMORE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3046 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 04/01/25 | RIVERS, ANDERSON and GILLIARD |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4103 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 04/01/25 | HUFF |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4216 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 04/01/25 | GIBSON, MCCRAVY and DUNCAN |

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT**

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 57-1-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT

Department of Transportation Commission

Term Commencing: 02/15/2026

Term Expiring: 02/15/2030

Seat: At-Large

Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Rhodes

5145 Lakeshore Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bauer | Beach |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brewer | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Chapman | Chumley |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | B. J. Cox |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Dillard | Duncan |
| Erickson | Gagnon | Garvin |
| Gibson | Gilliam | Gilliard |
| Govan | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Hartnett | Hartz |
| Hayes | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hiott | Hixon | Holman |
| Hosey | Howard | Huff |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones | Kilmartin |
| King | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | May |
| McDaniel | McGinnis | Mitchell |
| Montgomery | Morgan | Moss |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Rankin | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | Rutherford | Sanders |
| Schuessler | Sessions | M. M. Smith |
| Taylor | Teeple | Terribile |
| Vaughan | Waters | White |
| Whitmire | Wickensimer | Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total--87**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Bamberg

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Rep. Bannister

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Brittain

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Caskey

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Edgerton

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Garvin

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Gilreath

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Hart

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Henderson-Myers

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Jordan

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Kirby

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Martin

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. McCabe

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. McCravy

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Travis Moore

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Pope

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Spann-Wilder

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Stavrinakis

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

April 1, 2025

Charles Reid

Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Rep. Wetmore

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor’s appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Seth Rose

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor’s appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor’s appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Cody T. Mitchell

**H. 3524--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Caskey | Chapman | Chumley |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Collins |
| B. J. Cox | B. L. Cox | Crawford |
| Cromer | Davis | Dillard |
| Duncan | Edgerton | Erickson |
| Forrest | Frank | Gagnon |
| Garvin | Gibson | Gilliam |
| Gilliard | Gilreath | Govan |
| Grant | Guest | Guffey |
| Haddon | Hager | Hardee |
| Harris | Hart | Hartnett |
| Hartz | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hiott |
| Hixon | Holman | Hosey |
| Howard | Huff | J. E. Johnson |
| J. L. Johnson | Jones | Kilmartin |
| King | Kirby | Landing |
| Lawson | Ligon | Long |
| Luck | Magnuson | Martin |
| May | McCabe | McCravy |
| McDaniel | McGinnis | Mitchell |
| Montgomery | J. Moore | T. Moore |
| Morgan | Moss | W. Newton |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Pope | Rankin | Rivers |
| Rose | Rutherford | Sanders |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis |
| Taylor | Teeple | Terribile |
| Vaughan | Waters | Weeks |
| Wetmore | White | Whitmire |
| Wickensimer | Williams | Willis |
| Wooten | Yow |  |

**Total--113**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 3525--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Williams and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3525 (LC-3525.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4.C., by striking Section 16-3-1430(14) and inserting:

(14) three representatives appointed by the State Office of Victim Assistancechair of the Victim Services Coordinating CouncilDepartment of Crime Victim Compensation for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified for each of the following categories:

(a) one representative of university or campus services;

(b) one representative of a statewide child advocacy organization; and

(c) one crime victim; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Caskey | Chapman | Chumley |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Collins |
| B. J. Cox | B. L. Cox | Crawford |
| Cromer | Davis | Dillard |
| Duncan | Edgerton | Erickson |
| Forrest | Frank | Garvin |
| Gibson | Gilliam | Gilliard |
| Gilreath | Govan | Grant |
| Guest | Guffey | Haddon |
| Hager | Hardee | Harris |
| Hart | Hartnett | Hartz |
| Hayes | Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman |
| Hewitt | Hiott | Hixon |
| Holman | Hosey | Howard |
| Huff | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| Jones | Kilmartin | Kirby |
| Landing | Lawson | Ligon |
| Long | Luck | Magnuson |
| Martin | May | McCabe |
| McCravy | McDaniel | McGinnis |
| Mitchell | Montgomery | J. Moore |
| T. Moore | Morgan | Moss |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Oremus |
| Pace | Pedalino | Pope |
| Rankin | Reese | Rivers |
| Robbins | Rose | Rutherford |
| Sanders | Schuessler | Sessions |
| G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder |
| Stavrinakis | Taylor | Teeple |
| Terribile | Vaughan | Waters |
| Weeks | Wetmore | White |
| Whitmire | Wickensimer | Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total--114**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 4261--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4261 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 118; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Chumley | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Collins | B. J. Cox | B. L. Cox |
| Crawford | Cromer | Davis |
| Dillard | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Frank |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilliard | Gilreath |
| Govan | Grant | Guest |
| Guffey | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hart |
| Hartnett | Hartz | Hayes |
| Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hiott | Hixon | Holman |
| Hosey | Howard | Huff |
| J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson | Jones |
| Jordan | Kilmartin | King |
| Kirby | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | Luck |
| Magnuson | Martin | May |
| McCabe | McCravy | McDaniel |
| McGinnis | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| J. Moore | T. Moore | Morgan |
| Moss | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Pope | Rankin | Reese |
| Rivers | Robbins | Rose |
| Rutherford | Sanders | Schuessler |
| Sessions | G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith |
| Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis | Taylor |
| Teeple | Terribile | Vaughan |
| Waters | Weeks | Wetmore |
| White | Whitmire | Wickensimer |
| Williams | Willis | Wooten |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--118**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4186 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. KING objected.

**S. 392--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 392 -- Senator Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA AS A TECHNOLOGY FIRST STATE, COMMITTED TO THE EXPLORATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ENABLING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS THAT MAY ALLOW ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENT AND FULFILLING LIVES.

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

**H. 4120--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**H. 4121--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4121 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Calhoon, Kilmartin, White and Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS FROM THE 220TH BLOCK TO THE 460TH BLOCK OF CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEDICATED IN THE HONOR OF THE VETERANS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY."

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**H. 4150--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 FROM MILE MARKER 41 TO MILE MARKER 42 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**H. 4158--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**H. 4215--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4215 -- Reps. Collins, Bowers, Hiott, Cromer, White, Kilmartin, Gilreath and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE OVER TWELVE MILE RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 IN PICKENS COUNTY "GENERAL ANDREW PICKENS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

**H. 3927--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

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

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**H. 3046--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

Rep. HOWARD moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 3, which was not agreed to.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Bailey | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| Chumley | Collins | B. J. Cox |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Duncan | Edgerton |
| Erickson | Forrest | Frank |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gibson |
| Gilliam | Gilreath | Govan |
| Guest | Guffey | Haddon |
| Hager | Hardee | Harris |
| Hart | Hartnett | Hartz |
| Hayes | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hiott | Hixon | Holman |
| Huff | J. E. Johnson | Jordan |
| Kilmartin | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | Magnuson |
| Martin | May | McCabe |
| McCravy | McGinnis | Mitchell |
| Montgomery | J. Moore | T. Moore |
| Morgan | Moss | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rankin |
| Robbins | Rose | Sanders |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
| M. M. Smith | Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis |
| Taylor | Teeple | Terribile |
| Vaughan | Weeks | Wetmore |
| White | Whitmire | Wickensimer |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total--96**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Anderson | Bamberg | Clyburn |
| Dillard | Gilliard | Grant |
| Henderson-Myers | Hosey | Howard |
| Jones | King | Kirby |
| Luck | McDaniel | Reese |
| Rivers | Rutherford | Waters |
| Williams |  |  |

**Total--19**

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

**H. 3927--RECONSIDERED**

Rep. HEWITT moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

**H. 3927--INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

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

Further proceedings were interrupted by adjournment, the pending question being consideration of H. 3927.

**RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE**

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4213 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE TO COMBAT THE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OF CHILD MALTREATMENT, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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