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Tuesday, December 3, 2024
(Statewide Session)

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The House assembled at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Let us pray. O Lord, looking to these Representatives and Staff, You have done a great thing. May we live in Your presence while we do the state's business. We offer to You to follow the teachings to which we have been called each and every day and do the work promised. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. God, grant them Your comfort. We ask for Your care upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless our Armed Forces and those who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ERICKSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Marguerite Farrell Flanagan, which was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

The CLERK of the late House announced that the first order of business is the appointment of a Temporary CHAIRMAN.

The CLERK of the late House appointed Rep. GILDA COBB-HUNTER.

The CLERK of the late House appointed Reps. BAUER, COLLINS, ERICKSON, JONES, MCDANIEL and WHITE to escort Rep. COBB-HUNTER to the rostrum.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER presented her credentials and the oath of office was administered to her by the CLERK.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER thereupon took the Chair and offered the following statement:

Welcome to the S.C. House of Representatives. The election is now over and it is time to get to work. It still has not dawned on me about

the significance of being No. 1, other than every two years, I have the opportunity to stand before you as the Most Senior Member in this Body. I guess I am here to offer words of wisdom, not sure how wise they are, but there will be some words, not a lot, because I grew up with the notion that I would rather see a sermon than hear one any day. So let me just share with you my thoughts about being a Member of this illustrious Body. I want to start by congratulating each and every one of you. On November 5, the voters in your district thought you were the best person to represent them here in this Body. I would remind all of us that the campaign is over and now it is time to govern. I would also like to remind each of us that, believe it or not, all 124 of us had voters who thought we were the best person to come in here. And that is true of each of these 124 districts. I would encourage you to remember, it will be tougher for some than others. Just remember that the voters, the people who don't look like you, who are not in the same party as you, also believe that this person was the best person to do the job. I want to encourage all of us to remember that because that is the first step in civility and respect and remind people that respect is something that is earned. It is not automatic and does not come just because you have the title. And I would encourage each of us to keep that in mind.

Finally, let me just say a word or two about this Body and this Institution. I have been around a minute, so I have a deep appreciation for this Institution. The House of Representatives is an Institution and there are many days when I sat out there and looked around this room and these pictures on the wall. Because I have a very vivid imagination, at times, I have often thought about what these men, all are men, what they would think about today's General Assembly. Finally, and I have said that once and I know there are a lot of Baptist preachers in here, as opposed to AME and all of them, so you know Baptist preachers, Brother Jones, tend to say finally two or three times before they are finished. I am certainly not a preacher, and don't even play one on TV, but I want to remind all of us that how you govern yourself in here is pretty much going to be determined by why you are in here. And what do I mean by that, why did you run? Because someone told you they thought it would be a good idea for you to do it. Was it because this is just another item on your resume as you plot your next move? Was it because you want to make a difference? We all think that we want to do that. I think that the most important thing about being here is service. And I would expand that to say servant leadership. Those of you who know the Word, they say that they are the greatest giver, but let him that is among us, sorry I am mangling the scripture, which I don't know much about, the

point is servant leadership. It should not be about you. It should be about service and making a difference in the lives of South Carolinians.

So, as I close, I want to ask you to please keep in mind that all of us are here because we have been elected and because people saw value. Please keep this in mind as we move through these two years and as you decide, on what your course of action will be. And I will end by saying to you, answer the question of "Why am I here? Why did I do this?" Because the reason you are here will determine, most likely, your conduct here. As it says, "What good does it do a man to win the world," excuse me I am just naming all kinds of things this morning, so guess what? For those who clap, when I say, you gain the world and profit none, lose your soul, one of those kinds of things. I am just saying, "Do you, be you." There is only one person here who can vote for you and that is you. The thing I have always recognized will keep me going is that in spite of all of this, there is someone that I believe sits high and looks low. Thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS

The Temporary CHAIRMAN appointed Mr. Charles F. Reid to act as Temporary Clerk, Mr. James L. Mann Cromer Jr. as Temporary Reading Clerk, and Mr. Mitchell G. Dorman as Temporary Sergeant at Arms.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

December 2, 2024
South Carolina House of Representatives
Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk of the House
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The State Election Commission has certified to this office by mail the winners of the State House of Representatives in the General Election held on November 5, 2024. Please find enclosed a copy of the election results as certified to this office by the State Election Commission.

Please contact my office if you have any questions or need anything further.

Sincerely,
Mark Hammond
Secretary of State

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

November 18, 2024
Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary,
The State Election Commission, in its capacity as the State Board of Canvassers, hereby certifies the winners of the federal offices, State Senate, State House of Representatives, solicitor, multi-county offices, countywide offices, and less than countywide offices in the General Election held on November 5, 2024, as reflected in the enclosed winners' report.

Sincerely,
Howard M. Knapp
Executive Director

CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS
MEMBERS OF THE S.C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOVEMBER 5, 2024

District 1	William R. "Bill" Whitmire (R)
District 2	Adam L. Duncan (R)
District 3	Phillip Bowers (R)
District 4	David R. Hiott (R)
District 5	Neal A. Collins (R)
District 6	April Cromer (R)
District 7	Thomas Lee Gilreath (R)
District 8	Donald G. "Don" Chapman (R)
District 9	Richard B. "Blake" Sanders (R)
District 10	Thomas Beach (R)

District 11	Craig A. Gagnon (R)
District 12	Daniel Gibson (R)
District 13	John R. McCravy III (R)
District 14	Luke Rankin (R)
District 15	JA Moore (D)
District 16	Mark N. Willis (R)
District 17	James Mikell “Mike” Burns (R)
District 18	T. Alan Morgan (R)
District 19	Patrick B. Haddon (R)
District 20	Stephen Frank (R)
District 21	Bobby J. Cox (R)
District 22	Paul B. Wickensimer (R)
District 23	Chandra E. Dillard (D)
District 24	Bruce W. Bannister (R)
District 25	Wendell K. Jones (D)
District 26	David Martin (R)
District 27	David Vaughan (R)
District 28	William C. “Chris” Huff (R)
District 29	Dennis C. Moss (R)
District 30	M. Brian Lawson (R)
District 31	Rosalyn D. Henderson-Myers (D)
District 32	W. Scott Montgomery IV (R)
District 33	Travis A. Moore (R)
District 34	Sarita L. Edgerton (R)
District 35	William M. “Bill” Chumley (R)
District 36	Robert J. Harris (R)
District 37	Steven W. Long (R)
District 38	Roy J. “Josiah” Magnuson (R)
District 39	Cally R. “Cal” Forrest Jr. (R)
District 40	Joseph S. White (R)
District 41	Annie E. McDaniel (D)
District 42	Leon D. “Doug” Gilliam (R)
District 43	Thomas R. Ligon (R)
District 44	James M. Neese (R)
District 45	Brandon M. Newton (R)
District 46	Christopher Heath Sessions (R)
District 47	Thomas E. “Tommy” Pope (R)
District 48	Brandon Guffey (R)
District 49	John R. C. King (D)
District 50	William W. Wheeler III (D)
District 51	J. David Weeks (D)

District 52	Jermaine L. Johnson Jr. (R)
District 53	Richard L. “Richie” Yow (R)
District 54	Jason S. Luck (D)
District 55	Jackie E. Hayes (D)
District 56	Timothy A. McGinnis (R)
District 57	Frank L. Atkinson (D)
District 58	Jeffrey E. “Jeff” Johnson (R)
District 59	Terry Alexander (D)
District 60	Phillip D. Lowe (R)
District 61	Carla M. Schuessler (R)
District 62	Robert Q. Williams (D)
District 63	Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan Jr. (R)
District 64	Fawn M. Pedalino (R)
District 65	Cody T. Mitchell (R)
District 66	Jackie R. Terribile (D)
District 67	G. Murrell Smith Jr. (R)
District 68	Heather Ammons Crawford (R)
District 69	Christopher S. “Chris” Wooten (R)
District 70	Robert T. Reese (D)
District 71	Jonathan C. “Nathan” Ballentine (R)
District 72	Seth C. Rose (D)
District 73	Christopher R. “Chris” Hart (D)
District 74	James T. “Todd” Rutherford (D)
District 75	Heather Bauer (D)
District 76	Leon Howard (D)
District 77	Kambrell H. Garvin (D)
District 78	Beth E. Bernstein (D)
District 79	Hamilton R. Grant (D)
District 80	Kathy Landing (R)
District 81	Charles V. Hartz (R)
District 82	William “Bill” Clyburn (D)
District 83	William M. “Bill” Hixon (R)
District 84	Melissa Lackey Oremus (R)
District 85	John Gregory “Jay” Kilmartin (R)
District 86	William W. “Bill” Taylor (R)
District 87	Paula Rawl Calhoon (R)
District 88	Robert J. May III (R)
District 89	Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey IV (R)
District 90	Justin T. Bamberg (D)
District 91	Lonnie Hosey (D)
District 92	Brandon L. Cox (R)

District 93	Jerry N. Govan Jr. (D)
District 94	Gil A. Gatch (R)
District 95	Gilda Cobb-Hunter (D)
District 96	Donald Ryan McCabe Jr. (R)
District 97	Robert D. “Robby” Robbins (R)
District 98	Christopher J. “Chris” Murphy (R)
District 99	Marvin M. “Mark” Smith (R)
District 100	Sylleste H. Davis (R)
District 101	Roger K. Kirby (D)
District 102	Harriet A. Holman (R)
District 103	Carl L. Anderson (D)
District 104	William H. Bailey (R)
District 105	Kevin J. Hardee (R)
District 106	Thomas Duval “Val” Guest Jr. (R)
District 107	T. “Case” Brittain Jr. (R)
District 108	William L. “Lee” Hewitt (R)
District 109	Tiffany Spann-Wilder (D)
District 110	Thomas F. Hartnett Jr. (R)
District 111	Wendell G. Gilliard (D)
District 112	Joseph M. Bustos (R)
District 113	Marvin R. Pendarvis (D)
District 114	Gary S. Brewer Jr. (R)
District 115	Elizabeth S. Wetmore (D)
District 116	James E. Teeple (R)
District 117	Jordan S. Pace (R)
District 118	William G. “Bill” Herbkersman (R)
District 119	Leonidas E. “Leon” Stavrinakis (D)
District 120	William Weston J. Newton (R)
District 121	Michael F. Rivers Sr. (D)
District 122	William W. Hager (D)
District 123	Jeffrey A. Bradley (R)
District 124	Shannon S. Erickson (R)

The foregoing were then sworn in by the Temporary CHAIRMAN.

MEMBERS-ELECT SWORN IN

The TEMPORARY READING CLERK of the late House then commenced a call of the members-elect of the House of Representatives by roll call resulting as follows:

ROLL CALL

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

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

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--122

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER

The Temporary CHAIRMAN announced that nominations were in order for a SPEAKER.

Rep. PEDALINO nominated Rep. GEORGE M. “MURRELL” SMITH JR. of Sumter, as follows:

Madam Chair, ladies and gentlemen of the House, and distinguished guests: it is a privilege to stand before you today to nominate another Sumter delegate, and my friend, Murrell Smith, for Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

The role of House Speaker is both a significant honor and a considerable responsibility, and many of us in this room witnessed Murrell rise to meet that challenge during the previous session in this esteemed position.

In my time serving in this Chamber, I cannot think of anyone more qualified to serve as this body's leader. He graduated from Wofford College in 1990 and from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 1993. He has gone on to lead an impressive legal career, as well as be a successful business owner. He has collected countless awards and accolades in the past two decades. He has served on numerous committees, commissions, and boards, most notably as Ways and Means Chairman. Most importantly, he is a leader in the Sumter community where he raises his two wonderful children with his beautiful wife, Macaulay. I can tell you firsthand that Murrell is an exemplary public servant, a devoted husband and father, and a tireless advocate for our State.

But I don't need to tell many of you that. You've seen it for yourselves. Murrell has spent his time in this body doing two things: bringing people to the table and leading on transformative reforms. Murrell is tireless when it comes to ensuring that we are focused on legislation that moves South Carolina forward. And he is skilled in accomplishing

this goal by bringing anyone who is willing- no matter political affiliation, geographic representation, gender, or race- to the table. He sees the power and the necessity in listening to all of us because together everyone in this room reflects all of South Carolina's citizens. With that in mind, he always aims to lead on policy for the good of the state. And that, I believe, is what truly moves the State forward.

Murrell also makes time to engage with everyone-from the seasoned legislators to the freshmen. I can speak from experience when I say that no one is too small, no concern too trivial for him to address. He's always ready to listen and offer advice. And if you ever find yourself unsure about something -- whether it's a piece of legislation or navigating a tough decision -- I know I can always pick up the phone and call him. He is exceptionally responsive, despite the many demands that come with serving as Speaker of the House.

And when it comes to making sure any legislator can accomplish something that benefits their district, you can count on Murrell. If there is a way for him to help, he will move mountains to get it done. He genuinely wants to see every district thrive, and his commitment to our state's progress is unmatched.

Rep. PACE nominated Rep. WILLIAM M. “BILL” CHUMLEY of Spartanburg, as follows:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise today to nominate my friend, Bill Chumley, as Speaker of the House. Bill Chumley is known not only as a father and grandfather but also as a farmer, statesman, and conservative leader. The reality is that the voters of this State and this Nation gave us a mandate, particularly in South Carolina, gave us a mandate, supermajority in the House and in the Senate to accomplish conservative policies that have languished for too long. Now I am all about being congenial and civil, many of you know me, we have not known each other that long, but within the last couple of years I hope that you know that about me. Just because we disagree, doesn't mean that we have to be disagreeable. But you also know about policy. Bill Chumley began that many years ago and has inspired a new generation of legislators to come to the House and push for conservative policies that align with the Republican platform. For too long in South Carolina, it has the highest taxes in the southeast. We have lacked in school choice; we have none as it stands. It took us too long to pass constitutional carry, ban transgender surgeries for children, and still to this day we do not have closed primaries. That Bill has been filed for 18 years straight, and Bill

is the one who has filed it for many years. It has not even received a subcommittee hearing. We need conservative leadership, bold leadership, not malicious, willing to work with everyone and be fair, but to move the needle. Part of that mandate is having the majority party Chair, not only on the committees but also the subcommittees. Particularly the subcommittees that write our budget that has grown year after year, while our taxes have gone down a smidge, another smidge, and a smidge, point one percent, I think is the total, year after year while the budget grows by nearly a billion dollars of other people's money. So, I hope that you will support my friend, Bill Chumley, to move the conservative needle in the right direction, to accomplish these policies that the super majority of us ran on and not delay getting it done, quickly, maybe as quickly as we handed 1.3 billion dollars to a foreign company to make electric trucks. Which I don't know if you've noticed, but that market is not doing well. I think that took us nine days. So once again I ask that you vote for my friend, Bill Chumley, so that we as the majority party can chair the committees, chair the subcommittees, reduce spending in this State, eliminate the immoral income tax that has made us uncompetitive with our neighbors and get it done quick. Thank you for your time. It is a pleasure to be up here with you again, and I am looking forward to the next two years of working together. I think that we will all work together well under Bill Chumley. Thank you.

The nominations were closed, and the House proceeded with a vote.

The following named Representatives voted for G. M. Smith:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wheeler
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—102

The following named Representatives voted for Chumley:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	T. A. Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total—17

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Representatives voting 119
Necessary to a choice 60
Of which G. M. Smith received 102
Of which Chumley received 17

Whereupon, Rep. G. M. SMITH was duly elected as Speaker of the House.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber during the vote to elect the Speaker of the House. I would like for the record to show that I would have voted for G. M. Smith for Speaker.

Rep. Spencer Wetmore

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Today, I arrived on the House floor moments after the vote for Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives had concluded. Unfortunately, I missed the opportunity to cast my vote due to an unavoidable scheduling delay. While I deeply regret missing this important moment, I was present for his speech immediately afterwards detailing his views and desires for the upcoming legislative session. I remain fully committed to serving the people of our district, our state, and to ensuring their voices are represented in all legislative matters.

Let me be clear: my arrival was not due to negligence or a lack of respect for this institution but rather an unforeseen circumstance for which I take full responsibility. The record that day reflects my vote for all other officers. I encourage everyone to focus on the important work ahead for our state rather than distractions from our shared goals.

My dedication to the people of South Carolina is unwavering, and I look forward to continuing my efforts to build a better future for all.

Respectfully,
Representative Rosalyn Henderson Myers, PhD, JD
SC House District 31

The Temporary CHAIRMAN appointed Reps. BANNISTER, DAVIS, ERICKSON, HERBKERSMAN, HIXON, W. NEWTON and WEEKS to escort SPEAKER-elect GEORGE M. “MURRELL” SMITH JR. to the desk where the oath of office was administered to him by the Temporary CHAIRMAN.

SPEAKER SMITH thereupon took the Chair and addressed the House as follows:

Good morning, colleagues, friends, family, and honored guests.

It is, once again, the honor of my lifetime to be chosen by the men and women in this Chamber to serve as Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives. I am deeply humbled by your confidence and the trust you have placed in me to continue to lead this Body. Thank you.

First and foremost, I must express my gratitude to the people of District 67. You have entrusted me with the privilege of representing you in this House for 24 years now, and I remain committed to serving you and our community back home in Sumter.

To Speaker *Pro Tempore* Tommy Pope: your leadership, wit, and unwavering work ethic are invaluable. For those who are new to the House, you'll soon learn that Tommy is as entertaining as he is dedicated—though you might need to plan for a few extra minutes when he takes over the podium! Thank you, Tommy, for your partnership and service to this body.

To our Clerk, Charles Reid, my friend since our Wofford College days, I am still in awe that we get to spend our days together serving South Carolina alongside one another. If you asked me where I thought we'd be 34 years ago, I couldn't have imagined this! It is a testament to how life's path often leads to places we never expect. Thank you for your friendship over the years and your service to our state.

Most importantly, to my family, Macaulay, Bee, and Little Murrell (who are in school right now): you are my foundation and my greatest joy. Public service requires sacrifice, and much of that sacrifice is borne by our families. I know mine is no exception. However, the way that they continue to support me is truly exceptional. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and, most importantly, your love.

Finally, I want to acknowledge my colleague and delegation member, Fawn Pedalino, and thank her for her kind words in nominating me. Fawn, you are a rising star in this body and I am honored to work beside you as we serve our communities back home.

Today, I'd like to take a few minutes to reflect on how special it is to serve in this Body. Our Chamber is unique, and for that, we should be proud. Unlike Washington, D.C., where partisanship too often gives way to dysfunction and chaos, South Carolina's House of Representatives has stood as a model for what government should be. Here, we respect one another. We debate vigorously, but we do not disparage. As President Ronald Reagan once said, "Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."

Let us reaffirm today that we will continue to uphold civility and decorum in this Chamber. This is not an ask from me as your Speaker. It is the ask of the 5.3 million South Carolinians we serve. It is our duty to show the people of South Carolina that their government works for them—that we can disagree without being disagreeable and that collaboration, not division, is the foundation of our success.

As we gather here today, South Carolina stands at a transformational moment in its history. The past decade has seen our state experience an economic renaissance. Consider these remarkable statistics:

In 2023, South Carolina announced over $9.2 BILLION in capital investment, the second-largest amount in state history, behind 2022. That investment represents over 14,000 jobs.

South Carolina's population grew by 1.7% between 2022 and 2023, making it the fastest-growing state in terms of percentage during that period, with our population increasing by nearly 15% over the past decade. We continue to consistently rank as one of the top states for population growth.

Our state's GDP has grown by an astonishing 30% since 2018, outpacing many other states.

We have been recognized as one of the best states (and many times as THE best) for manufacturing; we are the No. 1 tire-producing state in the country and among the top three for automotive exports.

These numbers tell a story of a state on the rise. People and businesses are moving to South Carolina in droves. Our business-friendly policies, growing opportunities, and unmatched quality of life make South Carolina a place where families want to live, work, and thrive.

But with growth comes responsibility. As Winston Churchill once said, "To each, there comes in their lifetime a special moment when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing." I believe wholeheartedly that this is our moment. It is time for us to embrace the challenges and opportunities before us and set the stage for South Carolina's continued success for decades to come.

Let us not forget that over the last few years, we have worked hard to "set the table," so to speak, for the successes we have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy. I'm especially proud of the years we have diligently recognized the need for reserve funds. As our State still recovers from the devastation brought by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, we will have the opportunity to help every struggling community with their financial challenges in part thanks to the foresight we had in prioritizing reserves. This foresight will now pay dividends in a very real way to countless citizens of our state who desperately need it. A majority of members here in the House and Senate worked together to create these emergency accounts. The issue was presented to the voters of our state to change our state constitution to allow these reserve accounts, and our citizens approved this measure overwhelmingly. These are the types of monumental wins we can accomplish when we work together – with a shared vision of prosperity -- for the betterment of our State.

With that said, we must spend this next legislative session focusing on policies that will sustain and build upon our momentum. My priorities for this legislative session center on three key areas: delivering historic tax reform, promoting business-friendly policies, and fueling our booming economy.

South Carolina has made great strides in reducing the tax burden on our citizens. Over the past 30 years, we have delivered more than $50 billion in tax cuts. But we can do more. We will work to simplify our tax code, ensure fairness, and create an environment that continues to attract businesses and reward hard work. Our southeastern neighbors are our greatest competition; it is time we significantly lower our income tax rate to become competitive in our own region. No longer will South Carolina top the list of highest income taxes in the southeast.

South Carolina is booming in part because we believe in the power of business, big and small. It is time we reduce government red tape and sunset costly and burdensome regulations that stifle growth. We must remove barriers for small businesses across this State and continue to secure our spot as a national leader in job creation.

South Carolina has become a global leader in manufacturing and innovation, producing everything from planes to automobiles. Yet, there are still communities across our state that have not fully shared in this prosperity – and now is the time we must continue to harness our momentum as we grow the South Carolina of tomorrow. We must invest in infrastructure—roads, broadband, water, and sewer—to ensure that every corner of South Carolina is ready to compete in the 21st-century economy. We must support rural communities and shovel-ready site development.

And, most importantly, we cannot forget that a modern, reliable, and sustainable energy infrastructure is critical to the future of our State. Last year, this body worked diligently to develop a path to solve this issue. I want to give credit to the Senate who has spent much of the off-season working on the same issue. Now, we must re-engage in talks about energy reform so that we can ensure South Carolina remains a leader in innovation while providing accessible and affordable power to families and businesses alike.

As I said before, I truly believe this is a pivotal moment for our State. The challenges before us are significant, but so are the opportunities. Let us approach our work with purpose, humility, and a shared commitment to the people we serve. Remember, we each serve about 41,300 South Carolinians in our respective districts. No one of us is greater than the other. We must act collectively as the sum of our equal parts.

As we embark on the 126th General Assembly, let us remember the words of President Theodore Roosevelt:

"Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those timid spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

I am confident that this session we will do something together that no General Assembly has ever done. This will be our legacy to our children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors. I'm excited to lead the charge.

In this Chamber, we have the power to make history—not for ourselves, but for the generations of South Carolinians who will come after us. Together, we can create a brighter, stronger, and more prosperous future for our beloved State.

May God bless you all, and may God continue to bless the great state of South Carolina. Thank you.

ELECTION OF THE SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE.*

Rep. SESSIONS nominated Rep. TOMMY POPE of York, as follows:

Good morning, Members and guests. I come to you this morning with the honor and privilege of nominating my friend and fellow York county delegate, Mr. Tommy Pope, for Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the House of Representatives. Mr. Pope is a proud father, husband, and grandfather of four wonderful grandchildren. Before joining this Body in 2010, he served the State in law enforcement and also the 16th Circuit as our Solicitor. He has a proven track record of supporting law enforcement and he became *Pro Tempore* back in 2014. In those ten years, he has exhibited fair-minded leadership in the absence of our Speaker. So, I humbly ask for your support of my friend and colleague, Tommy Pope, for the position of Speaker *Pro Tempore*.

On motion of Rep. SESSIONS, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

The SPEAKER appointed Reps. MOSS, GUFFEY, GILLIAM, HADDON, WETMORE and CLYBURN to escort the SPEAKER *PRO*

TEMPORE-elect to the Desk where the oath of office was administered to him by the SPEAKER.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE thereupon took the Chair and addressed the House as follows:

To the chagrin of the ladies on the desk, I never write down my speech, which as Murrell has pointed out, can make it a little bit longer, but I want to thank Sessions for that non-comical nomination. I appreciate it. So, I want to thank the Lord for what he has done in my life, what he has done for me and my family. I battle with depression sometimes. And you wouldn't think that Tommy the fun guy would battle with depression, but the most depressing thing is when you are depressed and you don't have anything to be depressed about because God has blessed you so richly. I just want to say that I am blessed. Thank you to my family, thank you to the voters of House District 47, the Members here voting for me here today and I want to thank Mr. Chumley. I want to thank Bill and his team for affirming that the Speaker *Pro Tempore* job is so powerless that it is not even worth running against anyone, so thank you.

I do want to congratulate my friend Bill. When I shared with the freshman Members, that when I first came, we had a contested Speaker race and John King, Nathan Ballentine, me and Gary and Ralph who are gone, we were known as the "Norman 5." I will say, Mr. Chumley, that the "Chumley 17" has a little better jive to it so I think we are making some progress here. I congratulate you for offering yourself. Particularly to the Freshmen, they always worry, nothing worse than a lawyer with a Bible, but this is my opportunity, and I always like to share this verse particularly with the Freshmen. Kim said today maybe I can come up with a new one, but this one is important. Philippians 2:3-4, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition, or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." And that verse goes on to talk about how Christ was the equivalent of God, but he humbled himself. It is a tremendous honor to be elected in our community, but remember you are here to serve and not to be honored. So, I want to point out to all of us that it is important that we humble ourselves and remember that as we are working with each other.

With that being said, on my church theme, how many of you have been on a church committee? Okay, we are all Christians, and we can't agree on what color to paint the vestibules, so why do you suddenly think

that 124 people from all around the State, representing all these different groups, are going to suddenly magically agree. That is the nature of our representative government and that is why we are here to try to work together, not to bulldoze over each other, but to hear all sides and work through our issues. But we can disagree. It is okay to disagree, but the one thing I have seen that I believe is getting worse and we need to work on, is disagreeing with the truth. I have seen us spiral down into half-truths. I mean just today there was a text, from my local area, complaining about Rules that we have not even started on. The best one was to vote for Bill Chumley for House Speaker today or I'll assume that you still remain on the side of the Satanic Deep State repeated by taking courageous action against evil. I don't have any doubt that whoever sent that, that it was heartfelt to them, but they are basing this on misinformation. Last year, I stood up here and I will do it again and say when you take a picture of the Board, are you doing it to educate your constituents or are you doing it because you are trying to get a one up on somebody? Within a day, that had been turned into, "Leadership said that you cannot take a picture of the Board." That is just not true. If you want to differ, there is no problem with that, but let's differ in truth. I remember one time there was a Member whose spouse was going to be in the balcony that day. It was a contested election. The spouse was late, therefore, there was not room for her to be seated in the balcony. By the time we arrived home, it was transformed into the Speaker prevented that spouse from sitting in the balcony. It just wasn't true and the Member knew that it was not true. And we were talking to a group of people back home, and I said tell them that I was there and that was not what happened. He said that I should not worry about that. We have got to quit letting these fires on both sides, all sides, we have to quit letting these fires of misinformation burn up the time and energy for the work we could do to get done for the people that we were sent here to serve.

I think that this will help us all, actually the late Judge Frank Epps, everybody that has practiced law that ever knew Judge Frank Epps, knows that if I start telling Frank Epps stories, we will be here all day. But he actually sent me this back 30 years ago when I was trying the Smith case in Union, and it has gone from Susan the monster to why would Susan be prosecuted at all, because poor Susan. And Judge Epps sent me this quote from Abraham Lincoln: "If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop may well be closed, for any other business. I do the very best I know how, the very best I can and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out alright, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end

brings me out wrong, ten angels swear I was right, would make no difference." That is what we need to do here. Quit battling the voices of social media and half-truths and slights. Let's focus on doing our work here.

My final verse, going to Kim, as she told me to mix it up, I want to share with you "Do not conform (Romans 12:2) to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." We don't have to be like everybody else, we don't have to be the torch and pitchfork crowd, we don't have to burn things down. We can do the things for the good of the people that the Speaker delineated for us today. And I pledge to you that to the best of my ability, I am going to work to get that done. So as we work here in the coming months, let us renew our minds. If we disagree, let us disagree in truth. Let us find commonality for the benefit of the people that we represent. And to paraphrase what Mrs. Cobb Hunter said, so many times from this same podium, let us govern. It is an honor to be here and I look forward to working with every single one of you. Thank you very much.

ELECTION OF THE CLERK

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for the Clerk of the House.

Rep. CASKEY nominated MR. CHARLES F. REID of Columbia, as follows:

I rise today to nominate a man with unmistakable flare for the dramatic who can best be described as eccentric. Who posts some of the craziest stuff on social media. Oh wait, this is the wrong person. I am here today, dear Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to nominate Mr. Charles Reid, to once again serve as the Clerk of the House of Representatives. Now I know what you are all thinking, Charles Reid needs no introduction, but as the saying goes, "Why use 10 words when you can use 679." Born and raised in the Palmetto State, Charles is the son of Rev. and Mrs. George E. Strait and the late Rev. William C. Reid. Charles and his wife, the former Miss Taj Burnside, have three daughters, Callie, Emily and Lilly. He has lived all over South Carolina but has spent most of his life here in Richland county. In fact, he and his family reside in Columbia. He is a proud graduate of Dreher High School and a proud graduate of Wofford College, where he didn't just succeed, he excelled, graduating Magnum Cum Laude and earning

membership in Phi Beta Kappa. As you heard earlier from our Speaker, Wofford College is where the Speaker and Charles met and as has often been the joke during these nomination speeches, they came to know each other and neither would have suspected that the other would have brought them here together as the "Oddest Couple in South Carolina Politics" with collectively the "Biggest Heads Imaginable" at this date. That is particularly funny to me as a big-headed person now Chair. Charles is a South Carolinian, as Sweet Tea and SEC Football, well Southern Conference, that is. After Wofford, Charles took his talents to the University of South Carolina School of Law where he earned his degree with honors. He is a member of the prestigious Order of the Whig and Robe, which for those that are unfamiliar with it, is both a legal honor society and a mood board for a Renaissance Fair. Charles has had a legal career as varied as the issues that we debate here in the House of Representatives. He has handled Administrative Law, Regulatory Law, Criminal Prosecution, Civil Litigation, and Constitutional Law. He has appeared in federal and state courts and has argued nearly two dozen cases before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court. And while I cannot confirm this, I would suspect that he has even argued his way out of a speeding ticket or two. Since the OJ Simpson trial began in 1995, Charles has been an active part of this Institution, serving not just as the Clerk of the House, but also as Chief of Staff and Legal Counsel to the Speaker and as Chief Staff Attorney for Legislative Redistricting and as Legal Counsel to the House Rules Committee, the House Ethics Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee. In 2004, back when Facebook was invented, Charles was first elected to the position he now holds as Clerk of the SC House of Representatives. And as you know, it is in this position that he oversees the daily Legislative Administrative Research and Legal Services that we all utilize on a regular basis. Charles is also the person who can help you if you want to understand the Rules of this Chamber. Although, and what will surely disappoint some, he is less fluent in made-up, nonexistent, Pelosi-style rules. Charles, you see, is grounded in the real world. In fact, for 20 years Charles has taught a class at the University of South Carolina School of Law called

the "Legislative Process." But fear not, dear colleagues, you don't have to actually know anything about the legislative process unlike the students do there, and Charles will remain available to you at any point with questions as they arise. In any event, I did want you to know that some of those students have gone on to staff positions in the House and in varied government agencies. Some have become lobbyists, and a few have even taken the plunge into elected service themselves. Charles is not just a teacher, he is a cultivator of Public Service. Charles Reid is more than a Clerk, he is the steady hand that keeps this ship from veering off course, most of the time. He loves this Institution, the people who work here, and the mission that we serve. And that, Mr. Speaker, is why it is my pleasure to nominate Charles Reid for another term as the Clerk for the South Carolina House of Representatives. Thank you.

On motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

The oath of office was administered to him by the SPEAKER.

ELECTION OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for the Sergeant at Arms.

Rep. MITCHELL nominated MR. MITCHELL G. DORMAN of Kershaw, as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise today to speak about a man who is an institution in this Body, our Sergeant at Arms, Mitchell Glen Dorman. I was honored and a little surprised when Mitch asked me at breakfast back in the summer if I would nominate him for reelection as our Sergeant at Arms. Most nomination speeches talk about one's qualifications, but that would only take thirty seconds as Mitch has only had one job for the last 42 years. To put his tenure in perspective, Mitch has served this Chamber for four more years than I have been alive.

Now we all love Mitch, but I have a different relationship with Mitch than all other Members because not only is Mitch my friend, but he is

my constituent. Thus, I want to take this opportunity to educate the membership a little bit about our beloved Boo Boo.

So the new Members may be asking themselves now, what is a Boo Boo? The easy answer would be to say he is a 6'1" man who is often lurking by the main entrance to the chamber, but I think we need to go a little deeper than that.

So I pose the question, what is a Boo Boo? To answer this question, we have to start in the little town in Lancaster county known as Kershaw, South Carolina. Yes, Kershaw is located in Lancaster county which I know is confusing, but we will save that for another day. Most don't know that a lot of the House staff is either from Kershaw, lives in Kershaw, or has familial ties to Kershaw.

In Kershaw you will hear names like Turkey, Moose, Hoppy, a man named Kevin Sims who knows everything and if you don't believe it, just ask him. There is also another man named Bryant Neal who put up over six thousand campaign signs to run unopposed for county council, but there is only one Boo Boo. Boo Boo can be found most mornings at the front circle table of the 521 Filling Station eating bacon, runny grits, and solving the world's problems. There is a standing invite to come join us on Friday mornings, but I'll warn you to wear muck boots because it gets pretty deep, real early.

Boo Boo does have qualifications. He's a pretty good driver and can often be found dodging bullets between Kershaw and Sumter. Boo Boo also always knows when the "Hot n Ready" sign is on at any Krispy krème doughnut shop he is near. Doughnuts are normally on him because he's going to eat at least half of them. Boo Boo also is an honorary chief at Harrah's Cherokee in North Carolina. I don't know what one has to do to accomplish that title, but he's definitely treated like royalty up there. Boo Boo is also the head of the Lancaster County Volunteer SWAT team. They've never been deployed into action, but if anything major goes down, he's on the scene.

Boo Boo is also always just a phone call away. 24/7, he's available. That's 24 hours a week, seven months out of the year. Outside of that, call Tyler.

In all seriousness, the Members in this Body do not have a better friend than Boo Boo. He is always just a phone call away. He is quick to respond and happy to serve. The unwavering commitment and high standards which Mitch sets are evident in the officers he selects to serve alongside him. He and his staff are true law enforcement professionals. They are dedicated and loyal to all Members of the House, regardless of party, position, or length of service. Under Mitch's leadership, each

member of this Body is treated with the utmost professionalism and respect. We are truly thankful for all of our dedicated officers who serve with our Sergeant at Arms.

Speakers may come and go, but Boo Boo is forever. Thus, Mr. Speaker, at this time, it is my honor and pleasure to place the nomination of Mitchell Glen "Boo Boo" Dorman for Sergeant at Arms for the South Carolina House of Representatives. I move that the nominations be closed, and Mitch be elected by acclamation.

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, nominations were closed and, with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

ELECTION OF THE READING CLERK

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for the Reading Clerk.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON nominated MR. JAMES L. MANN CROMER JR. of Columbia, as follows:

Good morning, Mr. Speaker. I arise today to nominate somebody who really needs no introduction. This is a man who will not only sing with you but will sing to you. I arise to nominate a man who has welcomed us into his home and opened up his doors. A person who has not only fed us, but he has also housed us and served us. He houses the least of these and he feeds the least of these.

When we have those days that we are here, closed off for budget, somebody who not only makes sure that we are doing okay, but somebody who actually brings snacks to us. This is an unselfish leader of the State of South Carolina. I am so proud and humbled to have this opportunity to stand before you to nominate South Carolina's only true Independent. An individual who has the ability to call a middle-aged white woman, Shanenee, and it be received as a term of endearment, to be received in love. Back when I was 16 years old, I was living in a motel, and I was hungry and going through some situations. I went to school one day, and my teacher found out that I was going through these trials and tribulations, and she came to school the next day with a bag full of toiletries, soap, shampoo, and other things. I cannot remember everything that she said to me, but I can remember how she made me feel, and this is exactly what James L. Mann Cromer "Bubba" does for us. We don't always remember what he says to us, but we always remember how he makes us feel. And he has made us all feel so special,

so welcomed, so loved in this General Assembly, and I am honored and humbled and proud to stand before you today to say that I want to nominate my friend, James L. Mann "Bubba" Cromer for Reading Clerk again for another term. I ask that the nominations be closed and that he be elected by acclamation. Thank you.

Rep. MOSS requested a roll call.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 88; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Ligon
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Weeks	Wheeler

Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Bowers	Harris
Long	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Pace	Rankin	White
Wickensimer		

Total--13

Whereupon, James L. Mann "Bubba" Cromer Jr. was duly elected as the Reading Clerk of the House.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber during the vote to elect the Reading Clerk of the House. I would like for the record to show that I would have voted for Bubba Cromer as Reading Clerk.

Rep. Spencer Wetmore

ELECTION OF THE CHAPLAIN

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for the Chaplain.

Rep. WHITE nominated Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. of Columbia, as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to nominate the Reverend Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. to be Chaplain of the 126th Session of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

Sixty-nine years ago, Reverend Seastrunk graduated from Newberry College. That fall, in November 1955, he married the love of his life, Sarah.

What an adventure Charles Seastrunk and his help meet have enjoyed. With Sarah by his side, Reverend Seastrunk received his Master of Divinity from tie Lutheran-Southern Seminary in 1958.

In 1979, Charles earned his Master of Arts Degree from Pepperdine University. He served in the National Guard for ten years and as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force for an additional twenty years.

It is my sincere honor to nominate the Reverend Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as our Chaplain for the 126th South Carolina House of Representatives session.

I ask that the nominations be closed, and Reverend Seastrunk be elected by acclamation.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

OFFICERS SWORN IN

The SPEAKER administered the oath of office to the Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Mitchell G. Dorman; the Reading Clerk, Mr. James L. Mann Cromer Jr.; and the Chaplain, Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3000 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR ALLOTTING SEATS TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 AND 2026 SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Resolution was adopted.

ALLOTMENT OF SEATS

The SPEAKER then announced that the House would proceed to the allotment of seats, the names of the counties being drawn from a container by Mr. Kaleb Josiah Carter, a student at the Center of Knowledge North and son of Mr. Lewis Carter, Research Director of the House Legislative Oversight Committee.

ALLOTMENT OF SEATS

Alexander	31	Anderson	32
Atkinson	100	Bailey	86
Ballentine	37	Bamberg	16
Bannister	69	Bauer	106
Beach	25	Bernstein	107
Bowers	4	Bradley	123
Brewer	60	Brittain	104
Burns	71	Bustos	74

Calhoon	36	Caskey	39
Chapman	41	Chumley	59
Clyburn	94	Cobb-Hunter	15
Collins	17	Cox, B.J.	72
Cox, B.L.	44	Crawford	116
Cromer	34	Davis	51
Dillard	66	Duncan	55
Edgerton	21	Erickson	124
Forrest	1	Frank	11
Gagnon	40	Garvin	96
Gatch	48	Gibson	8
Gilliam	113	Gilliard	47
Gilreath	35	Govan	77
Grant	63	Guest	117
Guffey	24	Haddon	70
Hager	111	Hardee	102
Harris	19	Hart	108
Hartnett	80	Hartz	12
Hayes	101	Henderson-Myers	109
Herbkersman	119	Hewitt	14
Hiott	5	Hixon	3
Holman	45	Hosey	46
Howard	62	Huff	18
Johnson, J.E.	105	Johnson, J.L.	76
Jones, W.	67	Jordan	114
Kilmartin	26	King	79
Kirby	30	Landing	75
Lawson	7	Ligon	43
Long	58	Lowe	115
Luck	92	Magnuson	20
Martin	52	May	56
McCabe	82	McCravy	9
McDaniel	78	McGinnis	103
Mitchell	122	Montgomery	23
Moore, JA	28	Moore, T.	22
Morgan, T.A.	57	Moss	6
Murphy	61	Neese	88
Newton, B.	89	Newton, W.	120
Oremus	13	Pace	43
Pedalino	83	Pope	10
Rankin	112	Reese	29

Rivers	33	Robbins	49
Rose	90	Rutherford	91
Sanders	54	Schuessler	87
Sessions	64	Smith, G. M.	Rostrum
Smith, M.M.	50	Spann-Wilder	97
Stavrinakis	99	Taylor	2
Teeple	81	Terribile	53
Vaughan	73	Weeks	85
Wetmore	98	Wheeler	84
White	27	Whitmire	110
Wickensimer	65	Williams	93
Willis	68	Wooten	38
Yow	121		

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recede until 3:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3001 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 2025 AND 2026 SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the following rules are adopted as the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 2025 and 2026 Sessions of the General Assembly:

"**Rule 1**

The Speaker

Speaker *Pro Tempore*

1.1 The Speaker shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause prayer to be said, the Journal of the previous proceedings to be corrected, and if a quorum be present, proceed to other business.

1.2 The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries, or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared. The Speaker shall take measures to strictly enforce the provisions of House Rule 3.6 and will ensure that every member takes his seat, acts with decorum at all times, refrains from disrespect to the institution of the House or the Senate and to all personalities, observes decency of speech, and confines himself to the question under consideration when the House is in session. Any person guilty of contempt of the House may be ordered into custody by the House and dealt with as it deems proper.

1.3 If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall call him to order, or any member may

call such transgressions to the attention of the Speaker who shall call the transgressor to order. If repeated cries of order are ineffective, the Speaker may call a member by name, and if the Speaker deems it necessary, he shall state the offense committed. The member may be heard in his exculpation and shall withdraw, and the House shall consider his punishment or any further proceedings to be had.

1.4 The Speaker shall sign all acts, joint resolutions, memorials, writs, warrants, and authorizations for payment or other papers authorized by the House.

1.5 The Speaker shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal by any member, and he may require the member raising a point of order to cite the rule or other authority in support of the question. A member may withdraw a point of order the member has raised. Upon appeal, no member shall speak more than once and for no longer than twenty minutes each, except by permission of the House.

1.6 The Speaker may vote in all cases (except when he may be personally or pecuniarily interested). If the House be equally divided, the question shall be decided in the negative. The presiding officer may give information or explain any matter before the House; he may speak on points of order in preference to other members, and as often as he may deem necessary, but he shall not enter into any debate or endeavor to influence any question before the House while presiding. Provided, the Speaker, in his discretion, may address the body concerning matters of importance to the House.

1.7 The Speaker shall be elected on the opening day of the organizational session by the membership of the House. Pursuant to this rule a person elected Speaker may not serve more than five consecutive terms in that office.

1.8 The Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be elected on the opening day of the organizational session and shall preside in the absence of the Speaker. If a conflict of interest arises involving the Speaker and the performance of his duties the Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall perform the duties of the Speaker to the extent that the conflict of interest exists. *Provided*, the Speaker or the Speaker *Pro Tempore*, whoever may be presiding at the time, may name a member to preside, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. In the absence of

the Speaker and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* for more than one day, the House may elect a Speaker *Pro Tempore* to serve until the return of the Speaker or Speaker *Pro Tempore*. When the Speaker *Pro Tempore* is absent for more than three consecutive statewide legislative days, the House of Representatives may elect an acting Speaker *Pro Tempore* who shall serve until the return of the Speaker *Pro Tempore*. The acting Speaker *Pro Tempore* may continue to serve on any committee to which he has been appointed.

1.9 All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise provided for by rule or by law, except Senatorial and Gubernatorial appointees and *ex officio* members of the House. The Speaker shall name the members constituting each committee in alphabetical order. The Chairman shall be elected by the respective committees during the organizational session. If any subsequent vacancy shall occur in a committee's chairmanship, the election of a new committee chairman shall take place at the time and date to be set by the presiding officer of the respective committee. The committees may at their discretion elect a Vice-Chairman and such other officers as they may choose.

Provided, when appointing members to a Committee on Conference or Free Conference, the Speaker shall consult with the majority and minority political party leaders and appoint at least one member of the minority political party represented in the House.

1.10 The Speaker is responsible that all amendments ordered by the House be correctly made and that the attention of the House be called to all amendments made by the Senate since the matter was before the House. All Senate amendments to matters previously considered by the House and all House amendments to matters previously considered by the Senate shall, after adoption, be printed by use of distinctive type interlineation in such a manner as to reflect in one text the original version and the language of the amendment.

1.11 If the Speaker or Speaker *Pro Tempore* resigns from such position, he shall submit his resignation to the Clerk of the House in writing. This procedure shall be followed in the case of the resignation of any elected officer of the House.

1.12 In case of emergency, the Speaker has the authority, when, in his opinion, it is impractical or dangerous to hold a regularly scheduled

session(s) of the House of Representatives, to declare the body adjourned to some other time. Such actions are to be taken only in times of great emergency including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God.

When, due to great emergency or through inadvertence, the House is adjourned without provision for the next meeting, the Speaker may issue a call specifying the time for the next meeting.

1.13 Section 2-3-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, designates the Speaker of the House as the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and as such, the Speaker is authorized to initiate or otherwise participate in litigation on behalf of the House. The Speaker shall comply with the applicable rules of civil procedure in the relevant jurisdiction when taking action on behalf of the House.

Rule 2

Elected Officials

Clerk, Reading Clerk, Chaplain, and Sergeant At Arms

2.1 The Clerk shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.2 The Clerk of the preceding session shall, at the beginning of the organizational session of the House, call the members to order, proceed to call the roll of members in alphabetical order, and pending election of a Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, or temporary officers, preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any member. The duties of this section may be delegated by the Clerk to any member of the House.

2.3 The Clerk shall cause to be kept a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and this Journal shall be numbered serially from the first day of each session of the Legislature. He shall not permit any books or papers belonging to the House to be taken out of his custody other than in the regular course of business and then upon receipt when he deems necessary. He shall report any missing papers to the Speaker.

2.4 The Clerk of the House shall cause to be prepared and laid on the desks of the members every morning an itinerary of the day's business to be called the Calendar. This Calendar shall include the orders of the preceding day and all continued matters arranged according to priority, and numbered from the commencement of the session, every matter being introduced and newly numbered after every new order upon it.

2.5 The Clerk shall assist, under the direction of the Speaker, in taking roll call or division votes.

2.6 The Clerk shall issue all pay certificates for *per diem* and mileage and incidental expenses upon the order of the Speaker, the signature of the Speaker being attested by the Clerk. The Clerk shall also attest to all writs and warrants and to the passage of all bills, resolutions, and memorials.

2.7 The Clerk shall prepare in writing and send all messages to the Senate and elsewhere as ordered by the House.

2.8 The Clerk shall also be charged with the duty of having executed, in a prompt and accurate manner, all the printing required by the Rules or orders of the House.

2.9 The Reading Clerk shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.10 The Reading Clerk shall read all papers to be read at the desk, which the Speaker may direct him to read and shall assist in taking any roll call votes at the Speaker's direction. Upon ordering of a roll call vote, or upon a quorum call, the electronic roll call system is to be used following the procedure of Rule 7.3. When the electronic roll call system is not operating in any manner, the Reading Clerk shall call the roll and take the names of all who vote 'aye' and all who vote 'nay' which shall be entered in the Journal and the provisions of Rule 7.3 shall not apply. If, during the course of an ordered electronic roll call, the electronic roll system malfunctions, in such a manner that the number of aye votes and the number of nay votes are recorded but the names of the members so voting are not recorded, the vote shall stand, and any member desiring to publish a record of his individual vote may submit a statement which shall be printed in the House Journal. If, during the

course of an ordered electronic roll call, the electronic roll call system malfunctions in such a manner as to record no accurate information as to the vote totals, the question shall be resubmitted and the Reading Clerk shall call the roll of the members as hereinabove specified.

Provided, however, in the case of a malfunction in the electronic roll call where the roll call to be taken is mandated by the Constitution or Statutes, any malfunction will void the roll call and it will be retaken.

Provided, that whether the ayes and nays are taken by electronic roll or otherwise, they shall be recorded by the Clerk in the Journal.

2.11 The Chaplain shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.12 The Chaplain shall provide spiritual guidance for the membership of the House.

2.13 The Sergeant at Arms shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years and shall be under the direct supervision of the Speaker of the House. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.14 The Sergeant at Arms shall assist the Speaker in maintaining order and decorum.

2.15 The duties of the Sergeant at Arms, shall be as provided for in Chapter 3 of Title 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

2.16 The Sergeant at Arms may designate, subject to the approval of the Speaker, other staff members of the House to assist the Speaker and the Sergeant in performing such duties as they may direct, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Rule 3

Members and Membership

3.1 Every member shall be within the House Chamber during its sittings unless excused or necessarily prevented, and may vote on each question put, except that no member shall be permitted to vote on any question immediately concerning his private rights as distinct from the

public interest.

3.2 The Speaker may excuse any member from attendance on the House and its committees for any stated period upon reason shown, and such excused absence shall be noted in the Journal.

3.3 Any member absenting himself from attendance on the House or its committees and having in his possession any original papers relating to the business before the House, shall leave such original papers with the Clerk before departing from the Capitol.

3.4 Any member who enters after the roll call at the opening of the daily session and notifies the Clerk in writing shall thereafter be shown as present for such day. *Provided*, that no person except those recorded present shall be eligible for subsistence for that day.

3.5 In cases of contest for a seat in the House, notice setting forth the grounds of such contest shall be given by the contestant to the House within three calendar days after the House first convenes, and in such case, the contest shall be determined by majority vote as speedily as reasonably possible.

3.6 When the House is called to order, every member shall take his seat and shall act with decorum at all times when the House is in session. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to 'Mr. Speaker' and shall avoid disrespect to the House or the Senate and all personalities, observe decency of speech, and shall confine himself to the question under consideration.

The Speaker, when duly addressed by a member, shall hear from the member who, in the Speaker's opinion, shall arise first, by identifying the member. The Reading Clerk shall not turn on any member's microphone until the Speaker has recognized that person.

3.7 (Reserved)

3.8 No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the House, except merely to explain his meaning, even if the debate on the question should be continued for many days. In the case of a matter requiring more than one reading, this limitation applies separately to each reading, *provided*, however, notwithstanding that a matter may move from the uncontested to contested Calendar or vice

versa within the same reading, the limitation applies to the entire reading. If a member has the floor and is addressing the body, he shall not lose the floor by asking a question of any member of the body.

3.9 If any member shall be absent without leave and a quorum is not present, the Speaker shall instruct the Sergeant at Arms or appoint other authorized persons to send for such member or members and take them into custody. The outer doors to the Chamber shall be closed. The Speaker shall order that security personnel shall be posted at the outer doors of the Chamber and no member shall be permitted to leave the second floor of the State House without written leave of the Speaker. The Speaker may also order that security personnel be posted at all entrances to the State House to prevent members from leaving without authorization. An absent member who is taken into custody after the invocation of this rule shall pay for all reasonable expenses incurred which shall include mileage at the prevailing rate for state employees. In addition, such absent member who is taken into custody shall forfeit his entitlement to subsistence and mileage for that legislative day and shall be subject to any additional penalties the Speaker deems necessary. Should a quorum be present and ten members request, such absent member or members shall be sent for as herein provided and subjected to the same penalties. The Speaker shall strictly enforce the provisions of this rule. *Provided*, however, in the case of a member not being present when Rule 3.9 is invoked and such member voluntarily returns without being taken into custody, he shall not be subject to the penalties of this section. The invocation of this rule may be rescinded by a majority vote of those present and voting.

3.10 As soon as practicable, after the House has been organized, the seats of the members shall be allotted as follows:

The Clerk shall prepare a ballot for each county with only its name printed on it. These shall be put in a closed box. The Speaker shall then direct a person or persons to draw them out, one by one. As each ballot is drawn, the delegation from that county shall select their seats, in accordance with the county in which the member resides. In the event a member's district consists of more than one county, the member may elect to be seated with the delegation the member desires, provided the member indicates the preference to the Clerk of the House prior to balloting. No delegation may select more than one seat on the main aisle.

3.11 As soon as practicable, after the House has been organized, office

space of members must be allotted as follows:

Each member shall be assigned an office in the Blatt Building on the basis of their seniority in the House. A member who has served in the immediately preceding session shall have first preference on retention of his previously assigned office. The House Operations and Management Committee is authorized to make necessary adjustments in the assignment of office space with the consent of the Speaker when necessary.

The provisions of this rule do not apply to office space for the Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Chairman of the Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee, Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee and Chairmen of any other standing committees or any other caucus having assigned space in the Blatt Building.

Provided, further, each member shall be assigned a parking space in the parking facility on the basis of their seniority in the House. A member who has served in the immediately preceding session shall have first preference on retention of his previously assigned parking space.

3.12 (Reserved)

3.13 Each legislative caucus occupying office space in the Blatt Office Building may pay to the Clerk of the House of Representatives an amount, determined by the Clerk, for the use of office space by each caucus. Each caucus may also pay an amount for use of state-owned office related equipment including, but not limited to, copying services, computer equipment, and software and related connection charges for internet access and telephone equipment and service. Each legislative caucus may make payment for equipment and services in the manner to be determined by the Clerk.

Rule 4

Committees

4.1 Committee appointments: see Rule 1.9.

4.2 As soon as practicable after the members have been sworn in and have taken their seats, the following Standing Committees, except the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee, and the House

of Representatives Committee on Operations and Management, shall be appointed with the indicated number of members appointed thereto:

1. Committee on Ways and Means – 25.

2. Committee on the Judiciary (Privileges and Elections) – 25.

3. Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (Fish, Game, Forestry, State Parks, Rural Development, Environmental Affairs) – 18.

4. Committee on Education and Public Works (Education, Highways, State House and Grounds, Railroads, Aviation) – 18.

5. Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (Medical Affairs, Social Security, Penitentiary, State Hospital, Police Regulations, Military Affairs, Veteran's Affairs) – 18.

6. Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Labor, Commerce and Manufacturing, Banking and Insurance, Merchants and Mercantile Affairs) – 18.

7. Committee on Rules – 15.

8. Committee on Interstate Cooperation (membership limited to 5, under 1976 Code, Sec. 1–17–30) – 5.

9. Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity - 13.

10. Committee on Legislative Oversight (Oversight and Review of Government Operations and Accountability, SC Code of Laws Section 2-2-5 et seq.) - 20.

11. House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee – 10.

12. Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions (Invitations, Resolutions memorializing the Federal or State Government or any official or agency thereof, sympathy, and congratulatory Resolutions) – 5.

13. Committee on Operations and Management of the House of

Representatives (Advisory to the Speaker on personnel, administration and management of facilities, including management of the Blatt Building) – 8.

Each member shall serve on one and only one of the first six Standing Committees listed above. However, a member of these Committees may also serve on any one of the following Committees: Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity, Committee on Legislative Oversight, Committee on Rules, Committee on Interstate Cooperation, Committee on Ethics, Committee on Invitations, or Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives. The Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, and Clerk shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives but no chairman of any other standing committee shall serve as a member of such committee.

Provided, that a minimum of two members from each of the first six Standing Committees listed above shall be appointed to the Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity.

Provided, that the members of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives (advisory to the Speaker on personnel, administration and management of facilities), and the members of the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee, shall be elected by the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, their terms to be coterminous with their respective term of office. The Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives shall consist of eight members. Four members of the committee shall be members of the majority party represented in the House of Representatives and four members shall be members of the minority party represented in the House of Representatives or be nonaffiliated with any party or another party not in the majority. The Chairman of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House shall be one of the four members of the committee from the majority party represented in the House to be elected by the members of the committee. Other officers of the committee are not required to be affiliated with a particular party.

Provided, that the Committee on Education and Public Works shall be deemed to be the Committee on Education, and the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs shall be deemed to be the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Medical

Affairs, in all cases where the statutes provide for the Chairman of these committees to perform *ex officio* duties.

Provided, that the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives with the consent of the Speaker may formulate such policies as it deems advisable relating to House personnel. Such policies shall be distributed to the members and must be adopted by majority vote of the House by House Resolution.

Provided, that except as herein provided neither the Speaker nor Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of any of the foregoing Standing Committees.

No member shall be appointed on a committee before he has been sworn in and has taken his seat. Any member who is sworn in after the general announcement of the committee shall, within a few days afterward, be placed by the Speaker on a Standing Committee whose number of members will not thereby be extended beyond the number provided in these rules.

After a committee has been appointed, no addition to it or change shall be made, except to fill a vacancy or to remove a member for conduct unbecoming a member.

Provided, that in filling a vacancy, the assignment of any member may be changed from another committee to fill such vacancy.

4.3 Unless otherwise ordered, committees shall have jurisdiction only over matters pertaining to the subjects indicated by the names of the respective committees, and to the subject matter indicated in parenthesis following the names.

4.4 Committees shall meet regularly to consider pending legislation in the room assigned for their use by the Speaker or as otherwise authorized by this rule. Notice of date, time, and place of such meetings shall be posted on the legislative website and displayed in the lobby on each floor of the Solomon Blatt Building. A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown. No committee shall meet while the House is in session without special leave by the Speaker. *Provided,* however, that the Committee on Rules and any committee of conference or free conference, may sit at

any time and may report its message to the House at any time.

A Committee may provide, pursuant to its own rules, for the Chairmen to designate alternative meeting arrangements and procedures. *Provided*, however, the Chairman may only implement alternative meeting arrangements and procedures in the event that extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God, render them necessary. The alternative meeting arrangements and procedures must:

(1) provide for public observation or participation as required by House Rules and the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended;

(2) provide both a video and audio component that is publicly accessible; and

(3) record the meeting, in its entirety, and make the recording available on the General Assembly website, as soon as practicable following the meeting.

No committee shall sit unless a quorum be present and all bills introduced by committees must carry the statement of the Chairman that the bill has the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the committee, except that the State Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, a Rescission Bill, and the Deficiency Appropriations Bill may be introduced by a majority vote of the Ways and Means Committee.

No committee shall introduce a bill pertaining to subject matter over which it has no jurisdiction.

Notice in writing of all committee action taken on a bill or resolution shall be given to the principal author thereof.

No statewide bill directly appropriating money shall be considered by the House until after such bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, *provided,* however, a statewide bill which directly or by implication provides for *per diem*, subsistence or mileage in connection with the subject matter of the bill, but does not otherwise directly appropriate money, shall not be required to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

After the House sets a bill for Special Order pursuant to Rule 6.3, no point of order may be raised regarding its reference to committee, however, the House by majority vote may commit or recommit a bill or other matter under debate.

No committee action shall be taken on a bill or resolution except at a regular or called meeting, but this shall not apply to resolutions referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

When any standing committee or subcommittee schedules a public hearing on a bill or resolution, the principal sponsor of such bill or resolution shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing not less than five calendar days prior to the hearing date.

4.5 All meetings of all committees shall be open to the public at all times, subject always to the power and authority of the Chairman to maintain order and decorum with the right to go into Executive Session as provided for in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. *Provided*, a legislative caucus as defined by Section 2-17-10 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, and its meetings are not subject to the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

No committee shall file a report unless the committee has met formally at an authorized time and place with a quorum present. All standing committees of the House shall prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, the minutes of full committee meetings. Such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings but shall include those matters required by the above mentioned Freedom of Information Act.

4.6 After twenty days from the date of reference, the Chairman of the Committee in possession of a measure shall, upon written request of a sponsor or, in the case of a Senate measure, a House member, set a time for consideration of the measure by the full committee or subcommittee which shall be no later than seven legislative working days thereafter. *Provided*, however, that a member may request consideration of a bill or resolution pursuant to this rule only one time per bill or resolution during a legislative session.

4.7 a. Each report of a committee shall contain the action of the committee on the bill or other measure being transmitted. Such report shall certify the action by the committee and shall be signed by an officer of the committee.

b. When reporting a Senate bill as favorable, the committee may include in its report an amendment identical to the final version of any House bill that has been referred to that committee and passed by the House during the current two-year session. If the amendment is identical to a previously passed House bill, the amendment must be considered

germane to the bill.

4.8 Any bill, report, petition, or other paper except an amendment which may come before the House, may be committed or recommitted before a final decision thereon. *Provided*, further that the Speaker shall commit to a committee any bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution returned from the Senate with an amendment that has so materially changed the bill that the bill's contents, as amended by the Senate, are no longer substantially germane to the bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution as it passed the House. Such bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution may be reported out of the committee with its recommendation and shall be placed on the Calendar under the heading of Senate Amendments. If not amended, it shall be enrolled as an act and ratified. If said bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution shall be amended, it shall be returned to the Senate at the conclusion of the process as a House amendment. *Provided*, the provisions of this rule may be dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting of the House, a quorum being present.

4.9 In all cases the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. The motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole shall specify the subject(s) to be considered in the Committee of the Whole. In the event the House resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole shall limit discussion to the subject(s) specified in the motion. The Speaker shall leave the Chair after appointing a Chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, have the power to cause same to be cleared. No bill or resolution may be considered by the Committee of the Whole House, except by a two-thirds vote, unless same has first been considered by the appropriate Standing Committee of the House.

4.10 The Committee of the Whole shall consist of the entire body of members in attendance at the particular meeting of the House. Such committee is a real committee in the parliamentary sense. During the time that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole is held, it is technically not 'the assembly'.

4.11 The Rules of the House so far as they are applicable shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman being substituted for the Speaker.

4.12 No Committee of the Whole or other committee shall deface or interline a bill or other paper, referred to it, but shall report any amendments recommended on a separate paper, noting the page and line.

4.13 No person shall be permitted to address the House or the Joint Assembly except by written resolution, and such resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions before being considered by the House. The Committee shall not extend an invitation to any individual or group to address the House or the Joint Assembly unless such person or group is of significant national or state prominence at the time the invitation is extended and will bring a message of major importance to the State or such individual or group will present an artistic performance during the established hours of meeting.

Any invitations extended to the House as a whole to attend any functions shall be submitted to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions at least 10 days in advance in order that it may determine what legislation or other pertinent matters may be pending before the House and its Committees before the invitation is accepted. The House shall accept no invitations to any functions other than a breakfast or luncheon prior to 6:00 p.m. Pages are not permitted to attend such functions. No invitations to functions for the House as a whole will be accepted during the week anticipated for the debate of the State Appropriations Bill.

4.14 No member of a committee shall be allowed under any circumstances to vote by proxy.

4.15 None of the House Rules shall be rescinded, suspended, or altered, except by written resolution which has been referred to the Rules Committee, or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report. *Provided*, that any rule may be amended by a simple majority of the House during the month of January of each year.

4.16 A. The House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee (Committee) consists of ten (10) members. The ten members of the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee shall be elected by the members of the House. Five members of the committee shall be members of the majority party represented in the House of Representatives and five members shall be members of the minority

party represented in the House of Representatives or be nonaffiliated with any party or another party not in the majority. The Chairman of the Ethics Committee shall be one of the five members of the committee from the majority party represented in the House to be elected by the members of the committee. Other officers of the committee are not required to be affiliated with a particular party and shall be elected by members of the committee as well.

B. Jurisdiction

(1) The committee shall have jurisdiction over individuals and entities pursuant to Chapter 13, Title 8.

(2) No matter shall be considered later than four years after the violation allegedly occurred.

(3) No complaint may be accepted by the Ethics Committee concerning a member of or candidate for the House during the fifty-day period before an election in which the member or candidate is participating.

C. Duties

The committee shall:

(1) ascertain whether a person has failed to comply fully and accurately with the disclosure requirements of this Chapter 13, Title 8, which may include, but are not limited to, an audit of filed reports and applicable campaign bank statements, and to promptly notify the person to file the necessary notices and reports to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter 13, Title 8;

(2) receive complaints or allegations concerning any person under the jurisdiction of the committee alleging a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2 and refer any complaint except for a complaint regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives to the State Ethics Commission (commission) for investigation in compliance with Sections 8-13-530 through 8-13-550;

(3) upon a majority vote of the members of the committee initiate a complaint concerning any person under the jurisdiction of the committee alleging a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2 and refer the complaint for investigation to the commission except for a complaint concerning a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives;

(4) cause to be investigated any complaints or allegations regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives or technical violation;

(5) upon request of any member, officer, or employee of the House render committee advisory opinions with regard to legislative

ethics when, in its judgment, these opinions would serve the public interest. Such advisory opinions shall serve as binding precedent for the committee until specifically altered or withdrawn;

(6) act as an advisory body to the House and to individual members of or candidates for the House on questions pertaining to Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2;

(7) issue through its staff a written informal advisory opinion, based on real or hypothetical sets of circumstances, to a person or entity within the committee's jurisdiction upon that person's or entity's request. If an informal advisory opinion is raised as a defense in response to a complaint, the committee shall consider whether the respondent is the person who requested the informal advisory opinion or is a member of the entity that requested the informal opinion. The committee also shall consider the accuracy of the facts presented in the informal advisory opinion and determine whether the respondent relied in good faith upon the written informal advisory opinion. The committee shall consider this information prior to making a probable cause determination;

(8) administer or recommend appropriate sanctions or dismiss charges as the result of a properly filed complaint including a complaint which has been investigated by the commission;

(9) ascertain whether a person has failed to comply fully and accurately with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 13, Title 8 and promptly notify the person to file the necessary disclosures to satisfy the requirements and assess and collect any fines or fees authorized by state law for the failure to timely file a disclosure statement; and

(10) recommend a rule or statutory change relating to ethics as the committee deems appropriate.

D. Complaints and Investigations

(1) Complaints must be verified in writing and state the name of the person alleged to have committed the violation and the particulars of the violation.

(2) When a complaint is filed with or by the committee, a copy must be sent to the person alleged to have committed the violation, the respondent, and to the commission for investigation, except for a complaint alleging a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives, within thirty days from the date the complaint was filed.

(3) If the committee determines that the complaint regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation, an investigation shall be conducted into the alleged violation.

(4) Upon the initiation of an investigation by the committee, pursuant to Rule 4.16D.(3) the committee shall notify the respondent of what matters it intends to investigate and the respondent shall have the opportunity to submit a written response to any complaint or allegations being investigated within thirty days of being notified by the committee. Any complaint referred to the commission by the committee will be handled in accordance with Sections 8-13-530 through 8-13-550.

(5) After the investigation of a complaint referred to the commission and the commission subsequently provides a report to the committee with a recommendation that there is probable cause to believe a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, the committee may then concur or nonconcur with the commission's recommendation, or within forty-five days from the committee's receipt of the report, submit a request to the commission to continue the investigation in order to review information previously received or consider additional matters not considered by the commission.

(6) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that there is not competent and substantial evidence of a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, the committee shall dismiss the complaint and send a written decision to the respondent and the complainant. The notice of dismissal must be made public if the commission made a recommendation that probable cause existed.

(7) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that the respondent has committed only a technical violation pursuant to Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, then the provisions of the appropriate section apply.

(8) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that there is competent and substantial evidence that a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, except for a technical violation of Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, the committee shall, as appropriate:

(a) render an advisory opinion to the respondent and require the respondent's compliance within a reasonable time; or

(b) convene a formal public hearing on the matter.

(9) The committee may obtain its own information, or request additional investigation by the commission, if it needs additional information to make a determination as to whether or not competent and substantial evidence of a violation exists.

(10) The committee may compel testimony and issue subpoenas for the procurement of witnesses and materials including books, papers,

records, documents, or other tangible objects relevant to its investigation by approval of the chairman or a majority of the committee membership, subject to judicial enforcement as provided by law. The committee may administer oaths and affirmation for the testimony. A person to whom a subpoena has been issued may move before the committee for an order quashing a subpoena issued pursuant to this rule.

(11) If the committee determines that assistance is needed in conducting an investigation, the committee shall request the assistance of appropriate agencies.

(12) If the committee determines that there is no probable cause it shall dismiss the complaint.

(13) The committee shall refer any matters, regardless of a finding of probable cause, that are violations of law not under its jurisdiction to the appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency.

E. Formal Public Hearings

(1) All formal public hearings of the committee must be open to the public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Chapter 4, Title 30).

(2) The investigator or attorney handling the investigation concerning a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives or a technical violation for the committee shall present the evidence related to the complaint at any public hearing and shall not serve as counsel to the committee during the hearing.

(3) The investigator or attorney handling the investigation for the commission shall present the evidence related to the complaint to the committee.

(4) It is the duty of the investigator or attorney to further investigate the subject of the complaint and any related matters under the jurisdiction and at the direction of the committee, to request assistance from appropriate state agencies as needed, to request authorization from the committee for funds for the hiring of auditors, investigators, or other assistance as necessary, to prepare subpoenas, and to present evidence to the committee at any public hearing.

(5) The respondent must be allowed to examine and make copies of all evidence in the committee's possession relating to the charges. At the hearing the respondent must be afforded appropriate due process protections, including the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. The committee shall issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses requested by the respondent pursuant to these rules.

(6) The committee may deliberate in executive session but must render its findings of fact and issue any sanctions in a public hearing.

F. Sanctions

(a) If the committee finds the respondent has committed a violation within the committee's jurisdiction it shall:

(1) administer a public reprimand;

(2) determine that a technical violation as provided for in Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372 has occurred;

(3) require the respondent to pay a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars for each nontechnical violation that is unrelated to the late filing of a required statement or report or failure to file a required statement or report;

(4) require the forfeiture of gifts, receipts, or profits, or the value of each, obtained in violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2;

(5) recommend expulsion of the member;

(6) provide a copy of the complaint and accompanying materials to the Attorney General if the committee finds that there is probable cause to support the existence of criminal intent on the part of the respondent when the violation occurred;

(7) require a combination of items (1) though (6) as necessary and appropriate.

(b) The committee may levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person found in violation or who admits to a violation, pursuant to Title 2 or Title 8, to reimburse the committee for costs associated with the investigation and hearing of a violation as provided in Section 8-13-130.

(c) The committee shall report its findings in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must be accompanied by an order of punishment and supported and signed by a majority of the Ethics Committee members. If the committee finds the respondent has not violated a code or statutory provision, it shall dismiss the charges.

(d) The complainant or respondent has ten days from the date of the notification of the committee's action to appeal the action to the full legislative body by written notice to the Speaker of the House.

G. Confidentiality

(1) Complaints are not considered a public record until there is a recommendation of probable cause by the commission unless the Respondent, in writing, waives the right to confidentiality.

(2) Upon a recommendation of probable cause by the commission

for a violation, other than a technical violation pursuant to Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response by the respondent, and the commission's recommendation of probable cause.

(3) If the appropriate committee requests further investigation after receipt of the commission's report, documents only may be released if the commission's second report to the committee recommends a finding of probable cause.

(4) Upon the issuance of the final order after a public hearing, the following documents become public record: exhibits introduced at the hearing, the committee's findings, and the final order. Exhibits introduced must be redacted prior to release to exclude personal information when the public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.

(5) This Rule does not affect the release of confidential information pursuant to Section 8-13-725 of the Ethics Act.

H. General Provisions

(1) Unless otherwise indicated by rule or statute, all meetings, deliberations, actions, issuance of advisory opinions, debates, recommendations, and other activities of the committee are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Chapter 4, Title 30).

(2) In an instance when the statutory process of amending a required disclosure form cannot adequately correct an error or omission contained in the form, persons subject to the jurisdiction of the committee may request that the committee correct the original filing electronically. All requests must be made to the committee in writing, containing the specific error or omission to be corrected and an explanation as to why the statutory amendment process is not adequate. The request is considered public and must be supported by a vote of a majority of the committee to be carried out. The committee will maintain a record of requests made and changes made for no less than five years.

(3) Notwithstanding Section 8-13-1340, a member of the House shall not, directly or indirectly, establish, finance, maintain, or control any entity including, but not limited to, a noncandidate committee that receives or makes contributions as defined in Section 8-13-1300. This rule does not apply to a candidate committee or a legislative caucus committee.

(4) The Clerk of the House shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, cause to be employed by the House of Representatives, counsel exclusively for the purpose of providing legal advice and counsel to the Ethics Committee. Counsel employed for

this purpose shall not be employed by or with any office within the House of Representatives other than the office of the Clerk of the House.

4.17 The Standing Committees may order to be printed for their use such papers as shall be referred to them.

4.18 The House shall not resolve itself into Executive Session except under those circumstances permitted by the laws of this State, and then only upon a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting, a quorum being present. Upon resolving itself into Executive Session, the Halls of the House shall be cleared of all persons except the members of the House, the Clerk of the House and the Sergeant at Arms.

No action shall be taken which violates the Statutory Law of this State and when such action is permissible it shall only be taken upon a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting, a quorum being present.

4.19 When a bill or resolution is reported out of a standing committee of the House of Representatives, a summary of the bill or resolution prepared by the staff of that committee, if such summary is available, may be made available to the members electronically. Each summary prepared by staff shall have the following language printed in bold capital letters at the top of the summary: 'THE BELOW CONSTITUTED SUMMARY IS PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS NOT THE EXPRESSION OF THE LEGISLATION'S SPONSOR(S) OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS STRICTLY FOR THE INTERNAL USE AND BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED BY A COURT OF LAW AS AN EXPRESSION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.'

4.20 All Committees and subcommittees shall order a roll call vote, with the yeas and nays recorded in the minutes, on the questions of adopting a bill or joint resolution with a favorable report.

4.21 A special Ad Hoc committee not otherwise referenced in these rules may be created by resolution or upon order of the Speaker. The resolution or Speaker's order creating the Ad Hoc committee shall specify the subject matter of the committee, the number of members to be appointed thereto, the mode in which the committee shall be

appointed, and the time of its appointment. The resolution or order may specify a reporting date for the committee, dictate the contents and subject matter of the report, and may set a termination date for the committee's duties and operations. The procedure in an Ad Hoc committee is the same in all important particulars as procedure in standing committees as set forth in these rules.

Provided, further, standing committee chairmen may, upon the order of the chairman or motion of the standing committee create a special Ad Hoc committee concerning subject matter within the standing committee's jurisdiction. Such Ad Hoc committee is restricted to the membership of the standing committee.

Rule 5

Bills, Resolutions, and Reports

5.1 No notice shall be required of a member of his intention to introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and resolutions shall be referred by the Speaker of the House to the appropriate committee or committees which may then consider them at such times as the committee meets. Provided, however, the Speaker may delay referral of a bill or resolution for one statewide legislative day in order to review the legislation's subject matter content. Any matter acted upon favorably by any committee may be reported out by the committee when the House reconvenes and need not thereafter be sent to any committee but shall then be ready, upon compliance with other Rules of the House, for second reading consideration; *provided*, however, that bills appropriating revenue shall be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. *Provided*, further, that bills and resolutions creating study committees shall first be referred to the appropriate standing committee having jurisdiction of the subject matter of the bill or resolution.

The Speaker may establish procedures and dates for prefiling legislation prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly. All bills received prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly shall receive first reading on the first day of the session.

In those years in which all seats of the House are up for election, no bill shall be received for prefiling between the dates of adjournment *sine die* and the date of completion of the Organizational Session of the House.

When the House of Representatives is not in session and bills are being prefiled and assigned to committees, any member who wishes to

have their name added as a sponsor of a bill may do so by notifying the Clerk of the House in writing. The Clerk shall then notify the Chairman of the committee to which the bill has been assigned and their name shall be added. If a member wishes to sponsor a bill individually then they shall so indicate on the face of the bill and no additional sponsors shall be allowed.

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

And every bill or joint resolution which shall propose the amendment or repeal of any Section, Chapter, or Title of the General Statutes or of any Act of Assembly or joint resolution, shall, in its title express the subject matter of such section, chapter, title, act, or joint resolution so sought to be amended or repealed. If this is not complied with, the paper shall not be received by the Speaker and objection may be raised by any member to such improper introduction at any time prior to third reading that the bill or resolution is being considered by the House.

Every bill or joint resolution proposing to amend any section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a section of any chapter of the General Statutes or of any Act of Assembly or joint resolution shall give the full text of the Section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a Section as it would read with such amendment inserted therein. And if this latter clause of this rule is not complied with, the bill or joint resolution shall be amended so as to conform to this rule before it be considered by the House. Any member may require such amendment at any time a bill or resolution not in conformance herewith is being considered by the House.

5.3 General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bill

A. Certificate: Every General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of State Government before presentation shall have attached thereto a certificate from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office stating that the total of the appropriations therein provided for is not in excess of the estimated total revenue of the State for such purposes, including that revenue which may be provided for in the bill, or in any other bill previously passed by the House for the fiscal year to which the bill is applicable, and an Appropriations Bill without such certificate shall not be read the first time in the House, but shall be returned to the Committee on Ways and Means by the Speaker. After passage on second reading and before its consideration on third reading, every General Appropriations Bill, and every Supplemental Appropriations Bill shall have attached thereto a certificate from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office that the total of the appropriations therein provided is not in excess of the estimated total revenue of the State for such purposes, including that revenue which may be provided in the bill, or in any other bill previously passed by the House for the fiscal year to which the bill is applicable, and if the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office cannot give such certificate, the Speaker shall order the bill recommitted to the Ways and Means Committee.

B. Germaneness and Amendments: The General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills may include both temporary and permanent provisions of law.

1. The principal effect of all temporary provisions of law and amendments thereto must be directly germane to the appropriation of funds, affecting revenue, or be rules, regulations, directives, or procedures relative to the appropriation of funds or affecting revenue for the fiscal year referred to in the bill.

2. The principal effect of all permanent provisions of law and amendments thereto must be directly related to and expressly germane to the purpose of an appropriation being made or revenue provided and require a vote of three fifths of the House members present and voting.

3. An amendment which has the effect of appropriating or reducing funds in excess of one million dollars during the fiscal year stated within the bill shall include within the amendment the corresponding

appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) within the same section that shall fully fund the amendment's proposed appropriation(s) or revenue reductions(s) or have attached to it in writing an explanation of the specific appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) from the different section(s) that shall fully fund the amendment's proposed appropriation(s) or revenue reductions. Provided, if an amendment identifies unspent projected revenue or balance as the funding source, the Speaker must consult with the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and confirm the existence of sufficient unspent revenue or balance before the House may consider the amendment.

4. No amendments thereto may temporarily or permanently add, amend, repeal, or alter a portion of the general permanent tax laws of South Carolina.

5. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the temporary suspension of any permanent law.

The provisions of this paragraph shall be narrowly and strictly construed with regard to all provisions of and amendments to the General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills.

C. Report of Conference of Committee:

1. The following requirement applies to the report of the Conference Committee on the Annual Appropriations Bill: Any provision offered for inclusion in the Annual Appropriations Bill which increases or decreases the most recent official projection of general fund revenues of the Board of Economic Advisors may not be included in the bill or recommendation unless the revenue impact is certified by the Board of Economic Advisors. Changes to the official general fund revenue estimate as a result of such provisions may not exceed amounts certified by the Board of Economic Advisors. This requirement is in addition to other provisions of law regarding fiscal impact statements.

2. Any part, section, or division of a conference report concerning the General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bills must comply with the germaneness requirements of this rule. Provided, further, any part, section, or division of a conference report concerning the General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bills which amends, adds, or repeals a portion of the general permanent laws of South Carolina may only be included in any conference report or

concurred in as a Senate amendment by a vote of three-fifths of the House members present and voting.

D. Format of Appropriations Bill: All State Appropriations Bills must be printed at the following stages in their passage so that:

1. The House Ways and Means Committee version of the Appropriations Bill must include the amounts recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

2. The House version of the Appropriations Bill must include the amounts recommended by the Ways and Means Committee and the amounts passed by the House.

3. The Report of Conference or Free Conference Committee must include the amounts passed by the House, the amounts passed by the Senate, and the amounts agreed upon by the Conference Committee.

4. The Appropriations Act must include total funds approved for the next fiscal year and a listing of appropriations from the General Fund.

5. Provided, further, that:

a. the full salary of the principal officer of each department, agency, or institution shall be set forth as an item distinct and apart;

b. minor budget classifications or other descriptive terminology may be used when necessary to better express the purpose of the appropriation;

c. where the major portion of the operating funds to any department, institution, or principal operational division thereof is derived from Federal or other nonappropriated funds, the total appropriation for each major budget classification may be shown, and the relative contributions of State and nonappropriated funds therefor shall be shown as completely as possible; and

d. the appropriations must be in conformity with the program budget format as adopted by the Ways and Means Committee.

E. Any bill or resolution considered by the House of Representatives, upon second reading, that raises revenue must conform to the provisions of Article III, Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution.

F. Earmark Projects and Programs: For purposes of this section:

1. 'Appropriations bill' means the annual general appropriations bill, a supplemental appropriations bill, the joint resolution appropriating revenues of the capital reserve fund, a bill appropriating contingency reserve fund revenues, bond bills, or any other bill appropriating state revenues while under consideration by the House Ways and Means Committee or Senate Finance Committee or any subcommittee of it and any free conference committee on an appropriations bill. For purposes of this definition, a bill includes a joint resolution.

2. 'Earmark project or program' means an appropriation for a specific program or project not originating with a written agency budget request, executive budget recommendation, or not included in an appropriations act from the prior fiscal year.

3. Each request for an earmark project or program included in an appropriations bill must be memorialized in writing on a form designed by the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The form must include the member's name who requested the earmark project or program, an explanation of the earmark project or program requested, and such other information as the form may require. The form must be filed with the House Ways and Means Committee.

4. Each request for an earmark project or program included in the House Ways and Means Committee version of an appropriations bill must be listed on a separate document prepared by the appropriate committee and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the appropriations bill on second reading. The document must include the members' name requesting the earmark project or program, a brief description of the earmark project or program request, and such other information as the form may require and must be posted on the General Assembly's website.

5. An earmark project or program request made while an appropriations bill is in the Senate and is included in the report of a committee of conference must be listed on a separate document, similar to the form described in item 4., and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the report of the committee of conference. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is charged with providing this form to the House membership.

6. An earmark project or program request made while an appropriations bill is in a committee of free conference must be listed on a separate document, similar to the form described in item 4., and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the report of the committee of free conference. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is charged with providing this form to the House membership.

7. If the provisions of this subsection are not followed in reference to an individual earmark project or program, a two thirds vote of the membership present and voting is required to include the earmark project or program in the appropriations bill or the report of the committee of conference or free conference.

G. The Annual General Appropriations Bill must be considered section by section on second reading, and when the pending question is the adoption of an individual section, the yeas and nays must be taken by roll call and the votes on it must be recorded by name in the Journal except when the House agrees to a section by unanimous consent.

5.4 No bill or amendment providing an appropriation to pay a private claim against this State or a department thereof shall be introduced or considered.

5.5 No bill or joint resolution shall be introduced as a delegation bill or resolution unless such bill or resolution relates only to local matters concerning the county which such delegation represents.

5.6 Except as provided in subsection 5.1, the first reading of the bill shall be by title only. No amendments shall then be in order and the bill shall be referred to some committee, unless the House unanimously agrees, without debate, to dispense with reference. *Provided,* a request to dispense with reference to committee shall not be in order unless the call of the roll of the House has been taken that day and the Speaker has determined a quorum to be present.

5.7 Upon the second reading of a bill, after all amendments and motions have been disposed of, the question shall be the passage of the bill. Upon a decision in the affirmative, the order shall be made accordingly and the bill shall take its place on the Calendar for third reading.

5.8 At the third reading of a bill, the bill shall be read by its title only. If the bill originated in the House, the question then shall be the passage of the bill. On a bill which originated in the Senate, if no amendment has been made by the House, the question shall be the passage of the bill and in the case of an affirmative vote, the title 'Bill' shall be changed to an 'Act' and the act shall be enrolled for ratification.

If the bill has been amended in the House, the question shall be the passage of the bill, as amended, and in the event of an affirmative vote, the bill, as amended, shall be returned to the Senate.

5.9 All bills and resolutions reported by a committee shall, as a matter of course, be printed, together with the report of a committee. A bill or joint resolution shall be reprinted following its second reading, if amended by the House, reflecting the substance of the bill in its amended form. Every committee report which amends the provisions of legislation referred to such committee shall give the full text of the section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a section as it would read with such amendment inserted therein. If this rule is not complied with, the committee report shall be amended so as to conform to this rule before the bill or joint resolution is considered by the House. This shall be the responsibility of the committee chairman.

5.10 No local bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one day prior to such reading. *Provided*, that no statewide bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading unless said bill or resolution has been set for Special Order consideration as provided for by Rule 6.3(15)(b). *Provided,* further, no General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of the State Government shall receive a second reading unless printed copies of such Appropriations Bill shall have been laid on the desks of members at least three legislative days prior to second reading.

5.11 Any bill, resolution, report, or other paper which has been under consideration, may, at the Speaker's discretion, be ordered to be printed for distribution to the members.

5.12 No bill or joint resolution from the Senate shall be considered

unless received by April tenth in the House. Provided, such bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the Calendar for further consideration if two-thirds of those members present and voting agree to waive the rule. Any bill or joint resolution failing to receive the required vote shall be returned to the appropriate committee. Once voted on and rejected, no further vote shall be allowed to waive this rule.

The motion to waive this rule shall not be debatable, except that the mover shall have the right to make a three-minute explanation of his motion.

The provisions of this rule shall apply only to regular sessions of the General Assembly as opposed to special sessions of the General Assembly.

The Speaker shall enforce the deadlines provided by this rule and shall not allow consideration without putting the question of waiver before the House.

5.13 Each bill effecting the expenditures of money by the State or directly affecting state revenues shall, prior to receiving second reading, have attached to it in writing such comment of the appropriate state official or office as may appear appropriate regarding the bill's effect on the finances of the State. Each committee amendment that substantially changes a bill effecting expenditures of money by the State or directly affecting state revenues, prior to the bill receiving second reading, shall have attached to the committee amendment such comment of the appropriate state official or office as may appear appropriate regarding the committee amendment's effect on the finances of the State. Provided, however, this rule shall not be invoked where the amount is shown in the bill.

Committee chairmen shall satisfy these requirements of a fiscal impact statement prior to the bill receiving second reading.

5.14 No report of a Committee on Conference or Free Conference, except on a *Sine Die* Resolution or local matters, shall be considered until such report has been printed in the House Journal and explained by the conferees on the floor of the House.

Provided, no report of a Committee on Conference or Free Conference concerning the General Appropriations Bills, Supplemental Appropriations Bills for the ordinary expenses of State Government, or legislation appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund, shall be considered until such report has been made available online to the public for at least twenty-four hours.

The provisions of this paragraph may be specifically dispensed with by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House, a quorum being present.

5.15 The printing of any document required to be printed under the Rules of the House may specifically be dispensed with by two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting of the House, a quorum being present; *provided*, such vote shall be by division vote; *provided*, however, the printing of any bill which has not been referred to committee shall not be waived.

5.16 Should any member seek immediate consideration of any House or Concurrent Resolution, the resolution shall receive immediate consideration unless five members object. If immediate consideration of such resolution is not sought, or in the event five members do object where immediate consideration is sought, the resolution shall be referred to an appropriate committee and shall not be considered by the House until after the committee has made its report and at that time shall take its place on the Calendar. *Provided,* however, a House or Concurrent Resolution concerning *Sine Die* Adjournment under Article III, Section 21 of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 2-1-180 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, shall receive immediate consideration, which shall include the motion to commit or recommit.

A House or Concurrent Resolution sponsored by a committee shall receive immediate consideration if so requested by a member unless five members object, in which case it shall take its place on the Calendar without the necessity of being referred to a committee. Such resolution shall be printed in the same manner as is prescribed in Rule 5.9 for the printing of bills.

Provided, however, the Clerk shall prepare forms for House Resolutions expressing the sympathy or congratulations of the members of the House. Any member wishing to sponsor such a resolution shall forward in writing on a form prepared by the Clerk information sufficient to prepare the resolution. The Speaker shall sign the resolution on behalf of the membership. Such resolutions shall not be read to the House or printed in the Journal except upon the request of ten members. The Speaker may refer any such resolution to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and, in such event, the resolutions must be approved by the committee or if the committee recommends, by the House.

When the roll of the House is added by unanimous consent to a House

or Concurrent Resolution, the Clerk of the House shall maintain possession of such resolution until noon on the following legislative day. A member of the House who does not wish to have his name included on a House or Concurrent Resolution when the roll of the House is added by unanimous consent may request, on a form provided by the Clerk, that his name be removed from the resolution. The Clerk shall remove the member's name from such resolution if the request is received by noon on the following legislative day. After such time, a member who was not present when the roll of the House was added by unanimous consent to a House or Concurrent Resolution, shall be permitted to add a written statement, in less than two hundred words, in the appropriate journal stating that had the member been present in the chamber, he or she would not have voted in favor of the resolution.

5.17 (A) Upon the consideration of any statewide uncontested bill or joint resolution, an objection or request for debate by five (5) members at any time prevents the consideration of the statewide bill or resolution and it then must be placed upon the statewide contested Calendar and remain on it until one (1) or more objections or requests for debate are formally withdrawn from the floor, and if there are not further objections or requests for debate entered at that time so that the total number of outstanding cumulative objections or requests for debate is less than five (5) or more, the statewide bill or resolution shall then receive immediate consideration if there is any time remaining in the applicable period for that statewide day for that bill or resolution.

(B) Upon the consideration of any local uncontested bill or joint resolution, an objection or request for debate by three (3) members at any time prevents the consideration of the local bill or resolution and it then must be placed upon the local contested Calendar and remain on it until one (1) or more objections or requests for debate are formally withdrawn from the floor, and if there are not further objections or requests for debate entered at that time so that the total number of outstanding objections or requests for debate is less than three (3), the local bill or resolution shall then receive immediate consideration if there is any time remaining in the applicable period for that day for that local bill or resolution.

5.18 If any bill or resolution shall be recommitted to a committee or referred to another committee retaining its place on the Calendar, the same may be listed on the Calendar by number only until it is returned

to the floor for debate or such action as may be appropriate.

Any bill, resolution, or report upon which debate has been adjourned may be listed on the Calendar by number only until the date for consideration has been reached.

5.19 a. No member shall speak more than twice on the main question of a bill or resolution being considered for any reading and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. No member shall speak more than twice upon an amendment or a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than ten minutes each time. However, if the previous question has been invoked, no member may speak more than twice on a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than the amount of time remaining for debate of the underlying motion; *provided*, that proposed amendments announced and introduced by the Reading Clerk shall be considered prior to a member speaking on the bill. No member shall speak more than twice on Senate amendments to a House bill and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. The House may, however, by consent of a majority of the members present and voting suspend the operation of this rule during any debate on any particular question before the House.

Provided, each bill or joint resolution, prior to receiving second reading, must be explained for a minimum of ten minutes or until all questions from House members are addressed, whichever occurs first. The committee chairman of the committee to which a bill or joint resolution was referred, the committee chairman's designee, the sponsor(s) of the bill or joint resolution, and other members of the House may jointly explain the bill or joint resolution in order to provide the required explanation.

b. Subsection a. of this rule shall be applicable on a section-by-section basis on debate upon the General Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, or the bond bills but shall not apply to bills on reapportionment.

c. The question of granting Free Conference Powers shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the House and is not debatable. No member shall speak more than twice on the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the

second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. When the pending question is adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report, the yeas and nays must be taken by roll call and the votes on it must be recorded by name in the Journal. Furthermore, the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report is subject to the provisions of Rule 8.6.

5.20 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other House Rule, no House or Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, or any state or federal department, agency, or official shall receive immediate consideration but shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and shall remain in such committee unless three members of the committee vote to report the resolution out of committee. No such resolution may be recalled from committee.

5.21 (A) A member of the House may request that a bill or joint resolution under consideration for second reading be read aloud to the chamber. Provided, further, the bill or joint resolution must be read aloud before receiving a vote on the question of second reading.

(B) The member requesting that a bill or joint resolution be read aloud may withdraw the request and shall ask to be recognized in order to withdraw the request. No other request to read the bill or joint resolution may be entertained by the House. After a bill or joint resolution has been read aloud, any additional requests to read the same bill or joint resolution are out of order.

(C) A member who requests that a bill or joint resolution be read aloud must remain seated in their assigned seat in the House chamber while the bill or joint resolution is read. If the member making the request fails or refuses to remain seated in his assigned seat, the request to have the bill or joint resolution read aloud must be considered withdrawn. The Speaker shall enforce the provisions of this subsection.

(D) The Speaker will accept no motion other than the motion to adjourn while the bill or joint resolution is being read aloud, but the adoption of a motion to adjourn does not dispense with the requirement to comply with a request to read a bill or joint resolution pursuant to this rule.

Rule 6

Daily Order of Business and Calendar

6.1 a. The House shall meet each legislative day at 12:00 Noon every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. every Thursday and Friday unless otherwise ordered by the House. *Provided*, that by motion made at any time the House by majority vote may fix the day and hour at which time the House shall next meet (not to exceed constitutional limitations) and this shall be decided without debate.

Provided, further, that during the first three weeks of the legislative session, unless a majority of the House members present object, on Wednesdays the House shall meet at 2:00 p.m. to provide time in the morning hours for committees to meet and hearings to be held.

Provided, further, that unless ordered otherwise, the House shall consider only local uncontested matters and bills and resolutions that have received unanimous consent for third reading on Friday of each week.

b. The Speaker, in his sole discretion, is authorized to call the House of Representatives into statewide session for the exclusive purpose of the introduction and referral of bills and resolutions and receipt and reading of communications and committee reports and to adjourn immediately thereafter with no roll to be taken. Any such action by the Speaker shall provide the specific date of the statewide session and shall provide that the House of Representatives must convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn not later than 10:30 a.m. on these days. Provided, that a statewide session held pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered in calculating the provisions of Rules 5.10 and 9.1.

6.2 All questions as to priority of business or as to the time when any matters shall be considered or ordered for consideration and as to a departure from the regular order of business shall be decided without debate.

6.3 The following order of business shall be enforced every day by the Speaker, except that Special Orders as defined in subsection 14a of this rule shall be considered at the time and place set:

1. a. prayer;

b. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America;

2. corrections to the Journal;

3. receipt of communications including messages from the Senate;

4. reports of committees including Conference and Free Conference;

5. first reading of House resolutions, concurrent resolutions, committee reports on resolutions, joint resolutions, and bills upon the desk;

6. call of the roll of the House;

7. a. consideration of local uncontested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;
b. consideration of local uncontested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

8. Special introductions, recognitions, and announcements, the sum total of which may not exceed fifteen minutes with no more than eight special introductions, recognitions, or announcements, each one not exceeding ninety seconds. However, nothing contained herein limits the discretion of the Speaker to allow such special introductions, recognitions, and announcements during roll call voting as he deems appropriate;

9. a. consideration of statewide uncontested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;
b. consideration of statewide uncontested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

10. withdrawal of objections and requests for debate;

11. consideration of pending motions to reconsider;

12. a. consideration of unanimous consent requests;
b. consideration of vetoes;
c. consideration of Senate amendments;
d. consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;

13. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on third reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

14. a. motion period;

b. consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

15. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

a. Notwithstanding the order of business set forth in Rule 6.3 a matter may be set for Special Order for consideration on a particular day at a particular hour or at a particular place on the Calendar.

b. Special orders may be set for appropriations bills and local bills by majority vote of the House. Special orders on all other bills on the Calendar shall be set only by written resolution, which has been referred to the Rules Committee or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of that committee and agreed to by majority of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report; *provided*, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 governing the amendability of bills and resolutions, no amendments may be offered to any Special Order resolution, which amendments do not pertain to the bill which is the subject of the Special Order resolution, except as to the time and date called for in such resolution.

Provided, that for the purpose of explaining any Special Order resolution the time limit for opponents shall not exceed five minutes and the time limit for proponents shall not exceed five minutes.

c. A Special Order set for a certain day and hour, not being considered by the House at the hour named, shall be transferred by the Clerk of the House to the Special Orders of the following day until disposed of, in the chronological order of original appointment.

Any member may insist upon a Special Order of the Day, or other Special Orders, until it be discharged.

d. The motion period provided for the daily order of business under Rule 6.3 shall be limited to ten minutes only.

Provided, however, that time consumed by roll call votes shall not be construed as part of time allotted to said motions period.

e. Consideration of uncontested local bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 7a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of ten minutes only. Consideration of contested local bills and joint resolutions on second and third readings as provided in subsections 12b and 14b of this rule is limited to a total

of ten minutes for second reading bills and joint resolutions and ten minutes for third reading bills and joint resolutions.

f. Consideration of uncontested statewide bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 8a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes only.

g. No debate shall be allowed in the uncontested period, *provided,* however, the Speaker may recognize a proponent and opponent of any uncontested bill or joint resolution for a brief explanation of their position.

h. Consideration of unanimous consent requests as provided for in subsection 12 of this rule shall be limited to five minutes only. No unanimous consent requests except those unanimous consent requests dealing with the pending matter may be considered at any time other than during the time provided for in subsection 12 of this rule.

6.4 A debate interrupted by a simple adjournment shall afterwards be resumed at the point of interruption as if debate had been formally adjourned. A matter interrupted by a call for the Orders of the Day shall, after the Orders have been disposed of, be resumed at the point of interruption before any other question.

6.5 Messages may be received at any time while the door is open, except while a question is being put, or a ballot, or a *viva voce* vote is taken. A message shall be presented to the House by the Speaker when received, or afterwards, according to its nature, and the business in which the House is engaged, or its consideration may, on motion, be ordered by the House.

6.6 In all particulars not determined by these rules, or by the laws of the Constitution of this State, or of the United States, the practice of this House shall conform to its previous usage, or be guided by parliamentary law as it may be collected from the best authorities, *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* being the preferred parliamentary authority.

Rule 7

Voting

7.1 If, upon a question by acclamation, the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall proceed with a division vote by voting on the electronic roll call board. If the electronic roll call board

malfunctions, the Speaker shall proceed to call the division vote by voice vote. When division votes are made by use of the electronic roll call equipment, no individual votes shall be recorded. The Speaker shall state: 'The pending question is..... (designating the matter to be voted upon)'. The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and announce that voting will proceed. He shall then sound the bell. Thirty seconds after the announcement of the commencement of the vote on the board, the Speaker shall then announce that voting is closed and shall lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to tabulate the vote on the electronic roll call board. The Speaker shall then announce the result of the vote.

7.2 The House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote on second and on third reading when an amendment has been made on third reading for the following matters, whereupon the yeas and nays shall be ordered and shall be entered by name in the House Journal, the electronic roll call system shall be used, and the procedure provided for in Rule 7.3 shall be followed:

(1) adoption of a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(2) adoption of legislation ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(3) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution establishing a fee or tax, raising an existing fee or tax, or reducing an existing fee or tax;

(4) adoption of the Annual General Appropriations Bill and any individual section of it pursuant to Rule 5.3G;

(5) adoption of a state or congressional reapportionment plan;

(6) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution directly increasing or decreasing the salary, benefits, or retirement benefits of members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the Executive Branch, or members of the Judicial Branch;

(7) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution amending the Ethics and Accountability Act or the Campaign Finance Act; and

(8) adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report pursuant to Rule 5.19c.

Provided, the House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote and shall enter the yeas and nays in the House Journal for the following questions:

(1) a question for which the Constitution of South Carolina requires the yeas and nays to be recorded;

(2) an election by the General Assembly or the House of Representatives except where the election is declared by unanimous

consent to be by declaration;

(3) adoption of an amendment to the Annual General Appropriations Bill where the amendment directly effects the raising or spending of revenue in the amount of ten thousand dollars or more;

(4) a question of overriding or sustaining an Act returned by the Governor with objections;

(5) a question for which ten members of the House request a roll call vote; and

(6) a question of concurrence, nonconcurrence, or adoption of amendments to bills or joint resolutions returned to the House with amendments by the Senate.

7.3 a. When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring the yeas and nays and the vote is to be taken by the electronic roll call system, the Speaker shall state: 'The pending question is..... (designating the matter to be voted upon)'. The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and announce: 'Roll call vote. Voting on the board'. He shall then sound the bell. Once the voting has begun, it shall not be interrupted, except for the purpose of questioning the validity of a member's vote before the result is announced.

b. Two minutes after the bell has been sounded, the Speaker shall ask the question: 'Have all members present voted?' After a pause, the Speaker shall then lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to tabulate the vote on the electronic roll call board. The Speaker shall then announce the result of the vote.

c. After the voting machine is locked, no member may change his vote and the votes of tardy members shall not be counted.

d. Subject to the provisions of Rule 2.10, the vote as electronically recorded on the roll of members shall not in any manner be altered or changed by any person.

e. No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member vote for a member. Any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member or a person not a member who shall vote or attempt to vote for a member may be punished in such manner as the House determines.

f. Any member or other person who wilfully tampers with or attempts to disarrange, deface, impair, or destroy in any manner whatsoever the electronic voting equipment or who destroys or changes the record of votes thereon shall be punished in such manner as the House determines.

Provided, however, the minimum penalty for violation of Rule 7.3 shall be a public reprimand.

g. The Speaker *Pro Tempore* or a member who has been appointed by the Speaker to preside may designate another member to cast his vote on any question while he is presiding in accordance with his instructions from the Chair.

h. A member recorded as voting while absent from the Chamber shall present to the presiding officer an affidavit attesting to this fact. Any member may also report to the presiding officer his knowledge that another member was recorded as voting while absent from the Chamber. If the affidavit of the member whose vote is in question is presented within forty-eight hours of the vote, the presiding officer shall adjust the vote totals to reflect the affidavit and order action on the question in accordance with the adjusted vote total. If the member filing the affidavit or any other member has knowledge of the identity of the person who voted for him while absent, he shall present this information to the presiding officer who shall refer it to the Ethics Committee for consideration of any recommendation of punishment in accordance with this rule.

i. Each member shall be issued one electronic card by the Sergeant at Arms to activate the voting console on his desk to operate the electronic voting system. That card may not be duplicated by the member nor may a duplicate be issued to a member. The card must not be left in the voting console at any time while the member is not within the outer doors of the Chamber. If a member loses his card, a replacement will be issued by the Sergeant at Arms at the member's expense. If a member is temporarily without his card while the House is in session, the Sergeant at Arms will provide a temporary card to that member at the member's request for that day only and that card may not be removed from the House Chamber.

7.4 If the electronic roll call machine is declared by the Speaker of the House to be inoperative, the 'Yeas' and 'Nays' shall be taken by the Reading Clerk calling each member's name in alphabetical order and each member responding by answering simply: 'Yea' or 'Nay'. Each member who may be in the House when called may give his vote.

Provided, further, that when the electronic roll call system is being used to record votes, the doors shall not be closed and members shall be permitted to vote as *provided* in Rule 7.3.

7.5 No member shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to vote after a decision shall have been announced by the Chair. After the decision of the question, a member absent may be permitted to record

the vote he would have given if present, but such vote shall not affect the previous question.

7.6 No member shall be permitted to explain his vote during a roll call, but may reduce his explanation to writing, in not more than 200 words, and upon filing said explanation with the Clerk, it shall be entered in the Journal.

7.7 When the pending question is the passage of any bill or resolution on the contested Calendar on second reading, the yeas and nays shall be taken by roll call and the votes thereon shall be recorded in the Journal.

7.8 A member of the House of Representatives may give his proxy to vote on matters before the full body to another member of the House of Representatives if that member is deployed by military order for federal military duty or state national guard duty to a combat zone for a period of more than twenty-one days during a legislative session. However, the member holding the proxy may not cast a vote for the deployed member unless the deployed member has specifically provided the voting member with written voting instructions, including, but not limited to, instruction transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, with regard to the deployed member's position on the issue. The proxy on a particular question may be used upon unanimous consent of the members of the House present and voting provided the proxy vote does not change the outcome of the question.

Rule 8

Motions and Their Precedence

8.1 No motion shall be debated until it shall have been stated by the Speaker. Any motion, if requested by the Speaker, must be reduced to writing and delivered at the desk and read, before it shall be debated.

8.2 The mover may withdraw any question or proposition before an amendment or decision, except after a demand for the yeas and nays and except after the previous question has been ordered.

8.3 No dilatory motion or amendment shall be entertained by the Speaker, prior precedents to the contrary notwithstanding.

8.4 A question before the House shall be suspended by:

1. a message;

2. a report or resolution of the Committees on Rules, Conference, Free Conference, or Invitations;

3. a question of order;

4. a question of privilege;

5. a question of taking recess;

6. any other incidental questions, such as of reading papers, dividing a question, withdrawing a motion, excusing a member from voting, or the like. *Provided*, further, the five first named may suspend even a speech; *provided*, that the fifth, if once negatived, shall not be received during the same speech without the consent of the member speaking.

8.5 When a question is under debate only those motions herein below shall be received and notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, none of such motions except the motion to adjourn or recede, a motion to continue, or a motion for the previous question shall be considered until the conclusion of such debate. Such motions shall require a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified herein:

1. to adjourn or recede;

2. to continue;

3. to lay on the table;

4. for the previous question (fifty percent of those present and voting, a quorum being present, plus five when a member has the floor at the time the motion is made);

5. to adjourn the debate to a certain day;

6. to commit or recommit.

These motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are hereinabove arranged.

Provided, a motion to reconsider shall be received and noted while a speech is being made but notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8.14, shall be considered immediately after disposal of the pending matter or pursuant to Rule 6.3(11), whichever shall come first.

8.6 The previous question upon any matter may be invoked as follows:

Upon an affirmative vote on a motion for the previous question (fifty percent of those present and voting, a quorum being present, plus five, being required to interrupt debate and a simple majority vote at all other times), the amendments then upon the desk shall be considered, but no further amendments shall be allowed to be offered unless the amendment has at least two-thirds of the membership of the House as its sponsor. The proponents of an amendment shall be allowed an opportunity to make a short explanation of his amendment for a period not to exceed three minutes, then opponents to the amendment shall be permitted not more than three minutes to oppose the proposed amendment. Then two hours of debate shall be allowed on the bill, the time being equally divided between opponents and proponents with no person to speak more than ten minutes. *Provided*, that after the previous question has been invoked, the primary sponsor of an amendment may withdraw it with unanimous consent without making a motion to table it.

Provided, the previous question may be invoked on a motion to reconsider only when the matter to be reconsidered is debatable.

Provided, a motion to adjourn debate shall be in order even though the previous question has been invoked.

Provided, further, any member who has been recognized by the Speaker and is speaking from the podium, is considered to be debating the issue and a call for the previous question, whether by the member or any other member, requires the necessary fifty percent of those present and voting plus five.

8.7 A motion to recess may state the time for reconvening and in the absence of such time stated, reconvening shall be at the call of the Chair. The Speaker may at anytime order the House to stand at ease to be reconvened at the call of the Chair.

8.8 (Reserved)

8.9 When a motion is made during a motion period, the Speaker shall entertain but one motion at a time and there shall be no substitute motions considered. The same motion may be entertained consecutively during the motion period.

8.10 Any member may without debate, call for the division of a question and the House may divide the question if the Speaker determines the question so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand entirely on its own. *Provided*, however, that a bill may not be divided into separate parts.

8.11 a. The following motions shall be decided by simple majority unless otherwise specified and without debate after any short remarks the Speaker permits:

to adjourn;
to recede;
to continue;
to lay on the table;
for the previous question (unless it is made when a member has the floor and then it requires a majority plus five);
to adjourn debate;
to commit or recommit;
to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole;
to proceed to the orders of the day;
to recur to the morning hour;
to fix the hour to which the House shall next meet;
to grant free conference powers;
to divide the question.

b. The following motions shall not be permitted at the same stage of the bill or proposition until one hour of time has elapsed since the same question was negatived:

for the previous question;
to lay on the table;
to adjourn debate;
to continue;
to commit or recommit;
to recur to the morning hour.

8.12 Motions to adjourn, to recede, and to recede subject to the call of the Chair, shall always be in order except while the House is actually engaged in deciding a question by yeas and nays or in voting *viva voce*

or in balloting. However, if a motion to adjourn or to take a recess has been negatived, no new motion to adjourn or take a recess shall be in order until fifteen minutes shall have elapsed from the decision of the former motion, even though such motion to recede might be to recede to a different time.

8.13 (Reserved)

8.14 When a question shall have been once decided in the affirmative or negative, any member who voted with the prevailing side may on the same day or the next day of the sitting of the House move for a reconsideration thereof and the House, if in session for statewide matters, shall immediately have the question of reconsideration before it. If the House is not in session for statewide matters or have before it a matter under Special Order, it shall have the question of reconsideration before it as provided in Rule 6.3. *Provided*, that, if the motion to reconsider concerns an amendment to the matter under Special Order, the House shall immediately have the question of reconsideration before it. If the House shall refuse to reconsider, or, upon reconsideration, shall affirm its first decision, no further motion shall be in order except by unanimous consent; *provided*, that once a motion to reconsider is made it may not be withdrawn except in the same day in which it was made.

Provided, that a motion to reconsider shall not be allowed if the bill, resolution, message, report, amendment, motion, or the paper upon which the vote was taken shall have gone out of the possession of the House.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table. If such motion be laid on the table, it shall be deemed a final disposition of the motion.

8.15 A member may move to continue a matter when called on the Calendar to the next session, but not to a specific date in the next session; and if the House agrees thereto, the matter shall be thereupon continued to the next session, and the Clerk of the House shall make up a Calendar of all the matters so continued, placing the same thereupon, in the order in which they have been continued. At the ensuing session the continued matters shall be taken up and considered in the same stage in which they were when so continued and shall have priority according to the last order for consideration made upon them.

If a motion to continue, having received an affirmative vote, shall be reconsidered and thereupon such motion to continue shall receive a

negative vote, the matter shall be taken up in its original place on the Calendar.

Rule 9

Amendments

9.1 A bill which originated in the House, or which, having originated in the Senate and having been amended by the House, shall be returned from the Senate with amendments, such bill as amended shall be printed, placed on the House Calendar, and shall not be considered until its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar for at least one statewide day prior to such reading. *Provided*, however, that this requirement shall not apply to local bills; nor shall this requirement apply to bills returned from the Senate with amendments during any extension of the session under Section 2-1-180 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, or to bills returned from the Senate with amendments during an extra session pursuant to Article IV, Section 19 of the South Carolina Constitution.

The General Appropriations Bill, Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of State Government, and legislation appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund, having been returned from the Senate with amendments, shall not be considered until:

(1) their number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar; and

(2) their contents, as amended, have been made available online to the public for at least forty-eight hours.

The consideration of amendments shall have precedence over a motion to either concur or nonconcur in the Senate amendments. Once the matter is amended and all pending amendments are considered, then said bill is returned to the Senate for consideration.

If no amendments have been adopted by the House then the question shall be: 'Will the House agree to the Senate amendment?' A decision in the negative shall be a rejection. Upon a decision in the affirmative, the title of the bill shall be changed to an act an ordered to be enrolled.

9.2 At the third reading of a bill, no amendment shall be permitted without unanimous consent, except that the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means may (if he shall have given notice at the second reading of his intention to offer amendments at the third) be permitted to offer amendments to any appropriations bill, as may be pertinent to the

bill. The chairman of any committee may (if he has given notice at the second reading of his intention to offer amendments at the third) be permitted to offer technical amendments to any bill which has been reported from his committee; and

Provided, that the House may, in its discretion, commit or recommit any bill at its third reading and after the report of the committee any amendment which it shall recommend may be adopted.

9.3 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment unless it refers to the intent of the motion or proposition under consideration. *Provided*, further, that nothing shall prevent the adoption of an amendment which rewrites the bill in its entirety if the bill as rewritten remains germane to the original title of the bill. *Provided*, further, that in determining whether or not any amendment be germane, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be guided by precedents of the House of Representatives to the extent available.

9.4 A proposed amendment shall be in order regardless of the number of changes proposed therein to the matter under debate, *provided* such amendment is otherwise in order. Proposed amendments must be typewritten and in the proper format for the computer system except as allowed by the Speaker at his discretion.

9.5 Proposed amendments to any matter before the House shall be initially considered in the order in which received.

9.6 Proposed amendments to local bills may not impact, affect, or reference any portion of a county other than the county originally referenced in the local bill.

Rule 10

Miscellaneous

10.1 Only the following persons shall be admitted within the House Chamber during a session of the House unless otherwise authorized by House Resolution.

The present and former members and officers and present employees of the House of Representatives; the members of the Press as designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Governor; the

Lieutenant Governor; each statewide constitutional officer; the present members, officers, and employees of the Senate; the present employees of the Legislative Council; dignitaries and the family of members designated by the Speaker, employees of the respective legislative delegations; the employees of legislative caucuses, and such persons as may be invited by resolution of the House; *provided*, however, that employees of legislative caucuses, legislative delegations, the Senate, state agencies, and other branches of state government that are authorized admittance must remain behind the rail in the back of the Chamber at all times when the House is in session; *provided*, no seat in the House shall be occupied by anyone except the members thereof. No lobbyist, including former members registered as lobbyists, shall be admitted within the Hall without special leave of the House. No former member seeking personal favors nor any former member who has filed as a candidate or is a candidate for a position which is elected by the General Assembly shall be admitted within the outer doors of the Chamber without special leave of the House. *Provided*, that no member of the Press may conduct interviews within the House Chamber while the House is in session.

Provided, that notwithstanding other provisions of this rule, access within the outer doors of the Chamber is denied to any former House member who has been convicted of a crime, the conviction of which would impose a maximum penalty of imprisonment of one year or more. This paragraph does not apply to a former House member who is re-elected to either House of the General Assembly after the conviction of the crime referred to in this paragraph.

10.2 Whenever the pronoun ‘he’ appears in any rule, it shall be deemed to designate either masculine or feminine. The words ‘person’ and ‘party’ and any other word importing the singular number used in any bill or resolution shall be held to include the plural and to include firms, companies, associations, and corporations and all words in the plural shall apply also to the singular in all cases in which the spirit and intent of the bill or resolution may require it. All words in a bill or resolution importing the masculine gender shall apply to females also and words in the feminine gender shall apply to males. And all words importing the present tense shall apply to the future also.

10.3 Definitions of measures:

1. ‘Resolutions’ This term includes:

a. 'House Resolution' which affects only the action of the House and the members thereof. It requires only one reading for adoption, and shall not be submitted to the Senate.

b. 'Concurrent Resolution' which affects only the action of the General Assembly and the members thereof. It requires only one reading in each House for adoption.

c. 'Joint Resolution' which shall have the same force of law as an act, but is a temporary measure, dying when its subject matter is completed. It requires the same treatment as a bill does in its passage through both Houses, but its title after passage shall not be changed to that of an act; and when used to propose an amendment to the Constitution it does not require the approval of the Governor.

2. 'Bill' A bill is the term applied to a measure introduced in either House designed to become a permanent law (or an 'act').

It must be read and adopted three times on three separate days in each House, following which its title is changed to that of an act.

3. 'Act' An act is the term applied to a bill that has passed both Houses, been ratified by the presiding officer of each House and signed by the Governor or passed over his veto. It is a permanent measure, having the force of law until repealed.

4. 'Veto' The term used for disapproval of a bill or joint resolution by the Governor. It may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting with at least two-thirds of a quorum voting to override. This requirement is set forth in Article IV, Section 21, of the South Carolina Constitution and defined by the decisions of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

10.4 The House shall not accept any invitations to attend functions (social or otherwise) which are to be held at a club or organization which does not admit as members persons of all races, religions, colors, sexes, or national origins. All invitations received shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and the five House members on the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions shall have the duty of recommending to the House which invitations should be accepted.

10.5 Each member of the House shall be entitled to appoint one individual as a House page to perform such duties as determined by the

Speaker. The provisions of this rule shall be contingent upon the General Assembly providing for at least one hundred twenty–four House pages in the annual General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year during which such session shall take place. Any additional House pages authorized shall be appointed by the Speaker in his sole discretion.

10.6 Laptop computers located in the House Chamber may not be removed from the Chamber.

10.7 No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted in any area under the exclusive control of the House of Representatives unless the area is otherwise designated a 'smoking area' by the Speaker. Smoking for purposes of this rule includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted smoking equipment. *Provided*, further, that the consumption of food is not permitted within the House Chamber.

10.8 (Reserved)

10.9 House Resolutions granting the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber to persons not otherwise granted the privilege pursuant to House Rule 10.1 are limited to the following conditions:

(a) The privilege of admittance to the House Chamber is limited to school teams or school groups that have won state or national championships or received statewide or national awards. Individual persons are not granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber.

(b) School teams or groups may be scheduled for the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber only on Wednesdays and Thursdays that the House is in session, and no more than two teams or groups may be scheduled in one day. *Provided*, further, that no school teams or groups may be granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber during the last week of the regularly scheduled legislative session.

(c) The House member wishing for the qualified school team or group to have privilege of admittance to the House Chamber shall introduce a House Resolution granting the privilege on a 'date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House'. The House of Representatives shall adopt the resolution in order for the team or group to be granted the privilege. *Provided*, the school team or group's list of members, coaches, mascot, and other appropriate school officials must be listed on the House Calendar for the day in which they are granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber. The House member

sponsoring the resolution shall provide the appropriate information to the Clerk five days in advance of the school team or group scheduled admittance to the House Chamber.

(d) All other teams, groups, or individuals not otherwise allowed the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber may be recognized in the balcony of the House Chamber at a 'time determined by the Speaker of the House'. *Provided*, no presentation either within the House Chamber or in the balcony may exceed five minutes, and no one, other than a House member, may speak or make remarks during a presentation.

10.10 The use of audible pagers, cell phones, and any other personal communication device by any person is prohibited in the House Chamber when the House is in session and when the General Assembly is meeting in Joint Session. The use of these devices by any person is also prohibited in House committee meetings and subcommittee meetings. These devices must be turned off, or placed in a silent mode, such as vibrate, prior to being carried into the House Chamber, committee meetings, or subcommittee meetings. Should a device which has been placed in a silent mode activate in the Chamber, a committee meeting, or subcommittee meeting the person possessing the device must exit the Chamber, committee room, or subcommittee room prior to responding in any fashion.

10.11 The Clerk's office shall establish procedures for providing House members with certificates commemorating birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, achievements, awards, etc. as needed. House members shall request certificates in writing and provide the Clerk's office with the information necessary to complete the certificates.

The Clerk's office also shall establish procedures whereby members may have House certificates and House and Concurrent Resolutions framed at local businesses providing framing services within the Columbia area during the legislative session. House members are responsible for paying for all framing services within a timely manner.

The Clerk's office shall establish procedures whereby staff shall deliver framing requests to local businesses no more than one time each legislative day. *Provided*, further, the Clerk's office shall establish procedures whereby staff shall pickup framing requests from local businesses no more than one time each legislative day. Framing requests will not be delivered or picked up on nonlegislative days. All framing requests, upon their completion and pickup, must be delivered to the House member on the State House complex. House staff may not deliver

framing requests to members outside the State House complex.

10.12 The Speaker shall establish procedures for the hiring of staff for the House of Representatives. The procedures must provide that a list of the most qualified applicants shall be submitted to the appropriate supervisory authority for consideration. The appropriate supervisory authority shall select an applicant from the list. If the appropriate authority determines no applicant to be acceptable the application process will reopen and a new list of most qualified applicants shall be submitted to the appropriate supervisory authority. The appropriate supervisory authority's selected applicant then must be submitted to the Speaker of the House for final appointment as a member of the staff of the House of Representatives.

For purposes of this rule the Speaker of the House and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* are the supervisory authority for their respective offices. The Committee Chairmen are the supervisory authority for their respective committees, and the Sergeant at Arms is the supervisory authority for security personnel necessary for the proper performance of the Sergeant at Arms' office and security needs of the House Chamber, Solomon Blatt Building, and other areas under the Sergeant at Arms' jurisdiction. The Clerk is the appropriate supervisory authority for administrative and clerical staff of the House necessary for the proper operation of the Clerk's Office and the general administrative and clerical needs of the House.

Provided, the appropriate supervisory authority's selected applicant must be submitted to the Speaker of the House for final appointment as a member of the staff of the House of Representatives.

10.13 The Speaker shall conduct reviews of employee salaries and compensation and shall, upon consultation with the appropriate supervisory authority, set the salary and compensation of new and current employees.

10.14 (A) Gifts intended for members of the House of Representatives, whether individually or collectively as a body, may not be delivered to the chamber of the House of Representatives for distribution or placement on members' desks. A gift may be delivered to the members' offices with the presumption under penalty of perjury that the gift is not reportable on the member's Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. When, however, the gift is reportable on the member's Statement

of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710, the individual or officer providing the gift must deliver correspondence to the offices of the members of the House announcing their intention to provide a gift to the members and at that time must provide a statement of value to the House Ethics Committee. A member may choose to opt in to the receipt of all or specific gifts to be delivered to the member's office by notifying the appropriate giver of the gift in writing of such desire within seven (7) days of receipt of correspondence.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall strictly enforce the provisions of this rule.

10.15 Members, all employees of the House, and guests are expected to dress in business professional attire unless otherwise excused by the Speaker in his sole discretion. Examples of business professional attire include, but are not limited to, dress or sport coat, trousers, shirt and tie for males and dress, skirt, slacks and blouse, or suits for females.

10.16 No employee of the House shall personally interest or concern himself with the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever. If any employee does so, it shall be grounds for summary dismissal. While within the House Chamber during session, no one may personally, or in an official or representative capacity, concern himself with the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever, except sitting members of the General Assembly and House staff in the usual and ordinary performance of their duties as an employee of the House. The Speaker may require immediate removal from the House Chamber of any person who violates the provisions of this rule."

The Resolution was adopted.

ELECTION OF OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for eight members of the House Operations and Management Committee.

Pursuant to House Rule 4.2, the House must elect four members of the majority party to the Operations and Management Committee.

The following names for the majority party were placed in nomination: Reps. CHAPMAN, B. L. COX, HADDON and VAUGHAN.

On motion of Rep. FORREST, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominees.

Pursuant to House Rule 4.2, the House must elect four members of the minority party to the Operations and Management Committee.

The following names for the minority party were placed in nomination: Reps. SPANN-WILDER, GRANT, REESE and BAUER.

On motion of Rep. FORREST, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominees.

Whereupon, the SPEAKER announced that Reps. CHAPMAN, B. L. COX, HADDON, VAUGHAN, SPANN-WILDER, GRANT, REESE and BAUER, having received the necessary number of the votes cast, were duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER announced that nominations were in order for ten members of the House Ethics Committee.

Pursuant to House Rule 4.16, the House must elect five members of the majority party to the Ethics Committee.

The following names were placed in nomination: Reps. CALHOON, COLLINS, GUEST, JORDAN, ROBBINS and WHITE.

The following named Representatives voted for Calhoon:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch

Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—110

The following named Representatives voted for Collins:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—92

The following named Representatives voted against Collins:

Beach	Cromer	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Terribile	White

Total--9

The following named Representatives voted for Guest:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total—109

The following named Representatives voted for Jordan:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—110

The following named Representatives voted for Robbins:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—108

The following named Representatives voted for White:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
T. A. Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Reese	Terribile	White

Total—21

The following named Representatives voted against White:
Rivers

Total--1

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Representatives voting	112
Of which Calhoon received	110
Of which Collins received	92
Of which Guest received	109
Of which Jordan received	110
Of which Robbins received	108
Of which White received	21

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted for six candidates for the Ethics Committee majority party instead of five candidates. I wish the record to show I intended to vote for the following five candidates for the Ethics Committee: Calhoon, Collins, Guest, Robbins, and White.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

Pursuant to Rule 4.16, the House must elect five members who are not members of the majority party.

The following names were placed in nomination: Reps. BERNSTEIN, KING, RUTHERFORD, STAVRINKIS and WEEKS.

On motion of Rep. RUTHERFORD, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominees.

Whereupon, the SPEAKER announced that Reps. CALHOON, COLLINS, GUEST, JORDAN, ROBBINS, BERNSTEIN, KING, RUTHERFORD, STAVRINAKIS and WEEKS, having received the necessary number of the votes cast, were duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

HOUSE TO MEET AT 10:00 A.M. TOMORROW

Rep. FORREST moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:51 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ERICKSON, adjourned in memory of Marguerite Farrell Flanagan, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 29:14: "So I will again do amazing things with these people, shocking and amazing."

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we come again to soak in the many ways for our people to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Bless each and every one to do the work for the people. Bless and keep our first responders and defenders of freedom. Grant them the blessings You provide for these Representatives and Staff. Lead us this day to fulfill the commitment to serve the people of South Carolina. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bestow Your blessings on our Armed Forces and those who give of their lives to serve our Nation. Remember those who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. GRANT moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of James Lewis Solomon Jr. which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of James Lewis Solomon Jr.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Major Ralph Stoney Bates.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Today, December 4, 2024, I was unable to attend legislative session while participating at event at the White House and the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. As I continue to explore resources for my district some conflicts are unavoidable. I deeply regret not being present but always remain committed to serving my constituents in my district.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, PhD, JD
South Carolina House District 31

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The SPEAKER announced the following Standing Committee Appointments:

AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Atkinson, Lucas	Hartz, Charles V.
Bauer, Heather	Hiott, David R.
Burns, James Mikell “Mike”	Hixon, William M. “Bill”
Chumley, William M. “Bill”	May, Robert J. “RJ” III
Cromer, April	McDaniel, Annie E.
Forrest, Cally R. “Cal” Jr.	Morgan, T. Alan
Gibson, Daniel	Neese, James M. “Mike”
Haddon, Patrick B.	Rankin, Luke
Harris, Robert J. “Rob”	Reese, Robert T.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alexander, Terry
Bowers, Phillip
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"
Duncan, Adam L.
Erickson, Shannon S.
Frank, Stephen
Garvin, Kambrell H.
Gilliam, Leon D. "Doug"
Gilreath, Thomas "Lee"
Grant, Hamilton R.
Hartnett, Thomas F. "Tom" Jr.
Huff, William C. "Chris"
Kilmartin, John Gregory "Jay"
McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"
Rivers, Michael F. Sr.
Teeple, James E.
Terribile, Jackie R.
Vaughan, David

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Bailey, William H.
Bamberg, Justin T.
Bernstein, Beth E.
Brittain, Thomas C. "Case" Jr.
Calhoon, Paula Rawl
Govan, Jerry N. Jr.
Guest, Thomas Duval "Val" Jr.
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.
Johnson, Jeffrey E. "Jeff"
Jordan, Wallace H. "Jay" Jr.
King, John Richard C.
Landing, Kathy
Luck, Jason S.
Martin, David
McCabe, Donald "Ryan" Jr.
McCravy, John R. III
Mitchell, Cody T.
Moore, Travis A.
Newton, William Weston J.
Robbins, Robby
Rose, Seth
Spann-Wilder, Tiffany
Wetmore, Elizabeth "Spencer"
Wheeler, William W. "Will" III
Wickensimer, Paul B.

LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

Anderson, Carl L.
Brewer, Gary S. Jr.
Chapman, Donald G. "Don"
Gagnon, Craig A.
Gatch, Gil
Guffey, Brandon
Hager, William "Bill"
Herbkersman, William "Bill"
Johnson, Jermaine L. Sr.
Kirby, Roger K.
Lawson, M. Brian
Ligon, Thomas R. "Randy"
Oremus, Melissa Lackey
Pedalino, Fawn M.
Schuessler, Carla
Smith, Marvin "Mark"
Williams, Robert Q.
Wooten, Chris

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Beach, Thomas E.
Bustos, Joseph M. "Joe"
Cox, Bobby J.
Cox, Brandon L.
Davis, Sylleste H.
Edgerton, Sarita L.
Gilliard, Wendell G.
Hart, Christopher R. "Chris"
Holman, Harriet A.
Jones, Wendell Keith
Magnuson, Josiah
Montgomery, W. "Scott" IV
Moore, JA
Pace, Jordan S.
Sanders, Richard B. "Blake"
Sessions, Christopher "Heath"
White, Joseph S. "Joe"

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Ballentine, Nathan
Bannister, Bruce W.
Caskey, Micajah "Micah" IV
Clyburn, William "Bill"
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda
Collins, Neal
Crawford, Heather Ammons
Dillard, Chandra
Hayes, Jackie E. "Coach"
Hardee, Kevin
Hewitt, William Lee III
Hosey, Lonnie
Howard, Leon
Lowe, Phillip D. "Phil"
Long, Steven Wayne
Moss, Dennis C.
Murphy, Chris
Newton, Brandon Michael
Rutherford, J. Todd
Stavrinakis, Leonidas "Leon"
Taylor, Bill
Weeks, J. David
Whitmire, William R. "Bill"
Willis, Mark N.
Yow, Richard L. "Richie"

INTERSTATE COOPERATION COMMITTEE

Duncan, Adam L.
Gibson, N. Daniel
Govan, Jerry N. Jr.
Holman, Harriet A.
Willis, Mark N.

INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Hartnett, Thomas F. "Tom" Jr.
Lawson, M. Brian
Luck, Jason S.
Moss, Dennis C.
Yow, Richard L. "Richie"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Atkinson, Lucas
Bailey, William H.
Bowers, Phillip
Brewer, Gary S. Jr.
Garvin, Kambrell H.
Gilliam, Leon Douglas "Doug"
Johnson, Jeffrey E. "Jeff"
Jones, Wendell K.
Landing, Kathy
McCravy, John R. III
McDaniel, Annie E.
McGinnis, Timothy A. "Tim"
Moore, Travis A.
Montgomery, Scott
Rivers, Michael
Sanders, Richard B. "Blake"
Smith, Marvin "Mark"
Williams, Robert
Wickensimer, Paul B.
Wooten, Chris

REGULATIONS, ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY COMMITTEE

Alexander, Terry
Anderson, Carl L.
Bradley, Jeffrey A. "Jeff"
Gilliard, Wendell G.
Guffey, Brandon
Hartz, Charles V.
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn D.
Long, Steven Wayne
Martin, David
Moore, JA
Neese, James M. "Mike"
Taylor, Bill
Teeple, James E.

RULES COMMITTEE

Brittain, Thomas "Case" Jr.
Bustos, Joseph M. "Joe"
Caskey, Micajah P. "Micah" IV
Clyburn, William "Bill"
Forrest, Cally R. "Cal"
Hardee, Kevin J.
Hewitt, Lee
Hiott, David R.
Lowe, Phillip D. "Phil"
Mitchell, Cody
Newton, Brandon Michael
Pedalino, Fawn
Rankin, Luke
Wetmore, Elizabeth "Spencer"
Wheeler, William W. "Will" III

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

COMMITTEE OFFICERS

December 3, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Operations and Management Committee met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman	Rep. Patrick B. Haddon
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Heather Bauer
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. Brandon L. Cox
Secretary/Treasurer	Rep. Hamilton R. Grant

Sincerely,
Patrick Haddon
Chairman

December 3, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Legislative Ethics Committee met on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman	Rep. Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Rep. J. David Weeks
Secretary	Rep. Beth E. Bernstein

Sincerely,
Lauren Trask
Chief Legal Counsel

December 4, 2024
Mr. Charles F. Reid

Clerk of the House
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The House Agriculture Committee, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman	Rep. William M. "Bill" Hixon
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Patrick Haddon
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. Cal Forrest

Sincerely,
William M. "Bill" Hixon

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

On behalf of the Education and Public Works Committee, I am pleased to inform you that the Honorable Shannon Erickson has been elected unanimously and by acclamation as Chair of the committee. Additionally, the Honorable Jeff Bradley and the Honorable Terry Alexander were elected unanimously and by acclamation to the position of First and Second Vice Chair, respectively.

We look forward to the 126th session of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,
Pierce McNair
Director of Research
House Education & Public Works Committee

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867

Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Interstate Cooperation Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman	Rep. Mark N. Willis
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Daniel Gibson
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. Jerry N. Govan Jr.

Sincerely,
Mark N. Willis
Chairman

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee met today, and the following representatives have been nominated for the 126th Legislative Session:

Chairman	Rep. Dennis C. Moss
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Richie Yow
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. Brian Lawson
Secretary	Rep. Jason Luck

Sincerely,
Dennis Moss

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid,

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, the House Judiciary Committee organized. Below are the elected officials for the House Judiciary Committee for the 2025-2026 Session:

Chairman	Rep. Wm. Weston J. Newton
First Vice-Chair	Rep. Wallace H. “Jay” Jordan Jr.
Second Vice-Chair	Rep. John R. McCravy III

Sincerely,
Wm. Weston J. Newton

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
You will please take notice that the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee convened today in organizational session. The Committee elected Representative Bill Herbkersman as Chairman, Representative Gil Gatch as First Vice-Chairman, and Representative Carl Anderson as Second Vice-Chairman.

Sincerely,
Bill Herbkersman
Chairman
House Labor, Commerce & Industry Committee

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The 3M Committee elected the following officers for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session:

Chairman	Rep. Sylleste H. Davis
Vice-Chairman	Rep. Bobby J. Cox

Sincerely,
Sylleste Davis

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
P.O. Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Legislative Oversight Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and elected the following officers:

Chairman	Rep. Jeffery E. "Jeff" Johnson
Vice-Chairman	Rep. Chris Wooten

Sincerely,
Jeffrey E. Johnson

December 4, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence, and Cybersecurity met on December 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing new committee officers and to adopt committee rules for the 126th Legislative Session of the South Carolina House of Representatives. The results are as follows:

Chairman:	Rep. Jeffery A. "Jeff" Bradley
First Vice-Chairman:	Rep. Carl L. Anderson
Second Vice-Chairman:	Rep. Terry Alexander

Sincerely,
Representative Jeffrey A. "Jeff" Bradley, Chairman
Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Security Committee

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
The House Rules Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 2024, and elected the following officers listed below:

Chairman	Rep. Micajah P. “Micah” Caskey IV
Vice-Chairman	Rep. Cally R. “Cal” Forrest

Sincerely,
Maggie Chappell
Assistant Legal Counsel

December 4, 2024
Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House
PO Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:
Please allow this letter to serve as notice of the officers that were elected during a meeting of the Ways and Means Committee this morning.

Chairman	Rep. Bruce Bannister
First Vice-Chairman	Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter
Second Vice-Chairman	Rep. William R. “Bill” Whitmire

Sincerely,
Bruce W. Bannister, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

Rep. FORREST moved that the House adjourn pending receipt of messages from committees to next meet at noon on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:00 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GRANT, adjourned in memory of James Lewis Solomon Jr., to meet at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build up each other as indeed you are doing."

Let us pray. Almighty Lord, You created order out of chaos and established good government to commend uprightness and punish evil wickedness. Grant and guide all who are entrusted with public office. Give them wisdom to fulfill their duties rightly and honorably. Grant these Representatives and Staff to live peaceful lives. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bestow Your blessings on our men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Look in favor on those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, December 4, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BRITTAIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Gerri McDaniel, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Gerri McDaniel.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

January 14, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.

Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Speaker:

During the 125th General Assembly, the House Legislative Oversight Committee (LOC) completed the following agency studies: Department on Aging; Jobs-Economic Development Authority; Department of Consumer Affairs; Workers' Compensation Commission; Commission on Higher Education; and Forestry Commission. The associated study reports, and other related documents, are posted on the Committee website for review.

At the Wednesday, December 4, 2024, organizational meeting, eight agencies were selected for study during the 126th General Assembly. The selected agencies are as follows: Conservation Bank; Tuition Grants Commission; Department of Insurance; State Law Enforcement Division; Department of Employment and Workforce; Department of Education; Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; and Administrative Law Court.

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

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

cc: The Honorable Charles F. Reid
Clerk, South Carolina House of Representatives

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

AGENCY **YEAR**

I. During its initial review cycle from 2015 - 2024, the House Legislative Oversight Committee completed 51 reviews of state agencies.

1. Comptroller General's Office	2015
2. Social Services, Department of	2016
3. First Steps to School Readiness	2016
4. Transportation, Department of	2016
5. Commission for the Blind	2016
6. School for the Deaf and the Blind	2016
7. State Transportation Infrastructure Bank	2017
8. Juvenile Justice, Department of	2017
9. Archives and History, Department of	2017
10. Treasurer's Office	2017
11. Law Enforcement Training Council and SC Criminal Justice Academy	2017
12. Agriculture, Department of	2017
13. Human Affairs Commission	2017
14. Department of Public Safety	2017
15. SC Election Commission	2017
16. Health and Environmental Control, Department of	2017
17. Patriots Point Development Authority	2018
18. Adjutant General's Office	2018
19. Commission for Minority Affairs	2018
20. Natural Resources, Department of	2018
21. John de La Howe School	2018
22. Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Department of	2018
23. SCETV Commission	2018
24. Revenue Department of	2018
25. Commission on Indigent Defense	2018
26. Disabilities and Special Needs, Department	2018
27. Prosecution Coordination Commission	2018
28. Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Department of	2019
29. Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School	2019
30. Motor Vehicles, Department of	2019
31. Aeronautics Commission	2019
32. Rural Infrastructure Authority	2019
33. Mental Health, Department of	2020
34. Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services, Department of	2020

35. Corrections, Department of	2020
36. Housing Finance & Development Authority	2020
37. Secretary of State's Office	2020
38. State Accident Fund	2022
39. Arts Commission	2022
40. Attorney General's Office	2022
41. Commerce, Department of	2022
42. SC Ethics Commission	2022
43. Health & Human Services, Department of	2022
44. State Library	2022
45. Probation, Pardon, & Parole, Department of	2022
46. Jobs-Economic Development Authority	2023
47. Department on Aging	2023
48. Department of Consumer Affairs	2024
49. Workers' Compensation Commission	2024
50. Commission on Higher Education	2024
51. Forestry Commission	2024

II. The House Legislative Oversight Committee continues to conduct systematic reviews of state agencies as part of its second review cycle. Below is the suggested review schedule for 2025.

- Conservation Bank
- Tuition Grants Commission
- Department of Insurance
- State Law Enforcement Division
- Department of Employment and Workforce
- Department of Education
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Administrative Law Court

III. Agencies which were identified for review as part of the first review cycle but did not receive a review.

- Board of Financial Institutions
- Retirement System Investment Commission
- State Museum Commission and Confederate Relic Room
- Sea Grants Consortium

- State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

November 21, 2024
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find S.C. Department of Public Health's (Department) designation of Ethylphenidate, including itc;; isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, in schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substance Act. Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the Department shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On October 22, 2024, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") issued a final rule to schedule Ethylphenidate (chemical name: ethyl 2-phenyl-2- (piperidin-2-yl)acetate), including itssalts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the Federal Controlled Substances Act ("CSA"), with an effective date of November 21, 2024. F.R. Vol. 89, No. 204, pp. 84281- 84286. https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024•l0-22/pdf/2024-24083. pdf. On November 21, 2024, the Department issued the enclosed scheduling order, identical in substance.

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

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

Ashley C. Biggers
Chief Counsel for Healthcare Quality Enclosure

SOUTII CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Placement of Ethylpbenidate in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-l60(C), the S.C. Department of Public Health shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a final rule placing ethylphenidate (chemical name: ethyl 2-phenyl-2- (piperidin-2-yl)acetate), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act ("CSA"), effective November 21, 2024. F.R. Volume 89, Number 204, pp. 84281-84286;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that ethylphenidate has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and tack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore be placed in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of ethylphenidate, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

Edward D. Simmer, MD, MPH, DLFAPA
Interim Director, S.C. Department of Public Health
November 21, 2024 Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

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

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I respectfully request the opportunity to address the General Assembly in joint assembly on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, for the purpose of delivering the 2021 State of the State Address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Very Truly,
Henry McMaster

Received as information.

RESIGNATION

The following was received:

August 20, 2024
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
1105 Pendleton Street, Suite 506
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mister Speaker:

Please accept this letter as notice of my immediate resignation from the South Carolina House Legislative Oversight Committee.

Please know I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee and appreciate your trust in placing me there.

Sincerely,
Russell L. Ott

Received as information.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

Office of the Speaker
South Carolina House of Representatives

August 28, 2024
The Honorable Michael F. Rivers Sr.
South Carolina House of Representatives
734 Seaside Road
St. Helena Island, South Carolina 29920

Dear Michael:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the Legislative Oversight Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

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

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

Received as information.

RESIGNATION

The following was received:

Mr. Speaker,

Serving with you in the South Carolina House of Representatives, and with so many other great colleagues and staff members, has been one of the greatest honors of my life. Working directly in the legislative process, even for a relatively brief period, has increased my confidence in our state and cemented my gratitude for your role as a bulwark for the conservative principles, freedom, and values that South Carolinians hold close. Representing my hometown and serving the people of Kershaw County at the State House has been a blessing. That blessing will

thankfully continue in a different vein as I transition to serving as Kershaw County Council Chairman in view of recently winning a primary election for that position, and in anticipation of an interim appointment by Governor McMaster. Please accept this letter as my resignation from the South Carolina House of Representatives, Seat 52, effective 5:00 PM on Friday September 13, 2024. I look forward to continuing to work with you as we improve this great state and our respective areas. Please let me know if your office needs anything else in processing this transition.

Your friend,
J. Ben Connell

Received as information.

RESIGNATION

The following was received:

Mr. Speaker,
Serving in the South Carolina House of Representatives has been the honor of my life. Because of my respect for this Body and for the residents of my district, I have made the difficult decision to resign from my seat. The residents of District 113 deserve a representative who can devote full time to their needs, and I cannot do that at this time.

With great respect and my personal thanks,
Marvin R. Pendarvis

Received as information.

INVITATIONS

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

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Bankers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Anne Gillespie

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Riley Institute at Furman University, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Dawn Brewer

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sue Martin

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of South Carolina State University, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mary Kate Mackie

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Will Frierson

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth H. Brodgon

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Foundation for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Randy Herald

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Municipal Association of South Carolina, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Ken Ivey

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the National Federation for the Blind of South Carolina, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
David Houck

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Student Loan Corporation, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Transportation Association of South Carolina, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Burr Foreman Law Firm.

Sincerely,
McKenzie Cannon

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of SC ETV, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the SC ETV Telecommunications Center.

Sincerely,
Reba Campbell

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Special Purpose Districts, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Conservation Voters of South Carolina, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited

to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Bourbon.

Sincerely,
Meagan Diedolf

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the City of Columbia, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Capitol Center Atrium.

Sincerely,
Whanna Bouknight

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of AMIKids, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
LaJoia Broughton

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Charlotte Grant

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Bar Association, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Capitol Center Atrium.

Sincerely,
Kali Turner

January 2, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Cindy Konduros

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5192
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
R.45-1, Definitions
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5193
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-2, Instructions and Certification of Managers and Clerks in the Use of Vote Recorders
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5194
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-3, Tabulating Center Personnel
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5195
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655

R.45-4, Certification of Program Instructions
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5196
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-5, Ballot Envelopes and Fold Over Ballot Cards
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5197
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-6, Defective Ballot Cards
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5198
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-7, Ballot Cards, Sealed After Tabulation
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5199
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-325, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-9, Write-in-Ballots, Sealed After Tabulation
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5201
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Emergency Election Procedures
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5202
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Poll Worker Training; Candidate Withdrawals
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5203
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Procedures for Electronic Petitions
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5204
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-10, Retention and Disposition of Certain Voting Records
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5205
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Reports to State Election Commission by County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5225
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, and 7-13-1640
Retention and Storage of Election Records and Election Equipment
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
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Document No. 5267
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140, 58-9-720, and 58-9-810
Article 6, Telecommunications Utilities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025

Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5242
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140, 58-23-590, 58-23-1010, 58-23-1070, and 58-23-1130
Article 2, Motor Carriers
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
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Document No. 5275
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 58-3-140
Written Interrogatories and Request for Production of Documents and Things
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5281
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-60
Income and Expense Statements Re Dividends
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5283
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-26-210
Authority to Engage in Activities Authorized for Federally Chartered Institutions

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

Document No. 5285
Agency: Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-1-110 and 34-26-210
Record Retention for Credit Unions
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
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Document No. 5286
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-26-210
Declaration of Dividends by State-chartered Credit Unions
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Document No. 5289
Agency: Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-1-60 and 34-50-530(A)
Retention of Bank Records
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Document No. 5290
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-26-210
Electronic Fund Transfers
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Document No. 5292
Agency: Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-1-60 and 34-50-530(A)
State Bank Dividends
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Document No. 5293
Agency: Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-26-210
Terms and Conditions for State-chartered Credit Union to Make ARM Loans
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Document No. 5271
Agency: South Carolina Conservation Bank
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 48-59-70(M)
Procurement of Appraisal Services
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Document No. 5302
Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 23-23-10 et seq.
Investigation of Events Requiring Withdrawal of Certification; Notification to Officer

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Document No. 5304
Agency: South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 23-23-10 et seq.
Sanctions
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Document No. 5320
Agency: Department of Insurance
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 1-23-110 et seq., 38-3-110(2), and 38-21-300
Insurance Holding Company Systems
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Document No. 5321
Agency: State Commission on Higher Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-149-10 et seq.
LIFE Scholarship and Scholarship Enhancement
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Document No. 5322
Agency: State Commission on Higher Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-104-20
Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program

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Document No. 5272
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-38-60
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
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Document No. 5276
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Cosmetology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-13-70
Practice of Esthetics Generally; and Sanitary and Safety Rules for Salons and Schools
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Document No. 5300
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Commissioners of Pilotage
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 54-15-10, and 54-15-140
Commissioners of Pilotage
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Document No. 5301
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Social Work Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-63-70
Continuing Education Requirements
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Document No. 5306
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20 and 40-1-70
Continuing Education for Code Enforcement Officers
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Document No. 5307
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Cosmetology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-13-60 and 40-13-70
Licensure for Out-of-State Applicants
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Document No. 5309
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Cosmetology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-13-60 and 40-13-70
State Board of Cosmetology
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Document No. 5310
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-22-50(B), and 40-22-60
Units of Credit
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Document No. 5311
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Board of Genetic Counselors
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-85-10(B)(1)(d)
South Carolina Board of Genetic Counselors
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Document No. 5312
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Medical Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-47-10, 40-47-110, and 40-47-1010
Continuing Education Requirements for PAs
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Document No. 5318
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-65, 59-18-110, 59-18-300, 59-18-310(B), 59-18-320(C), 59-25-110, 59-26-10 et seq., 59-29-10 et seq., 59-33-30, 59-53-1810, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(g), 20 U.S.C. Section 6301 et seq., and Pub. L. No. 114-95
Requirements for Certification at the Advanced Level
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Document No. 5319
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-21-510, 59-33-10, and 59-33-120
Sign Language Interpreters
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Document No. 5323
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-6-10 et seq., 48-43-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Oil and Gas Exploration, Drilling, and Production
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Document No. 5324
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-55-610 et seq., 44-55-825, 44-55-827, 48-1-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024

Onsite Wastewater Systems; State Environmental Laboratory Certification Program
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Document No. 5325
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-87-10 et seq., 48-1-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards; South Carolina Air Quality Implementation Plan (State Implementation Plan or SIP); and Standards of Performance for Asbestos Projects
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Document No. 5326
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-6-10 et seq., 49-1-10, and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Permits for Construction in Navigable Waters
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Document No. 5327
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-6-10 et seq., 48-39-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Bureau of Coastal Management, Chapter 30
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Document No. 5328
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 13-7-10 et seq., 44-2-10 et seq., 44-56-10 et seq., 44-93-10 et seq., 44-96-10 et seq., 48-1-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., 48-60-5 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Bureau of Land and Water Management, Chapter 61
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Document No. 5329
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-860, 50-11-2200, and 50-11-2210
Additional Regulations Applicable to Specific Properties
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Document No. 5330
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-1910 and 50-11-1920
Deer Processors and Donated Deer Processing Fee Recovery
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Document No. 5331
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 50-11-546

Electronic Harvest Reporting of Big Game - SC Game Check
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Document No. 5332
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-60, 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-9-650, 50-11-10, 50-11-105, 50-11-300, 50-11-310, 50-11-315, 50-11-320, 50-11-365, 50-11-390, 50-11-410, 50-11-430, 50-11-500, 50-11-525, 50-11-530, 50-11-540, 50-11-544, 50-11-546, 50-11-580, 50-11-2200, and 50-11-2210
Wildlife Management Area Regulations; Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons; and Bear Hunting Rules and Seasons
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Document No. 5333
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-55-10 et seq., 46-45-80, 48-1-10 et seq., 48-6-10 et seq., 49-4-10 et seq., 49-5-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Bureau of Water, Chapter 61
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Document No. 5334
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-75-60

Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
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Document No. 5335
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-19-60, and 40-19-70
South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service
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Document No. 5336
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-35-60
South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
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Document No. 5337
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-6-10 et seq., 48-14-10 et seq., 49-11-240, and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act Regulations; Standards for Stormwater Management and Sediment Reduction
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Document No. 5338
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-15-220
Worker Walkaround Representative Designation Process
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Document No. 5339
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Pharmacy
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-43-60(D)(8), 40-43-83(I), and 40-43-86(B)(3)(c)
State Board of Pharmacy
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Document No. 5340
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-60-10(I), and 40-60-38
South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board
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Document No. 5341
Agency: Department of Public Health

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 30-4-45 and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Access to Restricted Information
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Document No. 5342
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.
Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents
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Document No. 5343
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-6-10 et seq., 48-20-10, and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Office of the Governor - Mining Council of South Carolina
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Document No. 5344
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-75-10 et seq. and 2023 Act No. 77
Athletic Trainers
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Document No. 5350
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.
Standards for Licensing Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities
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Document No. 5352
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Transfer of DPH Regulations to New Chapter and Amendment to Department of Health and Environmental Control References
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Document No. 5358
Agency: Department of Transportation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-25-170
Specific Information Service Signing
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Document No. 5360
Agency: Department of Transportation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 57-25-800 through 57-25-830
Agritourism and Tourism-Oriented Directional Signing
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Document No. 5348
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50 and 40-1-70
Fee Schedules
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Document No. 5349
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50 and 40-1-70
Fee Schedules - Biennial Adjustments
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Document No. 5351
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Athletic Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-81-70(A)(6)
State Athletic Commission
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Document No. 5353
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 41-16-140 and 41-18-120
Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
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Document No. 5354
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Examiners for Licensure of Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-75-60
Licensing Provisions for Professional Counselor Associate and Marriage and Family Therapy Associates
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Document No. 5355
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Dentistry
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-15-40
State Board of Dentistry
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Document No. 5356
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-69-60, and 40-69-70
Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
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Document No. 5347
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.

Standards for Licensing Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
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Document No. 5363
Agency: Attorney General
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-11-100 et seq.
Money Services
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Document No. 5364
Agency: Attorney General
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-1-101 et seq.
Securities
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Document No. 5365
Agency: Attorney General
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-1-101 et seq.
Securities Exemption
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Document No. 5296
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-7-2320

Approval of Kinship Family Foster Homes and Kinship Adoptive Homes for Children in Foster Care
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Document No. 5303
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 43-1-80 and 63-9-360
Certification of Adoption Investigators and Persons Obtaining Consents or Relinquishments
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Document No. 5308
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-11-30
Child Placing Agencies Regulations
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Document No. 5313
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 43-1-80
Foster Care and Adoptions
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Document No. 5315
Agency: Department of Social Services

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 43-1-80 and 63-9-1700 through 1810
Supplemental Benefits for Adoption and Medical Assistance
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Document No. 5359
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-5-60
Assessment Program
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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the Veto by the Governor on R. 200, S. 1166 by a vote of 38 to 0.

R. 200, S. 1166--AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the Veto by the Governor on R. 212, H. 4248 by a vote of 33 to 5.

R. 212, H. 4248--AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

R. 252, H. 5100—VETO RECEIVED

The following was received:

July 3, 2024
Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly:

I am vetoing and returning without my approval certain line items in R. 252, H. 5100, the FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Act.

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

Our economy is booming, once again creating a record budget surplus, this year totaling over $2.8 billion in unexpected revenue. Last year, 2023, was the second most successful year in state history for industry recruitment with $9.22 billion in new investment and 14,120 new jobs. This followed 2022, which was the most successful in history with $10.27 billion in new investments and 14,083 jobs. Since 2017, we have announced over $38.99 billion in new investments and 89,713 new jobs.

Through collaboration, cooperation, and communication, our successful partnership has produced resounding win after win for the people and prosperity of South Carolina. This year's budget includes a historic 292 proposals from my executive budget totaling $2.4 billion – this represents an increase of 126 more than were included two years ago.

In addition, and for the first time in recent memory, the General Assembly did not override a single gubernatorial veto from the FY 2023-24 General Appropriations Act.

No endeavor better illustrates our state's leadership style than the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy (SC Nexus) consortium. SC Nexus is the culmination of groundwork laid in prior years through collaborative public-private initiatives and was developed by the South Carolina Department of Commerce in collaboration with our research institutions of higher education, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses.

This budget builds on my request by providing $20 million to support SC Nexus and serve as the "state" match as required to be eligible for federal funding.

Until recently, South Carolina had the highest personal income tax rate in the southeast and the 12th highest in the nation at 7%. No more. A few years ago, I was honored to propose and sign into law the largest income tax cut in state history, followed by income tax cuts in each subsequent state budget. This budget continues to cut the state's personal income tax rate, lowering the rate from 6.4% to 6.2%.

This year taxpayers will keep an additional $199 million of their hard-

earned money instead of sending it to state government. If future revenues allow, we should continue cutting the personal income tax rate each year until we are well below the 6% rate.

In the area of K-12 education, we continue to make remarkable progress in raising teacher pay. Six years ago, the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina was $30,113, and the average teacher salary was below the Southeastern average. Today, the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina is $42,500, and the average teacher salary now exceeds the Southeastern average.

This budget increases teacher salaries by $4,500, making the new minimum starting teacher salary $47,000. My goal of a minimum starting salary of $50,000 – by 2026 – is within close sight.

We all know that cell phone use is distracting. Four years ago, I began including a proviso in my executive budgets prohibiting the use of cell phones or other personal electronic communication devices by students at school. Studies show that students' anxiety and stress related to social media are reduced when cell phone access during school hours is prohibited.

I commend the General Assembly for including this proviso in this year's state budget. Teachers should be free to teach and students free to learn without the burden of added distraction.

As you are aware, placing an armed, certified school resource officer in every school, in every county, all day, every day, has been one of my top priorities. At my request, the General Assembly began providing funds to hire more resource officers for our state's 1,284 public schools. The grant program has been very successful. This year's budget provides $2 million to continue adding officers in the remaining 175 schools without an assigned officer.

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

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

Additionally, the General Assembly agreed with my executive budget proposal to provide $1 million for operations and security for the Anne Frank Center and $1 million for the Center for Civil Rights History and Research, both located at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

To address the high demand for skills, training, and knowledge, this budget once again provides $94 million in lottery funds to South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarships (SC WINS) through the South Carolina Technical College System.

In the last four years, this very successful program has provided over 108,095 South Carolinians with scholarships to cover the cost of tuition and required fees at any of our technical colleges to earn a post-secondary or industry credential in high-demand careers like manufacturing, nursing, computer science, information technology, transportation, logistics, or construction.

Despite the high demand for skills, training, and knowledge, many colleges across the nation are seeing declining enrollments. To address these challenges, my executive budget proposed – and the General Assembly declined to fund – a systemic review of our state's 33 public institutions of higher education. I am hopeful you will reconsider next year. The time has come to evaluate whether the courses, degrees, and certificates that are offered at our public colleges and universities are meeting our state's future workforce needs.

There is no infrastructure more in need of continued investment than our state's roads, bridges, highways, and interstates. According to the Department of Transportation, there are nearly 9,000 bridges on primary and secondary roads across our state that need to be repaired, rehabilitated, or rebuilt. Many of these bridges are 60, 70, and even in excess of 80 years old and are crumbling before our eyes each day.

While the $200 million that was appropriated by the General

Assembly was less than the $500 million my executive budget proposed for emergency bridge replacement and repairs, it is nevertheless, a good start.

We cannot allow our state's culturally and environmentally significant structures, monuments, lands, islands, and waters to be overcome by development, mismanagement, flooding, erosion, or storm damage. It is our duty to preserve and protect our history, our culture, and our environment, and the public's access to them, before they are lost forever.

For the second year in a row, the General Assembly has agreed and has appropriated $30 million to the Office of Resilience and $28 million to the Conservation Land Bank and the Department of Natural Resources. These funds will enhance these agencies' existing efforts for preserving culturally or environmentally significant properties, disaster recovery, and flooding mitigation efforts.

To keep South Carolinians safe, we must maintain a robust law enforcement presence – and properly "fund the police." Our state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies have begun to stem the tide of personnel loss with recruitment and retention pay raises provided in previous years' state budgets.

This state budget continues that investment in our state law enforcement professionals by providing an additional $6.1 million for recruitment and retention pay raises. It is my hope that we will continue this annual investment in every state budget going forward.

Animal fighting, especially dog fighting, is one of the cruelest criminal activities in our society. Law enforcement estimates that most of the people participating in this barbaric activity have long criminal records.

In September 2022, a State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) agent was dedicated to combating animal fighting and working in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. Shortly thereafter, the agent helped execute one of the "biggest takedowns of a dogfighting operation in South Carolina history," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

This budget expands upon this success by providing an additional $566,000 to hire three additional SLED agents dedicated to animal fighting.

Finally, I applaud the General Assembly for their remarkable evolution and strides made with the disclosure of earmarked appropriations, which were previously shielded from public scrutiny or debate.

After decades of overriding the gubernatorial vetoes of innocuous sounding appropriation titles inside of which the earmarks were hidden, the leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives now disclose the sponsors and recipients of earmarked appropriations, as well as the activity, function, or project for which each earmark is intended.

There are approximately 512 earmarks totaling $424.7 million in the FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Bill. Many of these earmarks are investments in local governments for the purchase of new patrol cars, body armor, firetrucks, upgraded weaponry, and even K9 officers. There are earmarks for infrastructure, buildings, roads, bridges, wastewater and sewer projects, recreational parks, walking trails, and traffic improvements.

I have included a few examples of the many deliberative and meritorious “earmark” appropriations that were sponsored by members of the General Assembly.

Senator Ross Turner sponsored a $2.0 million earmark to construct a new facility for Meals on Wheels of Greenville. Research documents that food insecure seniors are 60% more likely to have congestive heart failure or suffer a heart attack and are three times more likely to suffer from depression. In 2023, Meals on Wheels of Greenville delivered 382,936 meals to 2,569 clients. With South Carolina’s population of individuals who are 60 years of age or older to grow by 27% by the year 2030, Meals on Wheels of Greenville needs a new site that will triple meal production.

Representative Chris Murphy sponsored a $500,000 earmark for Turn90 to provide reentry services to men at risk of rearrest as they return home from incarceration. For every dollar invested in Turn90, the state saves an estimated $1.76 in avoided prison costs. This

March, the Riley Institute awarded Turn90 the 2024 OneSouthCarolina Partners in Progress Award, which recognizes a significant contribution to the social and economic progress of South Carolina.

Representatives Ivory Thigpen and Annie McDaniel and Senators Vernon Stephens and Deon Tedder sponsored a $300,000 earmark to the University-Industry Demonstration Partnership (UIDP) in support of the 2025 HBCU Engage National Conference to be held in Charleston in March 2025. The UIDP supports collaborations between universities and industry by developing and disseminating strategies for addressing common issues between the two sectors. Annually, UIDP sponsors a national conference that focuses on collaborations between industries and historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to highlight academic programs and research efforts. The 2025 conference will provide an opportunity for national and international companies to visit the campuses of South Carolina's HBCUs, showcasing, promoting, and maximizing the exposures of South Carolina's HBCUs nationally.

Senator Chip Campsen sponsored an earmark of $500,000 to the town of James Island. Testing of water samples has indicated that old and failing septic tanks in the James Island Creek Watershed are the likely source of pollutants in the area. The objective of the earmark is to fund new sewer lines to replace these septic tanks, thus addressing an environmental hazard.

However, I must repeat my proposal for a better way to accomplish this transparency and accountability for the taxpayers. I once again ask the General Assembly to consider my proposal to create a public, merit-based competitive grants process for these types of appropriations, especially as it relates to non-governmental organizations.

Administered by state agencies, funds would be made available only to entities which demonstrate required community support and missions consistent with the policy goals and outcomes intended by the General Assembly. Further, all applications and award criteria would be placed online, allowing for public scrutiny and total transparency.

To my colleagues in the General Assembly, I say: The people of

South Carolina have benefited from our ongoing cooperation, communication, and collaboration. Let us continue to work together vigorously, thereby ensuring that future generations of South Carolinians can keep winning and prospering.

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

Veto 1

Department of Education, Part IB, Section 1, Page 302, Proviso 1.89, SDE: Competency-Based Education Act 127 of 2024 codified the ability of schools or school districts to implement competency-based education, which previously had been authorized by this recurring proviso in the annual general appropriations act. The law went into effect on May 13, 2024; therefore, the proviso is no longer needed.

Veto 2

Department of Education, Part IB, Section 1, Page 310, Proviso 1.122, SDE: Activity Buses

This proviso authorizes school districts to provide activity school bus access to community nonprofit organizations for non-educational purposes. This is not an appropriate use of school district resources and may raise legal, ethical or liability issues.

Veto 3

Commission on Higher Education, Part IB, Section 11, Page 351, Proviso 11.24, CHE: SC University Cyber Leadership Council.

This proviso creates the South Carolina University Cyber Leadership Council at the Commission on Higher Education.

On September 9, 2022, I issued Executive Order 2022-27, directing the South Carolina Department of Commerce to lead a collaborative effort among industry, academia,

nonprofit organizations, and government to enhance the competitive standing of South Carolina's cybersecurity ecosystem and workforce. The result of that effort is a *South Carolina Statewide Cyber Ecosystem Strategic Plan* that will be published this summer.

Individuals from several institutions of higher education participated on working groups that created the plan including representatives from Clemson University, the University of South Carolina-Columbia, The Citadel, College of Charleston, Coastal Carolina University, South Carolina State University, the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Trident Technical College, the Commission on Higher Education, and the South Carolina Technical College System.

This proviso would circumvent and possibly duplicate work that is already being done on this critical issue by the State of South Carolina through the Department of Commerce and other state agencies.

Veto 4

Clemson PSA, Part IB, Section 45, Page 398, Proviso 45.11, CU-PSA: Feasibility Study

This proviso directs the Clemson Public Service and Agriculture (PSA) to conduct a feasibility study to establish a "Center for Civic Engagement" to promote leadership and civic engagement.

The Clemson PSA website describes their mission as a "state agency comprised of four units: Clemson Experiment Station, Clemson Cooperative Extension, Livestock Poultry Health, and Regulatory Services. Clemson PSA safeguards the health and safety of livestock, poultry and companion animals and protects the food supply and public health of South Carolinians through its Livestock Poultry Health division, while PSA's Regulatory Services division ensures the safe, effective use of fertilizers and pesticides, and the quality of seeds and plants grown in the state and conducts programs that

prevent agroterrorism. Clemson PSA works collaboratively with Clemson's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences for research and outreach through the Clemson Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service. Clemson PSA outreach and research facilities also include the Clemson Experimental Forest and South Carolina Botanical Garden, and a host of centers and institutes whose missions support and advance South Carolina's agribusiness and forestry industries while also developing solutions to sustainability manage the state's natural resources." https://www.clemson.edu/public/

I do not believe this proviso is consistent with the Clemson PSA mission. An institution of higher education with an established civic entity like the Riley Institute at Furman University would be a more appropriate platform for this initiative.

Veto 5

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Part IB, Section 49, Page 404, Proviso 49.22, PRT: State Road S-46

This proviso prohibits the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism from expending funds to establish additional vehicular public access to Paris Mountain State Park in Greenville County.

Limiting the public's access to a state park through a budget proviso is not an appropriate way to address residential traffic concerns. I am therefore vetoing the proviso.

Veto 6

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Part IB, Section 49, Page 404, Proviso 49.24, PRT: Advertising Funds

This proviso directs the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism to expend advertising funds to promote "inland lakes for tourism and fishing, hunting opportunities throughout the state, and public and non-profit owned and administered trail systems in all areas of the state."

The proviso is unnecessary. The Department of Parks,

Recreation and Tourism advertising efforts already promotes and markets tourism opportunities at inland lakes and trail systems across the state.

Veto 7

Department of Environmental Services, Part IB, Section 55, Page 414, Proviso 55.25, DES: Erosion Control

Veto 8

Department of Environmental Services, Part IB, Section 55, Page 415, Proviso 55.26, DES: Beaches

These two provisos seek to alter critical beach-management policies and procedures for a single fiscal year and establish novel procedures that risk exposing the State to significant financial liability without adequate justification.

To be sure, I understand the special importance of the underlying issues to affected coastal residents. But as I noted several years ago in vetoing an eleventh-hour effort to exempt certain erosion control devices from the applicable permitting provisions, because the state has worked for decades to develop a comprehensive statutory and regulatory framework to protect our shared coastal resources, it would be unwise to enact special exceptions to the Beachfront Management Act in a hasty manner. The same rationale applies here, with even greater force.

A piecemeal attempt to address beach erosion and management through provisos, which are only in effect for one fiscal year, is not good policy.

In addition to exposing the State to significant potential legal liability and financial risk, these one-year provisos—which are seemingly intended to undo previous enforcement efforts, stall pending actions, and chill the Department of Environmental Services from initiating future ones—would, if adopted, likely lead to the inconsistent application and enforcement of critical laws and regulations designed to protect and preserve our state's pristine coastline.

For these reasons, I am vetoing these two provisos.

Veto 9

General Provisions, Part IB, Section 117, Page 543**,** Proviso 117.134, GP: Permanent Improvement Projects

S.314 (R 239) of 2024 amends the process by which public colleges and universities seek review from the Joint Bond Review Committee and approval by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority for permanent improvement projects. The proviso is no longer needed.

Veto 10

General Provisions, Part IB, Section 117, Page 555, Proviso 117.156, GP: Name Image Likeness

Act 207 of 2024 amended Act 35 of 2021 pertaining to compensation for intercollegiate athletes for Name, Image, or Likeness (NIL). The law went into effect on May 21, 2024; therefore, this proviso suspending Act 35 of 2021 is no longer needed.

Veto 11

General Provisions, Part IB, Section 117, Page 560, Proviso 117.180, GP: Federal Funds Oversight Committee

On June 22, 2022, I vetoed from the FY 2022-23 General Appropriations Act a proviso creating a similar study committee, the Justice Forty Oversight Committee, to enact the social and justice policies of President Biden and his administration.

This proviso creates the Federal Funds Oversight Committee, whose membership is essentially identical to the membership of the Justice Forty Oversight Committee. The Federal Funds Oversight Committee is "to study and oversee the expenditure of federal and other funds' effectiveness in creating targeted efforts to address long standing issues in certain rural and

urban communities in South Carolina and recommend opportunities." Without a clear definition of the issues to be addressed and opportunities created, I am vetoing this proviso.

Veto 12

General Provisions, Part IB, Section 117, Page 561, Proviso 117.183, GP: Healthcare Market Reform Measures Study Committee

This proviso creates a legislative study committee to conduct a comprehensive healthcare market reform study with its findings and recommendations required to be reported to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024.

We must strive to ensure that every South Carolinian has access to quality affordable healthcare, much of which can be accomplished by unleashing competition through the free market, and by eliminating burdensome and anti-competitive rules and regulations.

I believe that studying and working toward that goal is a worthy endeavor. However, I believe it requires more than a five-month treatment by a legislative study committee.

In addition, I remain unconvinced that the expansion of Medicaid benefits – which this legislative study committee is tasked with considering – is necessary, nor do I believe it is fiscally responsible.

I am therefore vetoing this proviso.

Veto 13

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 579, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (66) H630 - Department of Education, (b) ActivEd Walkabouts - Active Learning Program, $400,000 – **Representative Bill Whitmire and others**.

In FY 2018-19, the General Assembly created by proviso an Innovation Grants Program at the South Carolina Department

of Education, whereby providers of educational programs and services could apply for state funds. Applications are reviewed, and awards made by the Grants Committee. The objective of the Innovation Grants Program was to replace earmark appropriations with a transparent and accountable process for vetting education programs to be piloted in our public schools. Grantees are required to participate in an external evaluation as prescribed by the committee and agreed upon in the application and award process. Each year the General Assembly has funded the Innovation Grants Program using Education Improvement Act (EIA) revenues. In this budget, the General Assembly has appropriated approximately $15 million to the Grants Committee.

This veto deals with the direct appropriation of non-recurring revenues to a for-profit business, which had previously participated in the Innovation Grants Program. In FY 2021-22, ActivEd received a grant from the Innovation Grants Committee in the amount of $454,000. In FY 2023-24, ActivEd applied for a grant of $1,006,750 from the Innovation Grants Committee, but the Committee did not award any funds.

An earmark that expressly bypasses the state's procurement process and the Grants Committee process is not good policy. The vendor can apply again to the Grants Committee or can contract directly with school districts to provide its services in the upcoming school year.

Veto 14

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 580, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (69) H790 – Department of Archives and History, (a) African American Settlement Communities Historic Commission, Inc. – 1904 Long Point School House Restoration, $150,000, **Representative Kathy Landing**

Veto 15

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 584, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (78) L040 – Department

of Social Services, (l) My Community's Keeper Mentor Group – Advance Peace, $70,000, **Representative Tiffany Spann-Wilder**

Veto 16

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 588, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (85) P280 – Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, (vvv) N.O.W.W. Empowerment Housing and Community Projects, $25,000, **Representative Jackie Hayes**

Veto 17

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 589, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (86) P320 - Department of Commerce, (f) SC Center for Visual Arts – Downtown Building Revitalization Acquisition, $400,000, **Representative Carla Schuessler**

These earmarks (Vetoes 14, 15, 16, and 17) are vetoed because the entity or organization designated to receive state funds has not registered as a charity with the Secretary of State, has an expired charity status, or has not submitted an accurate annual financial report.

Section 33-56-30 of the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act (S.C. Code of Laws Section 33-56-10 et. seq.) states that "a charitable organization which intends to solicit contributions within this State or have contributions solicited on its behalf must file a registration statement with the Secretary of State, on forms prescribed by the Secretary of State, by the date provided pursuant to Section 33-56-60 (A) but in all cases before solicitation." Section 33-56-60(A) states that a charitable organization must provide an annual report of financial activities that covers "the preceding fiscal year and must be filed within four and one-half months of the close of the organization's fiscal year unless a written extension has been granted by the Secretary of State." A contribution is defined by Section 33-56-20(4) to be "the promise, grant, or pledge of money, credit assistance, or property of any kind or value." An earmark in the state general appropriations bill meets the definition of contribution.

Beginning May 1, 2024, the Secretary of State's Office assisted our Office in reviewing all nonprofit organizations that received an earmark in the Senate or House passed version of the FY 2024-25 general appropriations bill to determine if the organization had registered as a charity, if the organization had renewed its annual registration statement, and if the organization had submitted its annual financial report. My Office then communicated the information discovered with the staffs of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. Many organizations that had previously not registered with the Secretary of State's Office registered following this communication.

Veto 18

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 581, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (69) H790 – Department of Archives and History, (l) Phoenix Correspondence Commission, $50,000, **Senator Rex Rice**.

The Phoenix Correspondence Commission supports and promotes federalism, monitors the progress of passage of Article V resolutions by states to apply for a constitutional convention and facilitates states in the convening and administration of any potential Article V constitutional convention of the states.

I am supportive of the mission of the Phoenix Correspondence Commission. However, if the purpose of this earmark appropriation is intended to support members of the General Assembly's direct participation, the budgets of the House of Representatives and the Senate would be more appropriate and transparent vehicles for funding membership dues, conference registrations and travel expenses – rather than the Department of Archives and History.

Veto 19

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 584, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (75) J120 – Department of Mental Health, (d) The Giving Back Fund c/o Mental Wealth Alliance – Mental Health Gym, $175,000 –

Representative JA Moore

As I did last year, I am vetoing this earmark because this is not an appropriate use of state funds. This earmark first goes to a national charity, The Giving Back Fund, in care of the Mental Wealth Alliance. The explanation states that the funds are for operations of a mental health gym in North Charleston. There was no budget identifying how the funds are to be spent.

Veto 20

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 584, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (77) J200 – Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, (b) Decisions.org - Cope EMS Wingman App, $820,000 – **Representative Chris Murphy**

This veto deals with the appropriation of $820,000 for statewide implementation of an electronic device application that provides information and support to survivors of an overdose. The objective is that the application will increase the ability of individuals to make a long-term recovery.

Rather than funding this initiative through an earmark, the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services should make a budget request to the General Assembly for such an investment and then monitor the implementation of this technology to document evidence of any outcomes.

Veto 21

Statewide Revenue, Part IB, Section 118, Page 593, Proviso 118.20 (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (94) R600 - Department of Employment and Workforce, Heart of Life - Youth Workforce Development Program, $200,000 – **Representatives Terry Alexander and Jackie Hayes**

From the information provided, the funds will be used by the charity, Heart of Life, to provide career development services to youth between the ages of 13 and 25 at an average cost of $5,000 per participant. The CEO of Heart of Life currently works for Eckerd Connects, providing Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") services in SC Works Centers

in the Pee Dee area.

WIOA is a federal workforce development grant program administered in South Carolina through the Department of Employment and Workforce ("DEW"). The United States Department of Labor provides funds to DEW who, in turn, funds local workforce boards that competitively procure service providers whose staff assist workers in obtaining employment by providing job search assistance and core training opportunities. The Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Workforce Development Board awarded its WIOA service provider contract to Eckerd Connects.

Clearly, the work of the charity, the professional responsibilities of the charity's CEO, and the expenditure of the state's WIOA funds could be undermined by this earmark.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval the above provisions in R. 252, H. 5100, the FY 2024-25 General Appropriations Act.

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster

Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3349 -- Rep. Gilliard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO FORGIVE THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF ALL REGISTERED NURSES AND DOCTORS.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3527 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace and Cromer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOR COMMITTEES TO TAKE UP THEIR BILLS, SO AS TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH THIRTY OR MORE SPONSORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ITS REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3528 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace, Cromer and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 5.1 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THEIR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE TO BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3659 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks,

Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BMW MANUFACTURING CO., LLC, ON ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MANUFACTURING IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE'S ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3005 -- Reps. Taylor, B. Newton and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, AND TO URGE THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO LITIGATE AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO REPEAL OR NULLIFY IT, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3006 -- Reps. King, Spann-Wilder, Garvin and Grant: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BELIEF THAT A FELONY CONVICTION SHOULD NO LONGER DISQUALIFY A PERSON FROM BEING REGISTERED OR VOTING WHO IS NO LONGER INCARCERATED.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino and Hixon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor and Hixon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3102 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION IMPOSING TERM LIMITS FOR THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND COMMENDING THE COURT FOR IMPOSING AN ETHICAL JUSTICES' CODE OF CONDUCT.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3636 -- Rep. Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLEARLY ARTICULATES ITS TRUE INTENT AS IT PERTAINS TO MATTERS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, AND TO CHARACTERIZE THIS INTENTION AS THE "CRADLE TO GRAVE COMMITMENT."

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3660 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That his Excellency, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the State of South Carolina, is invited to address the General Assembly in joint session at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, in the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3009 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-165 SO

AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TO ENFORCE CERTAIN ALIMONY OBLIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO AWARD OF ALIMONY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-17-710, 63-17-720, 63-17-730, 63-17-750, 63-17-760, 63-17-850, 63-17-1010, 63-17-1020, 63-17-1050, 63-17-1210, 63-17-1410, 63-17-1510, 63-17-1810, 63-17-1890, 63-17-1910, 63-17-2310, 63-17-2320, 63-17-2330, AND ARTICLE 21 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE 63, ALL RELATING IN PART TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-350, 27-23-10, 41-35-140, 44-63-60, 44-63-80, 44-63-84, 44-63-86, AND 44-63-110, RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSES, FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, AND VITAL RECORDS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ALLOWING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3010 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CURE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 140 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA INTO A MULTISTATE COMPACT GOVERNED BY A COMMISSION THAT FACILITATES A PROCESS BY WHICH SUBSTANTIAL CASH PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR THE CURE OF CERTAIN DISEASES; TO ESTABLISH POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE DUTY TO EXPEDITIOUSLY REVIEW SUBMITTED TREATMENTS AND THERAPEUTIC PROTOCOLS FOR THE CURE OF DISEASE AND TO AWARD PRIZES FOR SUBMISSIONS THAT MEET THE COMMISSION'S STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION MEETING AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3011 -- Reps. Pope, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY

DEFINITIONS, TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARENTS HAVE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN, TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENING THOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59, AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3012 -- Reps. Pope, McCravy, Chumley and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PREGNANCY CENTER AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION (CARE) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY CENTERS CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO ENSURE THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THEIR LIFE-AFFIRMING OPERATING PRINCIPLES; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF AND MONETARY DAMAGES FOR VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3013 -- Reps. Robbins, Pope, Pedalino, McCravy and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PRIVATE FAMILY COURT CASES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3014 -- Reps. Robbins and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING IN PART TO AN UNMARRIED FATHER'S VISITATION RIGHTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO

AWARD VISITATION TO THE FATHER IF PATERNITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED OR ADJUDICATED, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3015 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-34-110, RELATING TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATIONS OF TATTOO FACILITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR SUCH A FACILITY IF ALL CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS AFFIRMATIVELY STATE THAT THEY DO NOT OBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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

H. 3016 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-19-815 SO AS TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE INTERROGATING A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR VIOLATING A CRIMINAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3017 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 44-53-398 RELATING TO THE SALE OF NONPRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 RELATING TO THE SLED ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO MONITOR THE SALE OF SUCH NONPRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3018 -- Reps. Rutherford, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LEGALIZE THE POSSESSION OF TWENTY-EIGHT GRAMS OR ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA OR TEN GRAMS OR LESS OF

HASHISH BY CERTAIN VETERANS DIAGNOSED WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3019 -- Reps. Rutherford, Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PUT PATIENTS FIRST ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGISTERED PATIENTS TO USE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, PHYSICIANS TO RECOMMEND THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA FOR THOSE PATIENTS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS REGISTERED CAREGIVERS FOR THOSE PATIENTS, ALL WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, AND PHYSICIANS FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF DISPENSARIES TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND DISPENSE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND PROTECTIONS TO DISPENSARIES FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE AND FORMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.

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

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES

MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3022 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 3023 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-310, RELATING TO THE ADULT PROTECTION COORDINATING COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT A MEMBER AGENCY NAME.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3024 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-36-330, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS RESOURCE COORDINATING CENTER, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

H. 3025 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-200, RELATING TO THE GERIATRIC PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXPAND THE POOL OF ELIGIBLE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REIMBURSABLE LOANS.

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

H. 3026 -- Reps. Beach and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO BOND AND MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SET OR DENY BOND AND DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMES THAT CARRY MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF THREE YEARS OR MORE AND WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ILLEGAL ALIENS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3027 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-25, RELATING TO MANDATED REPORTERS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3028 -- Reps. Bailey, Pope and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-25-120, RELATING TO RELEASE ON BOND AND FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN GRANTING BOND FOR VIOLENT OFFENDERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT, IN LIEU OF SETTING BOND OR AS AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF RELEASE ON BOND, TO PLACE A PERSON CHARGED WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE ON SURVEILLANCE VIA AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE NOTIFIED AT ALL TIMES OF THE PERSON'S IMMEDIATE LOCATION, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE MONITORING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3029 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-132 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTAIN SPOUSAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO OFFSET ALIMONY OWED BY THE PAYOR SPOUSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3030 -- Reps. Burns, Pedalino and Beach: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT'S SECTION 287(G) PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, UPON LEARNING OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, TO BRING UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO COMMENCE RICO-BASED SEIZURES TO SEIZE ALL ASSETS USED IN THE EFFORTS TO IMPORT UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3031 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-420, RELATING TO INTENT AND

FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE ARTICLE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS STAND YOUR GROUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE PLACES OF WORSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-430, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF STAND YOUR GROUND PROVISIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "PLACE OF WORSHIP"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-440, RELATING TO THE PRESUMPTION OF REASONABLE FEAR OF IMMINENT PERIL WHEN USING DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ANOTHER UNLAWFULLY ENTERING A RESIDENCE, OCCUPIED VEHICLE, OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3032 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-530, RELATING TO PUBLIC DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSE TO INCLUDE DISRUPTING OR DISTURBING A RELIGIOUS SERVICE OR FUNERAL IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISORDERLY CONDUCT OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-17-520 AND 16-17-525 RELATING TO DISTURBING RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND FUNERALS, RESPECTIVELY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3033 -- Reps. Chumley and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-5, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION CREATION, APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE AND SCREENING PROCESS OF JUDGES OR JUSTICES THEY APPEAR BEFORE OR HAVE APPEARED BEFORE IN THE PRECEDING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO ELECTION OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE AND SCREENING PROCESS OF

JUDGES OR JUSTICES THEY APPEAR BEFORE OR HAVE APPEARED BEFORE IN THE PRECEDING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3034 -- Reps. Collins, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FARGO'S, HYCO'S, RICO'S, COBA'S, WICK'S, AND MIKKA'S LAW" BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3035 -- Reps. Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3036 -- Reps. Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENACT THE "TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, PROVIDE A PENALTY, ALLOW VICTIMS TO SEEK ORDERS OF PROTECTION OR RESTRAINING ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "TEEN DATING VIOLENCE"; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-32-20, 59-32-30, AND 59-32-50, ALL RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, ALL SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3037 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-13-20, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN CITIZENS MAY ARREST, SO AS TO LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A CITIZEN MAY ARREST, INCLUDING TAKING THE LIFE OF THE PERSON, TO ARREST A PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED A DWELLING HOUSE WITHOUT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PERMISSION.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3038 -- Reps. Garvin and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 21 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 BY ENACTING THE "SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT."
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3039 -- Reps. Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Grant and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SENATOR CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY HATE CRIMES ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "PENALTY ENHANCEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN DELINEATED CRIMES WHEN THE VICTIM WAS INTENTIONALLY SELECTED BASED ON CERTAIN FACTORS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3040 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO DWELLINGS, STRUCTURES, ENCLOSURES, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT; AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE TO CERTAIN NONEXCLUSIVE PLACES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT PAROLE WHEN ANY TYPE OF BODILY INJURY IS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE OFFENSE.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3041 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION, AND CREATE A TWO-TIERED PENALTY SCHEME; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "ASSAULT WEAPON"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16-23-220, 16-23-230, AND 16-23-240, ALL RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION, STORING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSING AND SALE, RENTAL, OR GIVING AWAY OF MACHINE GUNS, MILITARY FIREARMS, SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS OR RIFLES, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE LIST OF WEAPONS BANNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR GIVE A FIREARM TO A PERSON WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3042 -- Reps. Guffey, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-470, RELATING TO THE CRIMES OF EAVESDROPPING, PEEPING, AND VOYEURISM, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE REALISTIC BUT FALSE IMAGES, RECORDINGS, OR DIGITAL ELECTRONIC FILES CREATED OR ALTERED USING GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORK TECHNIQUES OR OTHER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY ITEMS WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED AS EVIDENCE, AND TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL VICTIMS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3043 -- Reps. Guffey, Wooten, Pope, W. Newton and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, AND SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3044 -- Reps. Guffey, Magnuson, Chumley and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MAY ORDER SURGICAL CASTRATION FOR OFFENDERS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER CONVICTED OF CERTAIN TIER II AND III SEX OFFENSES FOR WHICH THEY MUST REGISTER ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WHEN VICTIMS ARE THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH

PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING

TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3047 -- Rep. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY RELEASING, ORGANIZING THE RELEASE OF, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH GAS THAT IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO THE DUMPING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPTIONS, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOONS IN THE LITTER STATUTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-710, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH BOND IN LIEU OF AN IMMEDIATE COURT APPEARANCE IN LITTER CONTROL PROSECUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE BALLOON STATUTE WHEN A CASH BOND IS ALLOWED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3049 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT"; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS HARM FROM A PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE, INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO LIABILITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3050 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3051 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-23-430, RELATING TO HEARINGS ON A PERSON'S FITNESS TO STAND TRIAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER INPATIENT TREATMENT OF PERSONS DETERMINED UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3052 -- Reps. Pope, Wooten, Chapman and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-605 SO AS TO CREATE AN ENHANCED PENALTY FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY CONVICTIONS AGAINST AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3053 -- Reps. Pope, Wooten and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING, OR CAUSING TO BE DISCHARGED, FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR ENCLOSURE REGULARLY OCCUPIED BY PERSONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3054 -- Reps. Taylor, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO ALLOW THAT, IN THE EVENT WAR, SOCIAL UNREST, CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, EPIDEMIC, PANDEMIC,

NATURAL DISASTER, OR ACT OF GOD RENDERS IT UNSAFE TO THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT, AT THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS APPROPRIATE, THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY OTHERWISE MEET IN ANNUAL SESSION USING REMOTE AND VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3055 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS REGARDING HARASSMENT AND STALKING OFFENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PATTERN" TO INCLUDE INCIDENCES IN WHICH ONE ACT IS COMMITTED AGAINST ONE VICTIM AND ANOTHER ACT IS COMMITTED AGAINST ANOTHER VICTIM EQUALING TWO ACTS SIMILAR IN NATURE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1710, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1720, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF HARASSMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1730, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF STALKING, ALL SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN-YEAR RESTRICTION FOR PRIOR OFFENSES AND PROVIDE THAT PROVISIONS REGARDING RESTRAINING ORDERS APPLY NO MATTER THE VICTIM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3056 -- Reps. Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3057 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE

OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3059 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-485 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "TRACKING DEVICE", TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL TRACKING, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3060 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-23-168 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURTESY SUMMONS MUST BE ISSUED WHEN CHARGES ARE DISMISSED OR NOL PROSSED AFTER A PRELIMINARY HEARING WHEN A DEFENDANT IS SUBSEQUENTLY INDICTED BY A LOCAL OR STATE GRAND JURY FOR THE ORIGINAL OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR CHARGE OR CHARGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3061 -- Reps. Rutherford, Pedalino and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-20 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY IMPERSONATING ANOTHER PERSON THROUGH THE USE OF EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, OR OTHER

INTERNET WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3062 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-335 SO AS TO REQUIRE CIRCUIT SOLICITORS TO PREPARE COST-ANALYSIS SENTENCING REPORTS REGARDING SENTENCING RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO SENTENCING OF OFFENDERS CONVICTED OF OR WHO PLEAD GUILTY TO GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OFFENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE THE CURRENT COSTS OF INCARCERATION AND PROBATION AND COMMUNITY SUPERVISION TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION, RESPECTIVELY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE UPDATED COSTS TO EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3063 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-450, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND CIVIL ACTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR THE USE OF DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ANOTHER PERSON (STAND YOUR GROUND), SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE STATE TO PROVE THAT IMMUNITY IS INAPPLICABLE WHEN A DEFENDANT ASSERTS ENTITLEMENT TO IMMUNITY IN A PRETRIAL HEARING PURSUANT TO STAND YOUR GROUND PROVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3064 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-535, RELATING TO PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO VIEW PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS OF AN AUTOPSY, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS OF AN AUTOPSY MAY BE DISSEMINATED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3065 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ORDER CONCERNING IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION PURSUANT TO THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACT IS IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DEFENDANT WHO DOES NOT APPEAL THE ORDER IMMEDIATELY MAY APPEAL THE DENIAL AFTER CONVICTION AND SENTENCING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3066 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO ADD THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO FILE A MOTION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3067 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-15-175 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JUDGE MAY NOT ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR UNLESS THE SOLICITOR OR CLERK OF COURT HAS PROVIDED NOTICE TO THE ATTORNEY OF RECORD BEFORE ISSUING THE BENCH WARRANT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3068 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-520, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND FORFEITURE PROCEDURES FOR PROPERTY SEIZED ACCORDINGLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED RETURN OF CERTAIN PROPERTY AND MONIES SEIZED WHEN FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS HAVE NOT BEEN INSTITUTED AND CHARGES HAVE NOT BEEN FILED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF SEIZURE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWFUL OWNER MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVE THAT THE PROPERTY OR

MONIES SEIZED WERE LEGALLY ACQUIRED, TO PROHIBIT THE SEIZING AUTHORITY FROM REQUIRING A LAWFUL OWNER OF PROPERTY OR MONIES TO SIGN A RELEASE ABSOLVING THE SEIZING AUTHORITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY RELATING TO AN UNLAWFUL SEIZURE BEFORE PROPERTY OR MONIES ARE RETURNED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL CHARGES MAY BE BROUGHT AT A LATER DATE IF EVIDENCE WARRANTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-530, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND FORFEITURE PROCEDURES FOR PROPERTY SEIZED ACCORDINGLY, SO AS TO ALLOW FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS TO BE HELD IN MAGISTRATES COURT IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED DOES NOT EXCEED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, CHANGE THE METHOD OF ALLOCATING VARIOUS ASSETS OBTAINED THROUGH DRUG FORFEITURES SO THAT AFTER THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS RETAINED BY THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE REMAINING ASSETS MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE PROSECUTING AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES REFLECTING THE NEW DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ASSETS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-586, RELATING TO THE RETURN OF SEIZED ITEMS UNDER DRUG FORFEITURE LAWS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO ALLOW PROCEEDINGS TO BE HELD IN MAGISTRATES COURT IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED DOES NOT EXCEED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3069 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-545, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL CASES IN WHICH THE PENALTY DOES NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS, RATHER THAN ONE YEAR, MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3070 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-60, RELATING TO THE TORT CLAIMS ACT AND EXCEPTIONS TO

WAIVER OF IMMUNITY, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXCEPTION FOR INSTITUTION OR PROSECUTION OF ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3071 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND RESTRUCTURE THE STATUTE

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3072 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE FOR CORONER IN THIS STATE MUST BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE SEEKS THE OFFICE OF CORONER AT THE TIME HE FILES FOR THE OFFICE OF CORONER RATHER THAN ONE YEAR BEFORE FILING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3073 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-3-365 SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF STATEWIDE GRAND JURY DEFENSE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INDIGENT DEFENSE AND PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-3-5, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE DEFENSE OF INDIGENTS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE "DIVISION OF STATEWIDE GRAND JURY DEFENSE."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3074 -- Reps. Gatch, Wooten and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AWARD OF PERIODIC ALIMONY TO MARRIAGES OF A CERTAIN DURATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3075 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-630,

RELATING TO MARITAL AND NONMARITAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO REQUIRE FAMILY COURT APPROVAL OF POSTNUPTIAL AGREEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3076 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-620, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING AN ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AVAILABILITY OF IMPRISONMENT AS PUNISHMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3077 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-620, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING AN ORDER OF THE FAMILY COURT, SO AS TO PROHIBIT IMPRISONMENT FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3078 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AWARD OF ALIMONY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A PARTY COMMITS ADULTERY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3079 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-3-835 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS BY GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE ACTIONS BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3080 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-830, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PRIVATE ACTIONS BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO ATTORNEYS FOR THE PARTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3081 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO THE AWARD OF ALIMONY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS REGARDING THE AWARD OF ALIMONY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3082 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-3-635 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCOVERY AS A MATTER OF RIGHT IN CERTAIN FAMILY COURT CASES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3083 -- Reps. Gatch, Lawson, Mitchell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3084 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-820 AND 63-3-850, RELATING IN PART TO THE APPOINTMENT AND COMPENSATION OF AN ATTORNEY FOR A GUARDIAN AD LITEM, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY'S FEE BE AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3085 -- Reps. Gatch, Kilmartin, Mitchell, Magnuson, Martin and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-15-220, RELATING TO PARENTING PLANS, SO AS TO CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD TO SPEND APPROXIMATELY AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF TIME WITH EACH PARENT WHEN BOTH PARENTS ARE WILLING, ABLE, AND FIT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-15-240, RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION

CERTAIN FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF A CHILD, TO REQUIRE THAT A CHILD CUSTODY ORDER INCLUDE FINDINGS OF FACT IF THE TIME-SHARING SCHEDULE DOES NOT ALLOCATE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL PARENTING TIME TO EACH PARENT, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS TO MODIFY CHILD CUSTODY ORDERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3086 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-63-145 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ISSUE UPON RECEIPT OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION A CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN BIRTH FOR A CHILD WITH UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP WHO IS BORN IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY TO A PARENT WHO IS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-140, RELATING TO SUPPLEMENTARY OR AMENDED BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

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

H. 3087 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-10, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PHYSICAL CRUELTY TOWARD A MINOR CHILD OF THE PETITIONING PARTY AS A GROUND FOR DIVORCE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3088 -- Reps. Pope and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 SO AS TO CREATE A PILOT "BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE PROGRAM" TO OPERATE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES AS DETERMINED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT IN COORDINATION WITH CIRCUIT SOLICITORS AND DEFENSE ATTORNEYS TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE TO INCARCERATION FOR CERTAIN OFFENDERS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DISORDERS; TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN EXECUTIVE BRANCH DEPARTMENTS TO FACILITATE

SERVICES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING TREATMENT AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES; TO REQUIRE DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING TO SOUTH CAROLINA COURT ADMINISTRATION, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE GOVERNOR; TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR ASSISTING WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO CREATE A TRUST FUND FOR PURPOSES OF THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3089 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-395 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM WITH A PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS AND EXPENSES.

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

H. 3090 -- Reps. Pope and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-130-65 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO SEEK TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3091 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-60, RELATING TO ORDERS OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO AWARD CERTAIN RELIEF AFTER HOLDING A HEARING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3092 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-95 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL INFORMATION TO PERSONS WHO MAY RECEIVE A CHEMICALLY INDUCED ABORTION, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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

H. 3093 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A HEALTHCARE WORKER OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3094 -- Reps. McCravy, Vaughan, T. Moore, Gilliam, Burns, Chumley, M. M. Smith, Willis, Lawson, Magnuson and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PARENTAL RIGHTS TO AFFIRM BIOLOGICAL SEX IN CHILD WELFARE AND PLACEMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-50 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO IDENTIFY WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL SEX BY REQUIRING COURTS AND AGENCIES TO CONSIDER A CHILD'S BIOLOGICAL SEX AS A POSITIVE FACTOR IN CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS; TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO ENCOURAGE A CHILD TO ALIGN WITH THEIR BIOLOGICAL SEX, INCLUDING IN MAKING MEDICAL DECISIONS, AND TO OFFER PROTECTIONS FOR EXERCISING THIS RIGHT; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND FAMILY COURT SYSTEM TO DEVELOP POLICIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3095 -- Reps. Long, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-63-20, 44-63-100, 44-63-150, AND 63-3-530, ALL RELATING IN PART TO CHANGES TO CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, CORRECTION, OR OTHER CHANGE TO THE GENDER OF AN INDIVIDUAL AS IT APPEARS ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3096 -- Rep. Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE THERAPY BY REQUIRING CERTAIN LABELING OF GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND INFORMED CONSENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3097 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-30, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTION ACT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TERM "SPECIAL NEEDS CHILD" TO "CHILD WITH CHALLENGING ADOPTION CIRCUMSTANCES"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-9-60, 63-9-750, 63-9-1370, 63-9-1750, AND 63-9-2030, ALL RELATING TO ADOPTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1700, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3098 -- Reps. Hardee and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO CATEGORIES OF ALIMONY, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PERIODIC ALIMONY, TO ADD ALIMONY CALCULATED BASED ON THE LENGTH OF MARRIAGE, AMONG OTHER FACTORS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 20-3-120, 20-3-140, 20-3-150, 20-3-620, AND 20-3-630, ALL RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3099 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-34-20, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF TATTOO FACILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-34-100, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL TATTOOING, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS; AND BY

AMENDING SECTION 44-34-110, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF LICENSING TATTOO FACILITIES WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, OR PLAYGROUNDS, SO AS TO ALLOW ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE WITH THE EXPRESS APPROVAL OF ANY SUCH CHURCH, SCHOOL, OR PLAYGROUND.

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

H. 3100 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-830, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE CUSTODY AND VISITATION ACTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT GUARDIANS AD LITEM FROM MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THEIR REPORT TO THE COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3101 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-3-880 SO AS TO MAKE GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE CUSTODY OR VISITATION ACTIONS BEFORE THE FAMILY COURT SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION BY THE OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL FOR CERTAIN MISCONDUCT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3103 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO GUARDIAN AD LITEM QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE CUSTODY OR VISITATION ACTIONS IN THE FAMILY COURT TO BE ATTORNEYS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3104 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES REASONABLY ANTICIPATED EARNINGS FOR MARRIAGES OF A CERTAIN DURATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3105 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-625 SO AS TO REQUIRE CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE OWNER OF NONMARITAL PROPERTY INTENDED FOR THE PROPERTY TO TRANSMUTE INTO MARITAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF APPORTIONING MARITAL PROPERTY IN A DIVORCE ACTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3106 -- Reps. Gatch and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 63-17-390 RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT ORDER WARRANTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3107 -- Reps. Garvin, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FERTILIZED HUMAN EGGS OR HUMAN EMBRYOS THAT EXIST IN ANY FORM OUTSIDE OF THE UTERUS OF A HUMAN BODY ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN UNBORN CHILD OR OTHER TERM CONNOTATING A HUMAN BEING FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER STATE LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3108 -- Reps. Garvin, Pope and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 145 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ALLOW REIMBURSEMENT FOR DOULA SERVICES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO REQUIRE COVERAGE OF SUCH SERVICES THROUGH PRIVATE INSURANCE AND MEDICAID, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO SET FORTH CRITERIA FOR MEDICAID COVERAGE OF DOULA SERVICES; TO CREATE A SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR DOULAS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOULA CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION AND TO REQUIRE THE ORGANIZATION TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR STATEWIDE CERTIFICATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE REGISTRY FOR CERTIFIED DOULAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-134 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSURANCE CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR THE SERVICES OF

PERINATAL DOULAS AND TO REQUIRE UTILIZATION REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3109 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, AN ADULT SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, WITH A FIVE PERCENT INCOME DISREGARD, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORABLE CARE ACT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3110 -- Reps. Garvin and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-53-370, 44-53-375, AND 44-53-450, ALL RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DECRIMINALIZE POSSESSION OF TWENTY-EIGHT GRAMS OR ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA OR TEN GRAMS OR LESS OF HASHISH AND AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ISSUE A CIVIL CITATION FOR POSSESSION OF THAT SAME QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA OR HASHISH; TO DECREASE PENALTIES FOR FIRST OFFENSE POSSESSION OF LESS THAN ONE GRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE OR COCAINE BASE AND REQUIRE COMPLETION OF A DRUG TREATMENT OR REHABILITATION PROGRAM AS PART OF THE SENTENCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO PLACE PERSONS ON PROBATION WHO ARE GUILTY OF A FIRST OFFENSE POSSESSION OF CERTAIN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3111 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2410 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO COLLECT INFORMATION ABOUT OUTCOMES OF YOUTH WHO HAVE AGED OUT OF FOSTER CARE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3112 -- Rep. Garvin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES AMONG NON-HISPANIC BLACK WOMEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND HOW THE RATES VARY FROM RATES EXPERIENCED BY OTHER WOMEN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP; AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT AFTER WHICH THE STUDY COMMITTEE IS DISSOLVED.

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

H. 3113 -- Reps. Dillard, Pope, Garvin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-40, RELATING TO INFANT SAFE HAVENS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3114 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-15 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE CORROBORATION OF EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN DIVORCE ACTIONS THROUGH AFFIDAVITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3116 -- Reps. Bustos, Pope, Chapman and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE

OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS INTO THE STATE'S WATERWAYS AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3117 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESSLEY CAVIN STUTTS JR. PATIENT AND HEALTH PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-364 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESCRIBING OF OFF-LABEL MEDICATIONS AND, IF PRESCRIBED, TO REQUIRE THEIR DISPENSING, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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

H. 3118 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson, McCravy and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 63 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PARENTS HAVE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS REGARDING THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, AND CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO LIMIT THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO INFRINGE ON PARENTAL RIGHTS; TO IDENTIFY CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PARENTS; TO REQUIRE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS CREATE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT POLICIES; TO PROHIBIT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM SOLICITING OR PROVIDING HEALTHCARE SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITHOUT WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAPTER'S PROVISIONS SUPERSEDE STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS; AND TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-340, RELATING TO THE AGE AT WHICH A MINOR MAY CONSENT TO HEALTH SERVICES, SO AS TO RAISE THE AGE TO EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3119 -- Reps. Burns and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-43-15 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DONATED BLOOD, OTHER HUMAN TISSUE, OR ORGANS BE TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN CONTAMINANTS AND LABELED ACCORDINGLY BEFORE DISTRIBUTION FOR USE IN TRANSFUSIONS OR

TRANSPLANTATIONS, TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO DECLINE CONTAMINATED DONATED PRODUCTS WITHOUT PENALTY, TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION, TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 3120 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-55 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO COLLECT DATA ON THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PATIENTS, TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO REPORT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DATA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 3121 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "LIVE AND LET LIVE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 32, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE STATE GOVERNMENT FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS BASED ON THEIR BELIEFS REGARDING MARRIAGE AND A PERSON'S SEX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3122 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-780 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON THE BEACHES OF THIS STATE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-370 SO AS TO RESTRICT THE USE OF VEHICLES BY AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES DURING CERTAIN MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3123 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-77-300, RELATING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES IN STATE-INITIATED ACTIONS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ACTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3124 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Wooten, Pedalino, McCravy and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROHIBITIONS, SO AS TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL EXPOSURE OF FIRST RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3125 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson, Chumley and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-511 SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE IMPOSITION OF THE INCOME TAX ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-510 RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-515 RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-520 RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-545 RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3126 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-7-920, RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-90, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY" FOR THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-13-240, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO VARIOUS ENTITIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5-3-90, 5-7-110, 9-11-180, 10-11-80, 11-35-710, 12-28-1910, 12-28-2325, 13-7-70, 13-7-160, 14-1-206, 14-1-207, 14-1-208, 14-1-212, 17-22-350, 23-1-230, AND 23-1-240, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE PROVISIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF ACTIVE HIGHWAY PATROL MEMBER EMPLOYEES, PARKING ON CERTAIN STATE PARKING LOTS, STATE PROCUREMENT CODE EXEMPTIONS, THE INSPECTION OF FUEL AND SHIPPING PAPERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PAYING TAXES AND THE DELEGATION OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS, REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, COURT ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES, TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FEES, THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS, AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"

AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY," OR "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 23, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REESTABLISH IT AS A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 23-23-30, 23-25-20, 36-9-410, 38-55-530, 38-55-570, 38-77-1120, 39-9-230, 43-5-1250, 44-4-130, 54-17-60, 56-1-190, 56-1-286, 56-1-460, 56-1-1320, 56-1-1760, 56-1-2220, 56-1-2230, 56-3-662, 56-3-663, 56-3-840, 56-3-8710, 56-5-330, 56-5-380, 56-5-765, 56-5-1270, 56-5-1300, 56-5-1320, 56-5-1330, 56-5-1340, 56-5-1350, 56-5-1520, 56-5-1535, 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, 56-5-2945, 56-5-2951, 56-5-2953, 56-5-3660, 56-5-3670, 56-5-3680, 56-5-3690, 56-5-3890, 56-5-3900, 56-5-4010, 56-5-4030, 56-5-4035, 56-5-4070, 56-5-4075, 56-5-4140, 56-5-4160, 56-5-4170, 56-5-4240, 56-5-4630, 56-5-4840, 56-5-4880, 56-5-4970, 56-5-5015, 56-5-5080, 56-5-5120, 56-5-5140, 56-5-5810, 56-5-5870, 56-5-5880, 56-5-6170, 56-5-6525, 56-5-6560, 56-5-6565, 56-7-10, 56-7-12, 56-7-30, 56-9-350, 56-10-45, 56-10-552, 56-11-20, 56-11-40, 56-19-420, 56-35-50, 57-3-180, 58-23-50, 58-23-1120, 59-67-20, 59-67-260, 59-67-570, 61-6-2900, 61-6-4250, AND 61-6-4290, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE, RESERVE DETENTION OFFICERS, THE UNLAWFUL SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A SECURITY INTEREST, INSURANCE FRAUD AND REPORTING IMMUNITY, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FRAUD-REPORTING IMMUNITY ACT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM, THE STATEWIDE NETWORK OF MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS, THE EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT, ACTIVITIES OF THE MARITIME SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE NAVAL MILITIA, MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES, CARRYING AND DISPLAY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE DRUG TESTING ACT, THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, NASCAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS, THE INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, CORONER REPORTS, ACCIDENT REPORTS, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES ALONG THE STATE'S

HIGHWAYS, UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEIR DRIVERS, MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, SAFETY BELT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, THE PRINTING, ORDERING AND ISSUANCE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS, VERIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, THE CONFISCATION OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND LICENSE PLATES, THE UNINSURED ENFORCEMENT FUND, THE ROAD TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS, MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, DIESEL IDLING RESTRICTIONS, CERTAIN PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIERS, THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY," OR "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 23-3-10, 23-3-680, AND 23-3-690, ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3128 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-50, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PAROLE, PARDON, AND CLEMENCY HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL PAROLEES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE OR THEIR

COUNSEL HAVE A RIGHT TO CONFRONT WITNESSES THAT APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THEIR HEARINGS, AND ALL TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT PAROLE HEARINGS MUST BE TAKEN UNDER OATH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3130 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 24 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY CONDITIONALLY RELEASE INMATES WHO ARE SERVING SENTENCES FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND OFFER THE INMATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3131 -- Reps. Rutherford and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT CURRENTLY POSSESS OR USE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY SHALL DISCONTINUE THEIR USE AND DISCARD THE TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3132 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-4800, RELATING TO SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS LICENSE PLATES, DISTRIBUTION OF FEES, AND PREPAID APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE LICENSE PLATES

SHALL NOT CONTAIN A CONFEDERATE FLAG, AND TO PROVIDE UPON REVALIDATION OF THESE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN A CONFEDERATE FLAG MUST BE ISSUED TO REPLACE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT CONTAIN CONFEDERATE FLAGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3133 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4530, RELATING TO ILLUMINATION OF REAR REGISTRATION PLATES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO PROVIDE VEHICLES MAY NOT BE STOPPED FOR HAVING INOPERABLE TAIL LAMPS OR SEPARATE LAMPS IN THE ABSENCE OF A VIOLATION OF ANOTHER LAW.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3134 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY FROM COMPANIES THAT REQUIRE THE PURCHASERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO ENTER INTO NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3135 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-13-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES SHALL NOT BE DENIED VISITATION RIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES MAY BE USED TO ALLOW INMATES TO COMMUNICATE WITH VISITORS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3136 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-557 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON APPEALS A CONVICTION THAT REQUIRES THE SUSPENSION OF HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION

MUST BE STAYED WHILE THE CASE IS BEING APPEALED OR WHEN A PETITION FOR REHEARING HAS BEEN FILED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-365, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO SURRENDERS HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY NOT SUSPEND A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE IF IT FAILS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF A CONVICTION THAT REQUIRES THE LICENSE TO BE SUSPENDED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE CONVICTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3137 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "GREAT BODILY INJURY," AND REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3138 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1560, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG HIGHWAYS WITH MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMITS OF SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR IS FIFTY MILES AN HOUR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3139 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-255 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTING A WARRANT, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THESE PROCEDURES, AND A CIVIL REMEDY FOR A PERSON AGGRIEVED FOR A VIOLATION OF THESE PROCEDURES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-80, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, POWERS, AND DUTIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A COURSE TO TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON ASPECTS OF EXECUTING WARRANTS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION OF

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT THE EXECUTION OF WARRANTS, AND TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3140 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-464 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE TO ALLOW CERTAIN REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS' NAMES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW CERTAIN JUVENILES WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT BY THE FAMILY COURT FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN OFFENSES TO BE PLACED ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3141 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES CONFINED IN STATE OR LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES MUST BE ALLOWED AT LEAST ONE IN-PERSON MEETING EACH MONTH AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "IN-PERSON MEETING."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3142 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-460, RELATING TO PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE IS CANCELED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3143 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-925 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED PARDONS MAY BE GRANTED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONY OFFENSES THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED "CRIMES OF VIOLENCE," THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO POSSESS

FIREARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING ONLY, AND TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FEE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3144 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES CONFINED TO STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL WHEN REQUESTED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "IN-PERSON MEETING."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3145 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6560, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE STOP DATA REGARDING AGE, GENDER, AND RACE OF DRIVERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASE REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES ALSO TO MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS WHERE OFFICERS ISSUE CITATIONS OR MAKE ARRESTS AND TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3146 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-25-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES MAY SEEK TO AND THE COURT MAY LIMIT PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION PRESENTED DURING THESE HEARINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3147 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-975 SO AS TO PROVIDE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, OR DETENTION FACILITIES SHALL NOT INTERCEPT, RECORD, MONITOR, OR DIVULGE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN INMATES AND OTHER PERSONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3148 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE PLACED UNDER CUSTODIAL ARREST WHEN STOPPED FOR OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SUSPENDED DRIVERS' LICENSES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS' DRIVERS' LICENSES AND THE DISMISSAL OF THE DRIVING WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION CHARGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3149 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1520, RELATING TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6190, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN CRIMES AS MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS FOR WHICH OTHER PENALTIES ARE NOT PROVIDED SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-730 RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES AS MISDEMEANORS UNLESS OTHERWISE DECLARED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3150 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-7-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS MAY NOT BE PLACED UNDER CUSTODIAL ARREST WHEN THEY ARE CHARGED WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR WHICH A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET IS ISSUED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3151 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERMITTED LEVEL OF LIGHT TRANSMISSION FOR

SUNSCREENING DEVICES INSTALLED ON THE WINDSHIELDS, SIDE WINDOWS, AND REAR WINDOWS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3152 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4905 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES ALONG A HIGHWAY WITHOUT SPEEDOMETERS MAINTAINED IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS CHARGED WITH OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES TWENTY MILES AN HOUR OR LESS IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS THAT CAN PROVE THEIR VEHICLES' SPEEDOMETERS WERE NOT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, MUST BE CHARGED WITH OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT SPEEDOMETERS THAT ARE MAINTAINED IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3153 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-430, RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF PROBATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE TESTS FOR THE PRESENCE OF MARIJUANA MAY NOT BE PERFORMED DURING URINALYSES OR BLOOD TESTS PERFORMED ON PROBATIONERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3154 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-490, RELATING TO COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFENDER'S RESTITUTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES SHALL CONSIDER AN OFFENDER'S ABILITY TO MAKE RESTITUTION WHEN IT DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF HIS MONTHLY PAYMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3155 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE ONLY CERTAIN

ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE SYSTEM MAY BE INSTALLED, TO PROVIDE HOW INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3156 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2956 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL EVIDENCE OF THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS AND ANY ENTRY IN THE DRIVING RECORDS OF PERSONS SHOWING THEY WERE ISSUED TEMPORARY DRIVERS' LICENSES OR THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO INSTALL IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES ON VEHICLES THEY DRIVE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THEIR DRIVING RECORDS IF THEY SUBSEQUENTLY WERE ACQUITTED OF DRIVING WITH UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3157 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-30, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR AN ADOPTED CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LIFETIME RECREATIONAL LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-520, RELATING TO LIFETIME STATEWIDE COMBINATION LICENSES; SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTED CHILD MAY OBTAIN A COMBINATION LICENSE AT NO COST.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3158 -- Reps. Yow, Lawson, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE" AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THEM ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OFF-ROAD USE

ONLY"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3159 -- Reps. Yow and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATION FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT RESTRICTS THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ONTO CERTAIN PREMISES, AND TO PROVIDE AT NO CHARGE, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL ISSUE CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CREDENTIALS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3160 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-21-65 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; BY ADDING SECTION 45-9-11 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, AND TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-41 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN CERTAIN SCHOOL OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM, AND TO LIMIT LIABILITY OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-20, RELATING TO THE POLICY OF THE STATE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "DISCRIMINATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS LAW, SO AS TO CLARIFY A DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-80, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AND EXCEPTIONS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA HUMAN AFFAIRS LAW, SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BY AN EMPLOYER ON THE BASIS OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S GENDER IDENTITY OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF COVERED EMPLOYERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-32-60, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT, SECTION 31-21-40, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN RELATION TO SALE OR RENTAL OF PROPERTY UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR HOUSING LAW, SECTION 31-21-50, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERSHIP OR PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN REALTOR SERVICES AND ORGANIZATIONS, SECTION 31-21-60, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION IN RELATION TO RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE-RELATED TRANSACTIONS, SECTION 44-69-80, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION BY HOME HEALTH AGENCIES ON CERTAIN BASES, SECTION 44-71-90, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATION BY HOSPICES ON CERTAIN BASES, AND SECTION 45-9-10, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO EQUAL ENJOYMENT OF AND PRIVILEGES TO PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3161 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT OR PROHIBITED FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISCLOSURE OF RECORDINGS OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS OF INMATES AND THEIR VISITORS MADE BY THE FACILITY IN WHICH THE INMATE IS INCARCERATED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3162 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-25-40, RELATING TO COMMISSION OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO CORRECT AN ARCHAIC REFERENCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3163 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, Pope, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-11-30, RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES COMPENSABLE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CONDITIONS PRESUMED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE STROKE, AND TO REVISE PRESUMPTION ENTITLEMENT CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS DEVELOPED WHILE ACTIVELY ON DUTY INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHTING.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3164 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURERS SHALL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS-RELATED INFORMATION BY UNITED STATES MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX UPON REQUEST AND IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL OVER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN INSURANCE POLICIES OR OTHER INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3165 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-550 SO AS TO REQUIRE A COUNTY TO REPORT A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO A CITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-90, RELATING TO FILING NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE COUNTY WHERE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO MODIFY CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO ORDINANCES REQUIRED TO IMPOSE AND COLLECT DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINANCE PASSAGE

PROCEDURES, ORDINANCE CONTENTS, AND RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-960, RELATING TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANS RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO REVISE NOTICE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE PLAN CONTENT REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-1020, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED REFUND OF IMPACT FEE FUNDS NOT EXPENDED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE THEY WERE SCHEDULED, SO AS TO EXTEND THIS PERIOD FROM THREE YEARS TO SEVEN YEARS.

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

H. 3166 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-520, RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF HANDICAPPED SCHOOL-AGE PERSONS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS THAT TRANSPORTS ONE OR MORE CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PERSONS MUST HAVE AN ADULT ATTENDANT TO ACCOMPANY THE PERSON OR PERSONS ON THE BUS WHILE BEING TRANSPORTED, TO PROVIDE THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER MAY NOT SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVE AS AN ATTENDANT, AND TO PROVIDE BUSES MAY HAVE MULTIPLE ATTENDANTS BUT ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO HAVE ONE ATTENDANT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3167 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-520, RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS ON PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS WHO PROVIDE SUCH TRANSPORTATION HAVE A LEGITIMATE EDUCATIONAL INTEREST IN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE BEHAVIOR OR HEALTH OF THE HANDICAPPED STUDENTS THAT COULD HAVE A HEALTH OR SAFETY IMPACT, AND MUST BE GIVEN SUMMARIES OF SUCH INFORMATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3168 -- Reps. Bailey and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-5-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE UNDER THE INDIRECT SUPERVISION OF A VETERINARIAN, CERTAIN ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITY OFFICIALS MAY ADMINISTER RABIES VACCINATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3169 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-440, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE AND SUMMARY COURT JURISDICTION FOR THIS OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO VIOLATE THIS PROVISION AND ALSO ARE FOUND TO BE UNDOCUMENTED ILLEGAL ALIENS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3170 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH DRIVERS' LICENSES NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3171 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "MADDIE'S LAW" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2915 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF "RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY" AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2910, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3172 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-3-290 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE "CERTIFIED SC GROWN" DESIGNATION ON FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT

CONTAIN MESSENGER RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3173 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3255 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WHEN GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3174 -- Reps. Chumley and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 24 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A STATE WORK PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3176 -- Reps. Davis, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR WILFULLY OR WANTONLY LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3177 -- Reps. Garvin and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

24-3-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE INMATES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3178 -- Reps. Garvin and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE - JUNETEENTH SHALL BE A STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3179 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-14-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR MANUFACTURERS, FACTORY BRANCHES, FACTORY REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRIBUTORS, WHOLESALERS, DISTRIBUTOR BRANCHES, DISTRIBUTOR REPRESENTATIVES, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE DEALERS TO ENGAGE IN UNFAIR METHODS OF COMPETITION AND UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACTS OR PRACTICES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3180 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERMS "ASSAULT WEAPON" AND "HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES"; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-23-220, 16-23-230, AND 16-23-240, ALL RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION, STORING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSING, AND SALE, RENTAL, OR GIVING AWAY OF MACHINE GUNS, MILITARY FIREARMS, SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS OR RIFLES, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS AND HIGH-CAPACITY MAGAZINES IN THE LIST OF ITEMS BANNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3181 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

16-15-450 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND MANAGE A STATEWIDE SEXUAL EXTORTION INVESTIGATION AND OUTCOME DATABASE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3182 -- Reps. Haddon, Mitchell, Magnuson, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor and Forrest: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 26 TO ARTICLE I SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS IN THIS STATE HAVE THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO GROW, RAISE, HARVEST, PRODUCE, AND CONSUME FOOD OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3183 -- Reps. Haddon, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-59-160 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM" UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-50, RELATING TO BANK POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BANK SHALL ADMINISTER THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM."

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3184 -- Reps. Magnuson, McCravy, Chumley and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OR STATEMENTS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN MAKING ADMISSIONS OR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM REQUIRING FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING OR TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TRAINING, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM INFRINGING ON FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE

PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THESE PROVISIONS TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND FACULTY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3185 -- Reps. Magnuson, Chumley and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY IN EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CURRICULUM CONTENT AND SCHOOL EMPLOYEE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROHIBIT SCHOOLS FROM USING, MAKING AVAILABLE, PROMOTING, OR PROVIDING ACCESS TO PORNOGRAPHIC OR PROHIBITED MATERIALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-28-180, RELATING TO PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS IN THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN REGARDING MORALS, ETHICS, AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO PROVIDE A PARENTAL PLEDGE OF EXPECTATIONS MUST BE PROVIDED TO PARENTS AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3186 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 60-11-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE PLAQUES, MARKERS, OR OTHER MESSAGES ON HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR A RELATED REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 60-11-30, RELATING

TO OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3187 -- Reps. Long and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-7-40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF A BARBER POLE IF NOT LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF BARBERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE BARBER POLE.

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

H. 3188 -- Reps. Long and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-80-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT ASSUMES THE COST OF TRAINING A FIREFIGHTER MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THESE COSTS BY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT SUBSEQUENTLY HIRE THE FIREFIGHTER WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3189 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF ANY PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OR COUNCIL ON WHICH THEY SERVE, TO PROVIDE SUCH REQUESTED ITEMS MUST BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IF OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO PERIODS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS ANY FAILURES TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH PERIODS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3190 -- Rep. Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 26-1-100, RELATING TO FEES FOR NOTARIAL ACTS, SO AS TO

INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES THAT NOTARIES MAY CHARGE FOR NOTARIAL ACTS TO TEN DOLLARS.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3191 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3192 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Beach and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY EACH CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER WHO IS TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES FULL-TIME IN THE DISTRICT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF AT LEAST FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3193 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TRUMP CRIMINAL BACKGROUND RECORDS CHECK BAN ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE REHABILITATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AND TO ASSIST THEM IN THE RESUMPTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP BY PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, NOR MAY A PERSON BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PURSUING, PRACTICING, OR ENGAGING IN ANY OCCUPATION FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS REQUIRED SOLELY OR IN PART BECAUSE OF A PRIOR CONVICTION OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3194 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 41-43-40, 41-43-70, AND 41-43-280, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REVISE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE AND REFERENCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-65, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT STATE AGENCIES JUSTIFY THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET APPPORIATIONS REQUESTS, SO AS TO REVISE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 41-43-170 RELATING TO THE CREATING AND PURPOSES OF THE GUARANTY FUND BY THE AUTHORITY, SECTION 41-43-180 RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS, AND SECTION 41-43-200 RELATING TO COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND DATA.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE A TEACHER WITH A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO NOTICES CONCERNING ANNUAL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY NOTIFICATION DEADLINE MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT REPORT SUCH WITHDRAWALS AS A BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL

CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3197 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Martin, W. Newton and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE WORKFORCE READINESS GOAL; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIATION IN COURSES IN LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING POST-SECONDARY STUDIES BUT LACKING REQUISITE ACADEMIC PREPARATION, TO PROVIDE THIS COURSEWORK MAY BE USED TO MEET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID BEFORE

GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM EVALUATIONS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO TRANSFER PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING THESE EVALUATIONS AND PRODUCING THIS REPORT CARD TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE FREE ONLINE ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF COLLEGE MAJORS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKING-AGED ADULTS WITH POSTSECONDARY DEGREES OR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS BY FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND MAXIMIZING USE OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS TO IMPROVE AND UPDATE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3198 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-15-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MESSENGER RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3199 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, W. Newton and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-102 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT SUPERVISES, SANCTIONS, OR REGULATES INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS UNLESS THE ENTITY

ALLOWS STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE ZONE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE A LIMITED TRANSFER OPTION TO CERTAIN CURRENT STUDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-63-30 AND 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION, AND SECTION 59-63-480, RELATING TO ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS IN ADJACENT COUNTIES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-63-500 RELATING TO TRANSFER WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3200 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, TO EXTEND APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2027.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE

RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3202 -- Reps. Davis, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-148 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE TO PROVIDE DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL BREAST EXAMINATIONS COVERAGE WITHOUT COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS CONCERNING APPLICATION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE THESE PROVISIONS ARE IN ADDITION TO OTHER EXISTING PROVISIONS CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY COVERAGE OF MAMMOGRAMS.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3203 -- Reps. Collins and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-104-27 SO AS TO ESTABLISH DURATIONS FOR PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO MAKE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ACCELERATED UNDERGRADUATE-TO-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-60, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO MAKE LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ACCELERATED UNDERGRADUATE-TO-GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3204 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE AFTER JULY 1, 2027, A PERSON WHO RECEIVES, RENEWS, OR MAINTAINS ANY EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND ISSUED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL HOLD A MASTER'S DEGREE THAT MEETS DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS APPROPRIATE TO HIS TEACHING FIELD AND LEVEL, TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY NOT AUTHORIZE, AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT AWARD, AN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE TO A PERSON WHO DOES NOT HOLD SUCH A MASTER'S DEGREE, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL

DISTRICTS MAY NOT EMPLOY A TEACHER WHO DOES NOT HOLD SUCH A MASTER'S DEGREE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-3-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SHALL MEET REQUIRED STATUTORY ACADEMIC AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT OFFICE, INCLUDING HAVING BEEN AWARDED THE RELEVANT MASTER'S DEGREE, PRIOR TO FILING FOR CANDIDACY OR THE FILING IS RENDERED VOID AND THE NAME OF THE CANDIDATE MAY NOT APPEAR ON ANY PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR THE OFFICE OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION IN THE ELECTION FOR WHICH THE FILING WAS MADE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3205 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-322 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STUDENT WHOSE PERFORMANCE ON A STATEWIDE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT IN EITHER ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS OR MATHEMATICS REQUIRED BY THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT INDICATES THAT THE STUDENT IS PERFORMING TWO OR MORE GRADE LEVELS BELOW HIS GRADE LEVEL OF ENROLLMENT DURING THE TESTING MUST BE RETAINED AT THAT GRADE LEVEL UNTIL ADDITIONAL TESTING DEMONSTRATES PERFORMANCE AT HIS GRADE LEVEL OF ENROLLMENT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3206 -- Reps. Collins and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-940 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL DEVELOP FOR EACH OF THEIR SCHOOLS A SUMMARY DETAILING RACIAL DISPARITY IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON CERTAIN NATIONAL ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS AND PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL WITH ITS REPORT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS SHALL POST THEIR REPORTS ON THEIR FRONT DOORS, TO REQUIRE REPORTS INCLUDE FIVE-YEAR TREND

CHARTS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS ANNUALLY SHALL UPDATE THE SUMMARIES AND TREND CHARTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3207 -- Reps. Collins and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, AND TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3208 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-68, RELATING TO THE UNIFORM GRADING SCALE USED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO ENSURE HIGH SCHOOL GRADE POINT AVERAGES ARE A MEANINGFUL INDICATOR OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT BY DIRECTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO REVISE ITS UNIFORM GRADING SCALE BEFORE JULY 1, 2027, TO ACHIEVE MAKING THE ASSIGNMENT OF GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS ALIGN WITH CONTENT MASTERY AS MEASURED BY THE ACT OR OTHER STANDARDIZED NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS DESIGNATED BY THE STATE BOARD FOR MEASURING A PARTICULAR SUBJECT, TO PROVIDE ONLY ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE MAY BE CONSIDERED IN HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECT GRADE ASSIGNMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MANDATES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3209 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-205 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ESTABLISH DISCIPLINARY CLASSROOMS EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF STUDENTS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE NOT MERITING SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION, TO PROVIDE

ASSIGNMENT DECISIONS ARE DISCRETIONARY FOR TEACHERS IN CONSULTATION WITH PRINCIPALS AND SCHOOL COUNSELORS OR OTHER MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, TO PROVIDE STAFFING AND FUNCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCIPLINARY CLASSROOMS, TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRESS PLANS FOR REASSIGNING DISCIPLINARY CLASSROOM STUDENTS TO THEIR CLASSROOMS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RIGHTS FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS ASSIGNED TO DISCIPLINARY CLASSROOMS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3210 -- Reps. Collins and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-425 SO AS TO LIMIT TEACHER DUTIES UNDER SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULES TO CLASSROOM AND CERTAIN RELATED DUTIES, TO PROHIBIT THE ASSIGNMENT OF EXTRACURRICULAR DUTIES WITHOUT CONSENT AND EXTRA COMPENSATION AS STATED IN THE TEACHING CONTRACT, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP RELATED PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE PROVISIONS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE BEGINNING WITH TEACHING CONTRACTS ISSUED FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3211 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CURRENT AND VALID EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS APPROVED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE IF ALL OTHER APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3212 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 8:30 IN THE MORNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO PHYSICAL

ACTIVITY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SO AS TO REVISE THE STANDARDS TO REQUIRE AN OVERALL INCREASE IN MANDATORY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY MINUTES, TO REQUIRE DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, TO REQUIRE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONAL PLAY AND UNSTRUCTURED PLAY IN ADDITION TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DESIGNATIONS OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND TO REVISE DUTIES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF INSTRUCTIONAL PLAY AND UNSTRUCTURED PLAY FOR ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3213 -- Rep. Chumley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ORDINANCES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES UNTIL JULY 1, 2028.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3214 -- Reps. Chumley, Magnuson, Taylor and Forrest: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHING PUBLIC SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY CANNERIES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY BRING LOCALLY-GROWN PRODUCE TO BE CANNED FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENCY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3215 -- Reps. Burns, Martin and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOCAL PLANNING AND PERMITTING ENTITIES SHALL REVIEW AND RENDER DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, ZONING VARIANCES AND APPEALS, OR OTHER LICENSES WITHIN FORTY-FIVE

CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OR THE APPLICATION MUST BE DEEMED APPROVED, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

H. 3216 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL RECORD ALL CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION AND DISCLOSURE OF RECORDINGS, TO PROVIDE CONSENT AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOLS, AND TO PROHIBIT THE COMMERCIAL USE OF RECORDINGS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3217 -- Reps. Beach, Rankin and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-315 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, OR SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN EACH CLASSROOM OF THE SCHOOL A POSTER OR FRAMED COPY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS THAT MEETS CERTAIN SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH POSTERS AND DONATIONS OF SURPLUS POSTERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3218 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-8-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF E-VERIFY DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY EMPLOYERS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL PROVIDE SUCH COPIES UPON REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH REQUESTING PARTIES SHALL RELY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYEE AND MAY

NOT INDEPENDENTLY MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING SUCH A VERIFICATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3219 -- Reps. Beach and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "REJECTING RACISM IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59, SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "REJECTING RACISM IN POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION"; TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE ACT; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO ENACT PROVISIONS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION, TO PROMOTE THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENTS AND FACULTY OF PUBLIC K-12 AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE, AND TO PROTECT THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3220 -- Reps. Beach and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "NONCITIZEN TERRORIST ACTIVITY PROHIBITION IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-230 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE SHALL IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT PROHIBITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF WHO HOLD NONIMMIGRANT VISAS FROM PUBLICLY ESPOUSING TERRORIST ACTIVITY OR SUPPORTING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS UNLESS THE POLICY OR PRACTICE OF THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS SUCH ACTIVITY OR ORGANIZATION, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3221 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-5-15, RELATING TO SECURING DEPOSITS OF FUNDS BY LOCAL ENTITIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING

CREDIT UNIONS AND THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION SHARE INSURANCE FUND.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

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

H. 3223 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR VETERINARY SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN OBSOLETE DEFINITION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3224 -- Reps. Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONVICTIONS OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH THE APPLICANT WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE STAGE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3225 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 59, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SERVICE YEAR PROGRAM" IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF SERVICE AND CIVIC INNOVATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE, TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SERVICE YEAR PROGRAM FUND" AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES OF THE FUND, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PRIVACY AND RELATED MEASURES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3226 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE A BASE STATE MINIMUM WAGE AND A SCHEDULE TO GRADUALLY IMPLEMENT AN ADJUSTED MINIMUM WAGE TO TEN DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS PER HOUR OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR CALCULATING FUTURE MANDATORY ADJUSTMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF THESE ADJUSTMENTS TO EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYER TO FAIL TO PAY THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE OR TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE LAW, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE A FIVE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACTIONS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS ACT MAY BE BROUGHT AS A CLASS ACTION UNDER STATE LAW.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3227 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM AN EARTHQUAKE TO ALL POLICIES ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3228 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1050, RELATING TO JURY VOIR DIRE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ATTORNEY-CONDUCTED JURY VOIR DIRE BY ORAL AND DIRECT QUESTIONING; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1060, RELATING TO THE DRAWING OF JURY PANELS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF JURORS TO BE DRAWN IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIAL JUDGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1080, RELATING TO THE DRAWING OF SECOND JURY PANELS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PANELS MUST BE MADE UP OF TWENTY JURORS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3229 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-39-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LANDLORDS MAY NOT REQUIRE POTENTIAL TENANTS TO PROVIDE THEIR CREDIT SCORE ON A RENTAL APPLICATION OR AS A CONDITION TO A RENTAL AGREEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3230 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-35, RELATING TO PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF CEMETERIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CEMETERY OWNERS AND OPERATORS SHALL MAINTAIN, PRESERVE, AND PROTECT THE CEMETERY, AND TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

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

H. 3231 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE UNIT OF INSTRUCTION IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING BE OFFERED IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE UNIT OF INSTRUCTION IN HARBOR PILOTAGE

BE OFFERED IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS; AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTRUCTION PROVIDED IN THIS ACT MUST BE OFFERED BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3232 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEALTHY RENTAL HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-635 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR TENANTS OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTIES WITH MOLD THAT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE TENANT OR AUTHORIZED OCCUPANT OF THE RENTAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE ADDITIONAL NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-420, RELATING TO CERTAIN WRITTEN DISCLOSURES THAT LANDLORDS MUST MAKE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN DISCLOSURE OF VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF MOLD IN AREAS READILY ACCESSIBLE WITHIN THE INTERIOR OF THE DWELLING UNIT, AND TO PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR A TENANT TO WHOM THE LANDLORD DISCLOSES THE PRESENCE OF SUCH MOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-440, RELATING TO LANDLORD OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES, SO AS TO PROVIDE LANDLORDS SHALL MAINTAIN THE RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES IN A CONDITION APPROPRIATE TO PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF MOISTURE AND THE GROWTH OF MOLD, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS WHEN SUCH MOISTURE OR MOLD IS FOUND; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-510, RELATING TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF TENANTS WITH RESPECT TO RENTAL UNITS AND PREMISES, SO AS TO PROVIDE TENANTS SHALL USE REASONABLE EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE PREMISES IN A CONDITION APPROPRIATE TO PREVENT THE ACCUMULATION OF MOISTURE AND THE GROWTH OF MOLD, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS WHEN SUCH MOISTURE OR MOLD IS FOUND.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3233 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-435 SO AS TO IMPOSE UPON LANDLORDS A DUTY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SECURITY TO PROTECT TENANTS FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF THIRD PARTIES, TO PROVIDE LANDLORDS WHO ARE NEGLIGENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS DUTY MAY BE LIABLE FOR DAMAGES PROXIMATELY CAUSED TO THE TENANT BY SUCH CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, TO IMPOSE RELATED DUTIES CONCERNING SECURITY MEASURES THAT MUST BE PROVIDED, AND TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY DEFINITION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3234 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-115 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN INDIVIDUAL'S CREDIT SCORE FROM BEING THE BASIS OF ANY PERSONNEL ACTION, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3235 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "COASTAL STRUCTURAL STABILITY STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE CURRENT MEASURES FOR INSPECTING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS THAT ARE SIX FLOORS OR MORE IN HEIGHT CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST AND ON THE CHARLESTON PENINSULA TO EVALUATE THEIR STRUCTURAL SOUNDNESS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING SUCH MEASURES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3236 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WEAPONS DETECTOR SYSTEMS IN SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE WEAPONS DETECTOR SYSTEMS MUST BE INSTALLED IN ALL PUBLIC

SCHOOL BUILDING AND ATHLETICS VENUE ENTRANCES, TO PROVIDE RELATED TRAINING MUST BE GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE STAFF, TO PROVIDE EVERYONE ENTERING THE BUILDINGS AND VENUES MUST BE SCREENED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF HANDHELD METAL DETECTORS UNTIL MORE COMPLETE SYSTEMS MAY BE IMPLEMENTED, AND TO PROVIDE WEAPONS DETECTORS MAY INCLUDE METAL DETECTORS AND OTHER MEANS FOR SCREENING FOR WEAPONS AS TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3237 -- Reps. Gilliard and Grant: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "WEAPONS DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EVALUATE WHETHER IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF WEAPONS DETECTORS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3238 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN HOUSING TO DISPLACED RESIDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3239 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-105 SO AS TO LIMIT FEES THAT CERTAIN BANKS OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE MAY CHARGE FOR CASH TRANSFERS, DEPOSITS, OR WITHDRAWALS CONDUCTED AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3240 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES MAY NOT DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY OR APPOINT PROXIES TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT ON THEIR BEHALF, TO PROVIDE

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

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3241 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE REPORTING OF MEDICAL DEBT INFORMATION AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE CREDIT OR PAYMENT HISTORY OF A CONSUMER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR INVESTIGATING VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3242 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 68 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BUS PRIVATIZATION ACT OF 2025," INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL NOT OWN, PURCHASE, OR ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUSES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2029, AND ITS PRESENT FLEET OF SCHOOL BUSES BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2026, TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON A PHASED-IN BASIS INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER WITH OTHER DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR BY CONTRACT MAY ENGAGE A PRIVATE ENTITY TO PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE PRIVATE ENTITY PROVIDING ALL SCHOOL BUSES, PERSONNEL TO OPERATE, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT STATE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2026, SHALL BE LEASED OR SOLD TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS OR IN THE ABSENCE OF A SALE OR LEASE CLOSED, TO ESTABLISH A

"SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND" CONSISTING OF SPECIFIED FUNDS WHICH MUST BE USED TO REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE COST OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ON A FORMULA BASIS AND TO INCREASE TEACHER SALARIES FROM SAVINGS RESULTING FROM PRIVATIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE ENTITIES PROVIDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND FOR SCHOOL BUS, DRIVER, PASSENGER, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO THESE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH FURNISHES ITS OWN BUSES, PERSONNEL, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES PRIOR TO THE REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 68, TITLE 59; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-67-460 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2029, RELATING TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IS TRANSFERRED FULLY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3243 -- Reps. Gilliard, Spann-Wilder and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-775 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES BEGINNING WITH THE 2027 PLAN YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, TO PROHIBIT THE APPLICATION OF COST-SHARING PROVISIONS TO COVERED LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3244 -- Reps. Guffey, Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

59-1-488 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE ALL INTERNET WEBSITES, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND OTHER COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROPOSED FOR USE ON SCHOOL-ISSUED DIGITAL DEVICES TO ENSURE THEIR ALIGNMENT TO CURRICULUM APPROVED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN SUCH APPROVAL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3245 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Chumley and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PRIVATE SCHOOL AND CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED SITUATIONS IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PRIVATE OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE SPORTS OFFERED AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3246 -- RESERVED

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3248 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 59-116-10; SECTION 59-116-20; SECTION 59-116-30; SECTION 59-116-80; AND SECTION 59-116-120, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE, AND THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SUCH CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3249 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Willis, Burns, Chumley, Pope and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DEPENDENT MATERNITY COVERAGE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-142 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HEALTH INSURERS OPERATING IN SOUTH CAROLINA THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENTS UP TO AGE TWENTY-SIX TO INCLUDE MATERNITY CARE COVERAGE FOR THOSE DEPENDENTS, TO THE EXTENT NOT PREEMPTED BY FEDERAL LAW.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3252 -- Rep. McGinnis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE," TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSES AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2027, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3253 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley and Taylor: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO REPEAL SECTION 4, ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PROVIDING DIRECT AID TO RELIGIOUS OR OTHER PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3254 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-32, RELATING TO SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS AND RELATED CRITERIA REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY WAIVE CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOUND TO POSSESS THE GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO COMPETENTLY PRACTICE MEDICINE.

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

H. 3255 -- Reps. W. Newton and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-140, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS OF ATHLETE AGENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTIFIED ATHLETE AGENTS MAY PAY CERTAIN EXPENSES INCURRED BEFORE THE SIGNING OF AGENCY CONTRACTS BY STUDENT ATHLETES, FAMILY MEMBERS OF STUDENT ATHLETES, AND INDIVIDUALS OR CLASSES OF INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE SUCH PAYMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3256 -- Reps. Oremus, Robbins, Pope, Magnuson, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN ULTRASOUND VIDEO SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF VITAL ORGANS IN EARLY FETAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER-GENERATED ANIMATION SHOWING THE PROCESS OF FERTILIZATION AND EVERY STAGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3257 -- Reps. Pope and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-120, 38-65-140, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-120 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-105, RELATING TO DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INSURERS THAT ISSUE DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE MAY NOT DECLINE OR LIMIT SUCH COVERAGE OR DISCRIMINATE IN THE OFFERING, ISSUANCE, OR CANCELLATION OF SUCH COVERAGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BASED SOLELY ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE PROSPECTIVE INSURED.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3259 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3260 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-460, RELATING TO OPTIONAL EXCUSED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICIES FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, SO AS TO MANDATE THAT DISTRICTS ADOPT POLICIES AUTHORIZING STUDENTS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, TO ALLOW FOR THE PAYMENT OF RELATED DE MINIMIS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS WITH PUBLIC FUNDS, AND TO REVISE THE PROHIBITION ON RELEASING STUDENTS FROM CORE SUBJECT CLASSES TO INSTEAD ONLY PROHIBIT THEIR RELEASE FROM CORE ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH, MATH, AND SCIENCE.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3261 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 42-9-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRST RESPONDER TO FILE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR A STRESS OR MENTAL INJURY UNACCOMPANIED BY A PHYSICAL INJURY.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3262 -- Reps. Pope, Ligon and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-65, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS OF FARM STRUCTURES,

SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CONVERTED FARM STRUCTURES USED FOR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EVENTS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3263 -- Reps. Pope, Wooten, Pedalino and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MEASURES TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE PRIVACY AMONG SEXES USING CERTAIN RESTROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3264 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-444 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM ON MEDIA LITERACY AND CRITICAL THINKING INSTRUCTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3265 -- Reps. Rose and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM TEAMS SHALL CONSIDER THE NEED FOR AGE-APPROPRIATE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTION FOR THE SUBJECTS TAUGHT UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM WHEN DEVELOPING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR TEAMS TO USE WHEN CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS AND SCHOOLS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3266 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO PREVENT AN INSURER FROM DENYING A CLAIM ARISING FROM A LEAK UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3267 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-140, RELATING TO BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR LIMITS FOR BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3268 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MAY, BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION, APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED AS A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF HOME RULE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION WHO THE COUNTY DELEGATION APPOINTS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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

H. 3269 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-18-75 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BUSINESS FROM DISCLOSING CERTAIN INFORMATION AND KNOWINGLY REPRESENTING MULTIPLE PARTIES WITH OPPOSING INTERESTS IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3270 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-

220, RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALTIES RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR WHICH SPECIAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO INCLUDE DENTAL SPECIALTIES RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES SUBJECT TO THESE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-250, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF DENTAL SPECIALTY LICENSES WITHOUT BOARD EXAMINATION TO DIPLOMATES OF CERTAIN NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AMONG SUCH NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-260, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DENTAL SPECIALTY LICENSES TO APPLICANTS WHO COMPLY WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLIANCE WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE.

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

H. 3271 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-440 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STUDENT MUST BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING OUT-OF-STATE TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND MUST BE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE IF HE ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OR RECEIVED THE EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THIS STATE, REGISTERS AS AN ENTERING STUDENT OR IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION NO EARLIER THAN THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR, AND, IF LACKING LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, FILES AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE INSTITUTION STATING HE HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE HIS IMMIGRATION OR WILL FILE AN APPLICATION WHEN ELIGIBLE; TO PROVIDE A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT ALSO MUST MEET OTHER

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE; TO PROVIDE STUDENT INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3272 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BAN THE BOX ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS UNLESS THE CONVICTION DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE EMPLOYMENT OR LICENSURE SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, EXCLUSIONS, AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3273 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE THAT A NONPROFIT CORPORATION WITH AN ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE EXCEEDING ONE BILLION DOLLARS HAS WITH CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES IS NULL, VOID, AND UNENFORCEABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO SUCH COVENANT MAY BE ENTERED INTO WITH FUTURE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3274 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION LAWFULLY MAY OWN, MARKET, AND REGULATE CERTAIN CASH DEPOSIT-ACTIVATED GAMES OF SKILL MACHINES THAT SKILLED PLAYERS MAY PLAY TO EARN PRIZES; TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THESE GAMES OF SKILL MACHINES; AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

LAWFULLY MAY PLAY THESE MACHINES AND ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION LAWFULLY MAY POSSESS THE MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3275 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS HE IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE

PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3277 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-557 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SEX OFFENDERS MAY HAVE CONTACT OR CUSTODY WITH THEIR OR ANY OTHER MINOR CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST REPORT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN TO THE COURT, AND TO PROVIDE THE SOLICITOR MUST PROVIDE NONOFFENDING PARENTS INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING MINORS FROM OFFENDING PARENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3278 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS PRISONERS TO USE TIME SPENT UNDER MONITORED HOUSE ARREST AGAINST THEIR SENTENCE WHEN COMPUTING TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3279 -- Reps. Moss, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO ESTABLISH THE EQUINE PROMOTION BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND THE TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON ALL COMMERCIAL FEED AND CUSTOM BLENDS LABELED FOR EQUINE USE, TO PROVIDE HOW THE FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE THE EQUINE INDUSTRY

IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE EQUINE PROMOTION FUND.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3280 -- Reps. McCravy and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-950, RELATING TO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARDON SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES INMATES BE CONSIDERED FOR PARDONS BEFORE PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3281 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Willis, Burns, Chumley, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Rankin, Martin, Chapman and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 18 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND TO PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3282 -- Reps. Magnuson and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2028, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE IN SELECTING A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL EXAMINE WHETHER THE PERSON POSSESSES CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S COMPENSATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3283 -- Reps. Long, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HOLDERS OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS ON CARRYING FIREARMS ON POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL PROPERTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION PLACED ON THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS INTO COLLEGE ATHLETIC EVENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3284 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL" TO INCLUDE TOW TRUCK OPERATORS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3286 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 47 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE, OFFER FOR SALE, OR SELL PLANT-BASED MEAT PRODUCTS AS "MEAT," "CLEAN-MEAT," OR "MEAT-FOOD" PRODUCTS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3287 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2937 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR ANY OTHER DRUG OR COMBINATION OF DRUGS, OR CONVICTED OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND HAD AT LEAST ONE PRIOR CONVICTION FOR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, ANY OTHER DRUG, OR A COMBINATION OF OTHER DRUGS OR SUBSTANCES, OR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION AND WHOSE VICTIMS WERE PARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN, MUST PAY RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD MAINTENANCE TO EACH OF THE VICTIMS' CHILDREN UNTIL EACH CHILD REACHES EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-118 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF OPERATING MOVING WATER DEVICES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WHEN DEATH RESULTS, OR RECKLESS HOMICIDE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS AND WHOSE VICTIMS WERE PARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN, MUST PAY RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD MAINTENANCE TO EACH OF THE VICTIMS' CHILDREN UNTIL EACH CHILD REACHES EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3288 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, W. Newton and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-240, RELATING TO BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO ARE SUBJECTS IN DATA RECORDED BY BODY-WORN CAMERAS MAY REQUEST AND MUST RECEIVE RECORDED DATA WITHOUT PURSUING ACTIONS UNDER THE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE OR CIVIL PROCEDURE, OR BY OBTAINING COURT ORDERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3289 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 23-47-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "FIRST RESPONDER"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-47-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE 911 PROFESSIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN BENEFITS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3290 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-320, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF TAGS FOR HUNTING AND TAKING DEER AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY USE PRINTED COPIES OF TAGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST POSSESS TAGS WHEN TAGGING DEER BUT NOT WHILE HUNTING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-544, RELATING TO WILD TURKEY TAGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY USE PRINTED COPIES OF TAGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST POSSESS TAGS WHEN TAGGING WILD TURKEY BUT NOT WHILE HUNTING.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3291 -- Reps. Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 56-1-250 RELATING TO CANCELLATION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES OR PERMITS OF MINORS UPON DEATH OF PERSONS SIGNING THE MINOR'S APPLICATION FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3293 -- Reps. Hardee, Pedalino, W. Newton and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, AND FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ON THE HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3294 -- RESERVED

H. 3295 -- Reps. Hardee and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPANIES THAT MAINTAIN IN-VEHICLE SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES MUST RELEASE VEHICLE LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3296 -- Reps. Haddon, Lawson, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" SO AS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3297 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH A CERTAIN POVERTY INDEX OR LOCATED IN A CERTAIN COUNTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3298 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OVERTIME INCOME IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3299 -- Reps. Beach, Pope, Magnuson and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW

ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUST CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PERSONS ARRESTED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS MUST BE RECORDED IN THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED, CONVICTED, OR BOTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3300 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BANK MAY NOT ALLOW A GOVERNMENTAL TAX COLLECTION AGENCY TO COLLECT CERTAIN CUSTOMER DATA.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3301 -- Reps. Burns, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A RETAIL LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MUST ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3302 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STOP SURPRISE BILLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-292 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM ENGAGING IN SURPRISE BILLING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-45 SO AS TO MAKE IT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE FOR AN INSURER OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF SURPRISE BILLING.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3303 -- Reps. Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO PETROLEUM PIPELINES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS, PERMITTING, AND HEARINGS, TO SET

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENDERING FINAL ORDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REHEARINGS, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REQUIRE RECORDS PRODUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOVERY, TO EMPLOY EXPERT WITNESSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY MAY REQUEST REASONABLE ACCESS TO PROPERTY ON A PROPOSED SITE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPILL OR AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR EMINENT DOMAIN AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 58-7-10 THROUGH 58-7-70 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES."

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3304 -- Reps. Landing, Magnuson and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-1-201, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL CODE GENERAL DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MONEY" TO EXCLUDE CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 26-6-160, RELATING TO CONTROL OF TRANSFERABLE RECORDS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 34-3-210, RELATING TO THE GENERAL POWERS OF A BANKING CORPORATION, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A BANKING CORPORATION FROM OFFERING ANY SERVICE OR APPROVING OF OR CONDUCTING ANY TRANSACTION THAT INVOLVES CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT ENTITIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING ANY SERVICE OR CONDUCTING ANY TRANSACTION THAT WOULD UTILIZE CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3305 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3306 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-10, RELATING TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FROM NINE TO FIFTEEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-20, RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR JUDGES ON THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH STAGGERED TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-80, RELATING TO THE COURT SITTING IN PANELS OR AS A WHOLE, AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS TO PANELS BY THE CHIEF JUDGE, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES BETWEEN THE PANELS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF JUDGE ESTABLISH TWO PANELS TO PRESIDE OVER CRIMINAL MATTERS, TWO PANELS TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL MATTERS, AND A FIFTH PANEL TO MAINTAIN APPROXIMATELY EQUAL CASELOADS BETWEEN THE PANELS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-90, RELATING TO WHEN THE COURT MAY SIT EN BANC, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PETITION OR MOTION FOR THE COURT TO SIT EN BANC FROM SIX TO TEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TEN JUSTICES CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3307 -- Reps. Rutherford, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-15 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CABLE SERVICE PROVIDER TO ISSUE REFUNDS TO CUSTOMERS DUE TO AN INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3308 -- Reps. Beach and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFEND THE GUARD ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-1930 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MAY NOT BE RELEASED FROM THE STATE INTO ACTIVE-DUTY COMBAT UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS.

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

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH

CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES'

AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN

CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3310 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson, Chapman and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN

CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3311 -- Reps. Burns and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1625 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VOTING SYSTEM PURCHASED FOR USE IN SOUTH CAROLINA MUST UTILIZE HAND-MARKED PAPER BALLOTS THAT ARE COUNTED BY HAND.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3312 -- Reps. Chumley and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-225, RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PROOF OF INSURANCE IN A VEHICLE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY NOT BE CONFISCATED BASED ON A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3313 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2210 AND 56-3-2230, BOTH RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES AS ANTIQUE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES MAY BE USED AT NIGHT FOR PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN THESE SECTIONS IF EQUIPPED WITH WORKING HEADLIGHTS AND REAR LIGHTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3314 -- Reps. Chumley, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-668 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE RESTORATION, EXHIBITION, SHOWING, AND ENJOYMENT OF CLASSIC AND

ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AS THE OFFICIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY PASTIME OF THE STATE.

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

H. 3315 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-190, RELATING TO WARRANTS ISSUED IN OTHER COUNTIES OR BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO SERVE WARRANTS ISSUED BY MUNICIPAL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY ON A PERSON INCARCERATED IN THAT COUNTY'S JAIL OR DETENTION CENTER WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A MAGISTRATE ENDORSING THE WARRANT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3316 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3317 -- Reps. Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "DATING VIOLENCE" AND "DATING" OR "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-32-20, 59-32-30, AND 59-32-50, ALL RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, ALL SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON THE TOPIC OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OFFERING DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AND THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF DATING

VIOLENCE REPORTED AND ADDRESSED BY EACH SCHOOL; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON THE TOPIC OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND TO ANNUALLY MAINTAIN A REPORT DETAILING THE INSTITUTION'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT AND IDENTIFYING THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF DATING VIOLENCE REPORTED AND ADDRESSED BY THE INSTITUTION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3318 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE RUNOFFS FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3319 -- Reps. Guffey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-25-180, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE, SO AS TO DECLARE UNLAWFUL CERTAIN OTHER CONDUCT WITHIN THE PROXIMITY OF AN ENTRANCE TO A POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING LOCATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3320 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS PERMANENTLY THE STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND BY PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3321 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS DO NOT NEED TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST OR CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3322 -- Reps. Caskey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT QUESTIONS OF LAW DECIDED BY A COURT MUST BE MADE WITHOUT ANY DEFERENCE TO ANY DETERMINATION OR INTERPRETATION MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3323 -- Rep. Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TELEPHONE SOLICITATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN TELEPHONIC SALES CALLS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SELLERS FROM USING CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY, TO PROVIDE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION FOR CERTAIN CALLS MADE TO ANY AREA CODE IN THIS STATE, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN AUTOMATED DIALING OR RECORDED MESSAGES, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN TIME FRAME FOR COMMERCIAL CALLS, TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF CALLS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3324 -- Rep. Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATE VETERANS MONUMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-230 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATE VETERANS MONUMENT COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED DESIGN

AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3325 -- Reps. Chumley and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS ADVANCED BY ONE HOUR BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH OF 2025, AND BEGINNING ON THIS DATE AND TIME AND THEREAFTER PERMANENTLY BECOMES STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND BY PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3326 -- Reps. Chumley and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICE FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY TO MAKE A BAD FAITH ASSERTION OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, TO PROVIDE EVIDENTIARY CONSIDERATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3327 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-380, RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL LOTTERY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE PURPOSES AND FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR TEACHERS TO OBTAIN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEIR CONTENT AREA, FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATES WHO CHOOSE TO MAJOR IN EDUCATION, AND GRANTS TO TEACHERS AND CERTIFIED PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS TO REPAY STUDENT LOANS, TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND

PROCEDURES FOR THESE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR A LIFE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS FRESHMAN YEAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS FRESHMAN YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3328 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3790, RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S FUND, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILD" TO INCLUDE A CHILD WHO IS IN FOSTER CARE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3329 -- Reps. Collins and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR DIAPERS AND TOILET PAPER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3330 -- Reps. Collins and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT EXPEND MORE THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ITS BUDGET ON OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3331 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP AND IS ENROLLED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STUDENT SHALL

COMMIT TO TEACH IN A SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR SEVEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A STUDENT DOES NOT TEACH IN A SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, THE STUDENT SHALL RETURN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3332 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY BY JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL IMPOSE A STATEWIDE MILLAGE ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN THIS STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND IN THE JOINT RESOLUTION IMPOSING THE TAX SHALL PROVIDE THE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTING THE REVENUE FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN THIS STATE FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

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

H. 3334 -- Reps. Davis, Mitchell, Chapman, Pedalino and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-1050 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND REDUCING COSTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3335 -- Reps. Dillard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3336 -- Reps. Dillard, Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-21-40, 31-21-50, AND 31-21-60, ALL RELATING TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO DISABILITY OR SOURCE OF INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3337 -- Reps. Dillard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AGING WITH DIGNITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A TAXPAYER WHO IS CARING FOR A SENIOR FAMILY MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3338 -- Reps. Dillard, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR DIAPERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3339 -- Rep. Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-37-10,

RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR EJECTMENT OF TENANT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME WHEN AN EVICTION MAY BE IMPLEMENTED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3340 -- Reps. Forrest, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-65, RELATING TO FEE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PARKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO CERTAIN MILITARY MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND VETERANS.

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

H. 3341 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 31-21-65, 59-63-41, AND 45-9-11 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIR STYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN EMPLOYMENT TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-80, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO COVERED EMPLOYERS ALLOWING THEM TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIRSTYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE WHEN NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3342 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-48 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE ALL HEALTH INSURANCE AND GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COVER HEARING AIDS AND REPLACEMENT HEARING AIDS FOR

INSUREDS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3343 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Lawson, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY LAND OR REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF A STATE OR FEDERAL MILITARY BASE OR INSTALLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING OR ERECTING CERTAIN TOWERS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3344 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Mitchell, Pedalino, McCravy and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3345 -- Reps. Gilliam and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR IS DESIGNATED AS "SOUTH CAROLINA MENTORING DAY."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3346 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RENT CONTROL ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 27-39-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON RAISING RESIDENTIAL RENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3347 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO PERFORM WORK FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3348 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REGISTERED NURSES AND DOCTORS PRACTICING IN THIS STATE QUALIFY FOR STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3350 -- Reps. Guest, B. Newton, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-120, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITION OF "INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-140, RELATING TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCREASES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN NOTICES FOR HOLDING MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-150, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PROVISIONS THAT APPLY TO CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH AN INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-160, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAGISTRATES COURT HAS JURISDICTION OVER ALL MATTERS BETWEEN A HOMEOWNER AND A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-340, RELATING TO COMPLAINTS FROM HOMEOWNERS OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN COMPLAINTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3351 -- Reps. Guest, Lawson, Garvin and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 27-32-40, RELATING TO FURNISHING COPIES OF TIMESHARE CONTRACTS TO PURCHASERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PURCHASER MAY CANCEL THE CONTRACT WITHIN TEN DAYS OF SIGNING.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3352 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO, SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN ASSESSOR FROM REQUIRING AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL TAX RECORDS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3353 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LAW, IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE STATE, MAY PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF GAMBLING AND GAMING ACTIVITIES ON WHICH BETS ARE MADE TO INCLUDE PARI MUTUEL BETTING ON HORSE RACING, SPORTS BETTING ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS, CASINO ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CARD AND DICE GAMES WHERE THE SKILL OF THE PLAYER IS INVOLVED IN THE OUTCOME, AND GAMES OF CHANCE WITH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR GAMING TABLES, ALL OF WHICH STRICTLY MUST BE REGULATED AND MAY BE CONDUCTED IN ONE LOCATION OR IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AREA SUBJECT TO SPECIAL LAWS, INCLUDING CRIMINAL LAWS, ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, APPLICABLE ONLY IN THE SPECIFIED AREA, WITH THE REVENUE REALIZED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO BE USED FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, AND REPAIR; AND BY PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY DELETING SECTION 8 WHICH MAKES IT UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON HOLDING AN OFFICE OF HONOR, TRUST, OR PROFIT TO ENGAGE IN GAMBLING OR BETTING ON GAMES OF CHANCE,

AND REQUIRES THE OFFICER'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE UPON CONVICTION FOR A GAMBLING OFFENSE.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3354 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT HAS AN ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE EXCEEDING ONE BILLION DOLLARS THAT IMPOSES A REDUCTION IN FORCE OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EMPLOYEES TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A REPORT TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND ENTITIES DETAILING ALL ECONOMIC AND PROCEDURAL BENEFITS MADE AVAILABLE TO IT AND WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO IMPOSE THE REDUCTION IN FORCE.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3355 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A COMMUNITY CHARGE ON NONPROFIT HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE CHARGE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN COLLECTION MEASURES.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3356 -- Rep. Rutherford: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 14, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO CITIZENS DEEMED SUI JURIS AND RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS, SUBSTANCES, OR SERVICES DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE UNREASONABLY HAZARDOUS, PERILOUS, OR UNSAFE TO PERSONS UNTIL AGE TWENTY-ONE.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3357 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "SHIPPING TRANSPORTATION AND PORT BRIDGE SAFETY STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE CURRENT STATE AND

FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES CONCERNING THE NAVIGATION OF LARGE VESSELS UNDER MAJOR WATERWAY BRIDGES WHILE ENTERING OR LEAVING HARBORS, PORTS, AND CANALS IN THIS STATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND DURATION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3358 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, McCravy, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION IF THE TAXPAYER HAS LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3359 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADMISSION TO ANY AGROTOURISM ACTIVITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3360 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2130, RELATING TO USE TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE PURCHASED OR LEASED IN ANOTHER STATE IF THE PURCHASER PAID THE SALES TAX IN THE OTHER STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3361 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-409 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY FROM REDUCING ITS FUNDING FOR CIRCUIT SOLICITOR OPERATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3362 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-65-30, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH INCOME TAX CREDITS TO BE TRANSFERRED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH INCOME TAX CREDITS TO BE TRANSFERRED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3363 -- Reps. B. Newton, Ligon, Pope, Sessions, Guffey, Martin and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-11-10 AND 9-11-40, BOTH RELATING TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO SET FORTH CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY WHICH THE CATAWBA NATION MAY BECOME AN EMPLOYER FOR PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3364 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON FARM MACHINERY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ARE NOT CONSIDERED AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS AND QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION IF USED FOR QUALIFYING PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3365 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Burns, Chumley, Willis, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Mitchell, Magnuson, Rankin, Chapman, Pedalino and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "ELIMINATE THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY ACT" BY

ADDING SECTION 12-6-525 SO AS TO ALLOW MARRIED TAXPAYERS WHO FILE A JOINT FEDERAL RETURN TO CALCULATE THEIR AMOUNT OF SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX OWED FOR THE TAX YEAR AS THOUGH EACH TAXPAYER FILED A RETURN AS A SINGLE TAXPAYER IF THE TAXPAYERS' CUMULATIVE TAX OWED WOULD BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD OWE HAD THEY FILED A JOINT RETURN.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3366 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FROM OFFERING OR AWARDING INCENTIVES TO CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND TO PROHIBIT ANY COMPANY RECEIVING AN INCENTIVE FROM CONTRACTING WITH SUCH PROHIBITED COMPANIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3367 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ROLLBACK TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ROLLBACK TAXES ONLY APPLY TO THE PREVIOUS TAX YEAR INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS THREE TAX YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3368 -- Reps. Long and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO MODIFICATIONS TO GROSS INCOME FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE OVERTIME PAY AND CERTAIN BONUS PAY FROM GROSS INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3369 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO

PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK AND WECHAT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3370 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-696, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GULLAH LANGUAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3371 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADMISSIONS CHARGED BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT BUSINESS LEAGUES AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3372 -- Reps. Hixon and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-110, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAIL SALES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SOLD BY CERTAIN ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN MAKING LIMITED SALES AT CERTAIN FESTIVALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-510, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A RETAIL LICENSE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OBTAIN A RETAIL LICENSE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3373 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-50-30, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO DIRECT THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-

50-40, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO MODIFY A DEFINITION; BY REPEALING SECTION 1-11-25 RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE AUTHORITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 1-11-26 RELATING TO GRANTS FUNDS OF THE AUTHORITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3374 -- Reps. Hardee, Mitchell and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR, TO OBTAIN THE EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3375 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3376 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 4-10-470 RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3377 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant, Govan and Bauer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER

SOUTH CAROLINA SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAID EXPANSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3378 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, McCravy and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2120, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ALL PROPERTY FROM TAXATION AND PROVIDE A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR REIMBURSEMENT TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3379 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3380 -- Reps. Burns, Lawson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO SET THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT AS THE GREATER OF THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE FIRST THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3381 -- Reps. Beach, Lawson, McCravy, Chumley and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFENSE OF CHILDREN'S INNOCENCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY BUSINESS WHERE DRAG SHOWS ARE HELD IS DEEMED TO BE A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS FOR ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-210 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR

ANY ENTITY THAT IS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS FROM USING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS TO HOST OR PROVIDE A DRAG SHOW; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIALS TO MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF ALLOWING A MINOR TO VIEW A DRAG SHOW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3382 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3383 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-52, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO INDEX PROJECT LIMITS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3384 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3385 -- Reps. Wooten and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-130, RELATING TO USE OF INMATE LABOR FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WORK CAMPS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3386 -- Reps. Taylor, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING OR INSTANT RUNOFF BALLOTS IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3388 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A VIOLENT CRIME, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-100, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A NO PAROLE OFFENSE, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3389 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-450, RELATING TO IMMUNITY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACT, SO AS TO GRANT A PERSON THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A COURT FINDING THAT THE PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED TO IMMUNITY NOTWITHSTANDING A SUBSEQUENT GUILTY PLEA TO THE SAME UNDERLYING OFFENSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3390 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY

CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3391 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF AGGRAVATED INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3392 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson, Chapman and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A HEALTHCARE WORKER OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3393 -- Rep. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL OFFENSE FOR LITTERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR LITTERING OFFENSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3394 -- Reps. T. Moore, Robbins, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3395 -- Rep. Long: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL RESCIND, REPEAL, CANCEL, NULLIFY, AND

SUPERSEDE TO THE SAME EFFECT AS IF THEY HAD NEVER BEEN PASSED, ANY AND ALL EXTANT APPLICATIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CALL A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3396 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson, Rankin, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR A PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY OR IS REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY OR REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTRATION AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY OR STATUS AS A REGISTERED INDEPENDENT AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3397 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO A TENANT REMOVED FROM A PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT MUST

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

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3398 -- Reps. King and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-120, RELATING TO PERSONS DISQUALIFIED FROM REGISTERING OR VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE DISQUALIFYING PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN APPLICANT AFFIRM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE HAS NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-185, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3399 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEFAULT TO SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AGAINST UNFILTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO AUTOMATICALLY ENABLE AND PASSCODE-PROTECT THE FILTERS BLOCKING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON DEVICES ACTIVATED IN THIS STATE; TO SUBJECT MANUFACTURERS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUALS TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PROVIDING A PASSCODE TO REMOVE THE PORNOGRAPHY FILTER FOR AN INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE

DEVICE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3400 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY NOT COLLECT, RETAIN, PROCESS, OR SELL CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES SHALL UTILIZE PRIVACY BY DEFAULT, TO PROVIDE THAT USERS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SUBPOENAS AND WARRANTS MUST BE EXPEDITED, TO PROVIDE THAT PRIVACY POLICIES MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE FOR METHODS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, TO REQUIRE A REPORT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3401 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT COMMUNICATE WITH A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXERCISING OF CERTAIN RIGHTS, TO ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS THAT WAIVE RIGHTS ARE VOID, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH METHODS TO SUBMIT REQUESTS, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES FOR CONTROLLERS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVACY NOTICE, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A PROCESSOR, TO PROVIDE FOR A DATA PROTECTION ASSESSMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A CONTROLLER IN POSSESSION OF DEIDENTIFIED DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE FOR

ACTIONS THAT ARE NOT RESTRICTED, TO PROVIDE FOR THIRD-PARTY DATA DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA MAY NOT BE PROCESSED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3402 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION FIDUCIARY, TO PROVIDE SCOPE AND EXCLUSIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR DATA PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3403 -- Reps. Guffey and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3404 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, OR LIKENESS IN ANY MEDIUM IN ANY MANNER AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3405 -- Reps. Guffey, Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "APP STORE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT APP STORE PROVIDERS DETERMINE CERTAIN AGE CATEGORIES AND CERTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT, TO

PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS SHALL ISSUE CERTAIN GUIDANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONFLICTING SIGNALS, TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3406 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MAY NOT UPLOAD OR ALLOW A USER TO UPLOAD CERTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES WITHOUT CERTAIN VERIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MUST ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN IMAGES MAY NOT BE UPLOADED WITHOUT CONSENT, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN CONSENT FORMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3407 -- Reps. Haddon and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FOOD AND BEVERAGE LABELING.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3408 -- Reps. Haddon, Forrest, Gilliam, Ligon, Taylor, Mitchell, Pope, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY ANY UNITED STATES-DECLARED FOREIGN ADVERSARY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY

REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS ARE VOID.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3409 -- Reps. Haddon, Robbins, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3515, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION OR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3410 -- Reps. Hardee, Pope, Martin and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES OWNED OR LEASED BY ANY PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FORMER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR FORMER FIREFIGHTER.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3411 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, McCravy and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ACCEPT BANK STATEMENTS AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS AS PROOF OF RECEIPT.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3412 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 81 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "JOINT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS" AND TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY HOLD CERTAIN HEARINGS AND RECEIVE CERTAIN TESTIMONY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT RULES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS

AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN PER DIEM, MILEAGE, AND SUBSISTENCE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3413 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 37 SO AS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT INTEREST MAY ACCRUE ON A STUDENT EDUCATION LOAN.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3414 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3415 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE JUNE TWENTY-SECOND OF EACH YEAR AS "SARAH MAE FLEMMING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3416 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Martin and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3417 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Pope and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF TEACHERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3418 -- Reps. Landing, Pope and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT FORM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY DETAINS OR OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3419 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Pope, Magnuson, Spann-Wilder and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3420 -- Reps. Long and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3791 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES GRANTS FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND CERTAIN INDEPENDENT AND HOME SCHOOLS, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CREDIT IS CLAIMED, TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS BY WHICH CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS BECOME ELIGIBLE, TO SPECIFY CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE MADE PUBLIC, AND TO ALLOW THE STATE TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CREDIT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-3790 RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S FUND.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3421 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 9-16-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMISSION MAY NOT INVEST PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUNDS IN CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3422 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-18-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS HELD IN A TRUST ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AND MUST BE DONATED TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3423 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Vaughan, Burns, Chumley, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Willis, Lawson and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPLY ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FUEL STATIONS TO HAVE PRE-WIRING FOR A BACKUP GENERATOR.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3424 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Burns, Chumley, Willis, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Rankin, Martin and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 36,

TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SALES, USE, AND CASUAL EXCISE TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3425 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-135 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-137 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FROM PAYING UTILITY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE HOMEOWNER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-140, RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S BUDGET, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS BEFORE IT MAY TAKE ACTION TO SPEND FUNDS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET AND TO REQUIRE A QUORUM OF HOMEOWNERS TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3426 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-20, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY IS A STATE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-13-30, RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS; 31-13-40, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; 31-13-50, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES; 31-13-200, RELATING TO NOTES AND BONDS; 31-13-210, RELATING TO MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE; 31-13-340, RELATING TO STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROGRAM FUND; 31-13-410, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS; 31-13-420, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND; 31-13-430, RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE; 31-13-440, RELATING TO DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; 31-13-445, RELATING TO FUND MONEY; AND 31-13-450, RELATING TO USE OF MONIES IN FUND, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3427 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3428 -- Reps. Moss and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-1524, RELATING TO RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE UNDER THE CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING AN AWARD DETERMINATION, A PROCUREMENT OFFICER IS DIRECTED TO DECREASE A BIDDER'S PRICE BY TWO PERCENT IF THE BID IS SUBMITTED BY A BUSINESS OWNED BY A SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN RESIDING IN THIS STATE, AND TO DEFINE "SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN" FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3429 -- Reps. B. Newton and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3695, RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL PROPERTY INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN LEASES, TO ADD ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT TO THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE PROPERTY," AND TO ADD ELECTRICITY TO THE DEFINITION OF "ALTERNATIVE FUEL."

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF

OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3432 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A

SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3433 -- Reps. Oremus and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EQUALITY IN FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROVIDE THAT A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION MAY NOT DISCRIMINATE IN THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3434 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3435 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN GRATUITIES AND TIPS FROM GROSS INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3436 -- Reps. Pace and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-525 SO AS TO ALLOW MARRIED TAXPAYERS THAT FILE A JOINT FEDERAL RETURN TO CALCULATE THEIR AMOUNT OF SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX OWED FOR THE TAX YEAR AS THOUGH EACH TAXPAYER FILED A RETURN AS A SINGLE TAXPAYER IF THE TAXPAYERS' CUMULATIVE TAX OWED

WOULD BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD OWE HAD THEY FILED A JOINT RETURN.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3437 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, Gilliam, Lawson, Wooten, Mitchell, Magnuson, Martin and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION UPON RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EARNINGS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-90, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION UPON RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EARNINGS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3438 -- Reps. Pope and B. Newton: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3439 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO TITLE 55 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA BLUE ORIGIN FLIGHT LOTTERY COMMISSION" TO CREATE AN ANNUAL LOTTERY FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENT TO FLY ON A BLUE ORIGIN FLIGHT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3440 -- Reps. Collins, Pope and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-440, RELATING TO THE PRESUMPTION OF REASONABLE FEAR OF IMMINENT PERIL WHEN USING DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ANOTHER UNLAWFULLY ENTERING A RESIDENCE, OCCUPIED VEHICLE, OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, SO AS TO ADD CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP TO THE LOCATIONS WHERE A PERSON, IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, HAS NO DUTY TO RETREAT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-445 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PRESUMPTION THAT A PERSON IS JUSTIFIED IN USING DEADLY FORCE IN SELF DEFENSE IF THE PERSON IS IN A CHURCH OR PLACE OF WORSHIP IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3441 -- Reps. Yow and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS AS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THEY MAY BE REMOVED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

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

H. 3442 -- Reps. Taylor, Mitchell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-1-201, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "MONEY", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MONEY DOES NOT INCLUDE A CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3443 -- Reps. Taylor and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ANY MATCHING FUNDS AND A SUMMARY OF ANY CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3444 -- Reps. Rutherford, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE - JUNETEENTH IS A STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3445 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO ALLOW A TAXPAYER'S SPOUSE TO CLAIM THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO ON A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3446 -- Reps. M. M. Smith and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-60, RELATING TO THE USE OF FACILITIES FREE OF

CHARGE BY AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED VETERANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR VALID FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION.

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

H. 3447 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3448 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM TAKING CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF A TENANT'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3449 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-710, RELATING TO TICKET RESALES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 39-5-36, RELATING TO THE RESALE OF TICKETS FOR MORE THAN THE ORIGINAL PRICE, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3450 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR, IN AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OR DECLARATION, MAY NOT PROHIBIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BEFORE 12:00 A.M. BY HOLDERS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF LICENSES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN ALLEGED VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF A GUBERNATORIAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION OR DECLARATION MAY NOT BE USED AS THE BASIS EITHER TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE CERTAIN TYPES OF LICENSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3451 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-520, RELATING TO ALCOHOL EDUCATION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY; SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES TO UNDERAGED PERSONS; SECTION 61-4-70, RELATING TO POSTING CERTAIN SIGNS; SECTION 61-4-90, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF BEER OR WINE FOR AN UNDERAGED PERSON'S CONSUMPTION; SECTION 61-4-100, RELATING TO CERTAIN CRIMINAL CHARGES; SECTION 61-4-360, RELATING TO SAMPLES OF WINE; SECTION 61-4-520, RELATING TO RETAIL PERMITS; SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS; SECTION 61-4-745, RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOL; SECTION 61-4-747, RELATING TO CERTAIN SHIPMENTS OF ALCOHOL; SECTION 61-4-748, RELATING TO CERTAIN SATELLITE LOCATION CERTIFICATES; SECTION 61-4-960, RELATING TO BEER TASTINGS; SECTION 61-4-1515, RELATING TO BREWERIES; SECTION 61-4-1920, RELATING TO KEGS; AND SECTION 63-19-2440, RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF BEER

AND WINE, ALL SO AS TO CHANGE THE APPLICABLE AGE FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3452 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAY MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY REFERENDUM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3453 -- Reps. Rose, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-20, RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN'S CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE TUITION IF THAT CHILD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE BIRTH.

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

H. 3454 -- Rep. Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-1-201, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CONSPICUOUS," "DELIVERY," "HOLDER," "MONEY," "PERSON," "SEND," "SIGNED," AND TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTRONIC"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2-102, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO INCLUDE HYBRID TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2-106, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "HYBRID TRANSACTION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2A-102, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF CHAPTER 2A, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR A HYBRID LEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2A-103, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "HYBRID LEASE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-104, RELATING TO NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR WHAT CONSTITUTES A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-105, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ISSUE," SO AS TO

AMEND THAT DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-401, RELATING TO LIABILITY ON AN INSTRUMENT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE STANDARDS REGARDING A SIGNATURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-604, RELATING TO THE OBLIGATION OF A PARTY TO PAY A CHECK, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN THE OBLIGATION TO PAY A CHECK IS NOT DISCHARGED; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-4A-103, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PAYMENT ORDER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-4A-201, RELATING TO "SECURITY PROCEDURE," SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECURITY PROCEDURE MAY IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION ON THE RECEIVING BANK OR CUSTOMER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-5-104, RELATING TO FORMAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF CREDIT, CONFIRMATION, ADVICE, TRANSFER, AMENDMENT, OR CANCELLATION MAY BE ISSUED IN ANY FORM THAT IS A SIGNED RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-5-116, RELATING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE BRANCH OF A BANK'S ADDRESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-7-102, RELATING TO AMENDMENTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEFINITION OF "SIGN"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-7-106, RELATING TO CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OF TITLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON HAS CONTROL OF AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OF TITLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-102, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "COMMUNICATE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-103, RELATING TO RULES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND INTERESTS ARE SECURITIES OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE IS NOT A FINANCIAL ASSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-106, RELATING TO WHEN A PURCHASER HAS CONTROL OF A SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON, OTHER THAN THE TRANSFEROR TO THE PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN THE SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, HAS CONTROL OF THE SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTROL FOR SECURITY ENTITLEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-110, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND

CHOICE OF LAW, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN THE LOCAL LAW OF THE ISSUER'S OR SECURITY INTERMEDIARY'S JURISDICTION GOVERNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-303, RELATING TO A PROTECTED PURCHASER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROTECTED PURCHASER ALSO ACQUIRES ITS INTEREST IN THE SECURITY FREE OF ANY ADVERSE CLAIM; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-102, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ACCOUNT," "ACCOUNT DEBTOR," "ACCOUNTING," "AUTHENTICATE," "ASSIGNEE," "ASSIGNOR," "CHATTEL PAPER," "CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT," "CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE," "ELECTRONIC CHATTEL PAPER," "GENERAL INTANGIBLE," "INSTRUMENT," "PAYMENT INTANGIBLE," "SEND," AND "TANGIBLE CHATTEL PAPER," AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO "CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD," "PROTECTED PURCHASER," AND "QUALIFYING PURCHASER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-104, RELATING TO CONTROL OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY HAS CONTROL OF A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-105, RELATING TO CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC CHATTEL PAPER, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PURCHASER HAS CONTROL OF AN AUTHORITATIVE ELECTRONIC COPY OF A RECORD EVIDENCING CHATTEL PAPER; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-107A SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY HAS CONTROL OF A CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-107B SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON THAT HAS CONTROL OF CERTAIN ITEMS IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE CONTROL ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-204, RELATING TO AFTER-ACQUIRED PROPERTY AND FUTURE ADVANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD NOT PREVENT A SECURITY INTEREST FROM ATTACHING; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-208, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF A SECURED PARTY HAVING CONTROL OF COLLATERAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY THAT HAS CONTROL OF AN AUTHORITATIVE ELECTRONIC COPY OF A RECORD EVIDENCING CHATTEL PAPER OR CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD SHALL TRANSFER CONTROL; BY

AMENDING SECTION 36-9-304, RELATING TO LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCAL LAW OF A BANK'S JURISDICTION GOVERNS PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT MAINTAINED WITH THAT BANK, EVEN IF THE TRANSACTION DOES NOT BEAR ANY RELATION TO THE BANK'S JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-305, RELATING TO LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE LOCAL LAW GOVERNS, EVEN IF THE TRANSACTION DOES NOT BEAR ANY RELATION TO THE JURISDICTION; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-306A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION OF CHATTEL PAPER; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-306B SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION OF A CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-310, RELATING TO FILING TO PERFECT A SECURITY INTEREST OR AGRICULTURAL LIEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES, AND CHATTEL PAPER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-312, RELATING TO PERFECTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES, AND NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-314, RELATING TO PERFECTION BY CONTROL, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, AND CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-314A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PERFECTING A SECURITY INTEREST IN CHATTEL PAPER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-316, RELATING TO CONTINUED PERFECTION OF A SECURITY INTEREST FOLLOWING CHANGE IN GOVERNING LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR CHATTEL PAPER, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, AND CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-317, RELATING TO INTERESTS THAT TAKE PRIORITY OVER OR TAKE FREE OF SECURITY INTEREST OR AGRICULTURAL LIEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CHATTEL

PAPER, ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-323, RELATING TO A LESSEE OF GOODS TAKING THE LEASEHOLD INTEREST, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A BUYER OR A LESSEE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-326A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRIORITY OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN A CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-332, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF MONEY AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TANGIBLE MONEY AND ELECTRONIC MONEY; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-408, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON ASSIGNMENT OF PROMISSORY NOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROVISION FOR A PROMISSORY NOTE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-605, RELATING TO AN UNKNOWN DEBTOR OR SECONDARY OBLIGOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY OWES A DUTY BASED ON ITS STATUS AS A SECURED PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-613, RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL FORM AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-614, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS AND FORM OF NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL FOR A CONSUMER-GOODS TRANSACTION, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NOTICE OF PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY FORM AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-628, RELATING TO NONLIABILITY AND LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF A SECURED PARTY AND LIABILITY OF SECONDARY OBLIGOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY OF A SECURED PARTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 12A TO TITLE 36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AMENDMENTS (2022); AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 36-1-204, 36-1-301, 36-1-306, 36-2-201, 36-2-202, 36-2-203, 36-2-205, 36-2-209, 36-2A-107, 36-2A-201, 36-2A-202, 36-2A-203, 36-2A-205, 36-2A-208, 36-4A-202, 36-4A-203, 36-

4A-207, 36-4A-208, 36-4A-210, 36-4A-211, 36-4A-305, 36-9-203, 36-9-207, 36-9-209, 36-9-210, 36-9-301, 36-9-313, 36-9-324, 36-9-330, 36-9-331, 36-9-334, 36-9-341, 36-9-404, 36-9-406, 36-9-509, 36-9-513, 36-9-601, 36-9-608, 36-9-611, 36-9-615, 36-9-616, 36-9-619, 36-9-620, 36-9-621, AND 36-9-624, ALL RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, ALL SO AS TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3455 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-10, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITHIN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, TO PROHIBIT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM ENTERING INTO A NEW CONTRACT OR EXTENDING A CONTRACT FOR A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO ABOLISH THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 59 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3456 -- Rep. Collins: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3457 -- Reps. McCravy, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Bailey, Burns, Chumley, B. J. Cox, Edgerton, Gibson, Gilliam, Haddon, Hager, Hayes, Herbkersman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Lawson, Ligon, Long, McCabe, Oremus, Pace, Pope, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, White, Willis, Yow, Robbins, Mitchell, Rankin and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-615 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ALL ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-685 SO AS TO ADDRESS A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO ANONYMITY IN RELATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-41-610, 44-41-620, 44-41-630, AND 44-41-640, ALL RELATING TO THE "FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT," SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO ADDRESS ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; BY PROVIDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN LEGAL CHALLENGES TO THE ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-37, RELATING TO ABORTION COUNSELING FOR MINORS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO A JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-41-60 AND 44-41-90, RELATING TO REPORTING OF ABORTIONS AND PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-32, 44-41-33, AND 44-41-34 RELATING TO A JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURE FOR MINORS SEEKING AN ABORTION; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-650 AND 44-41-660 RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FOR RAPE AND INCEST AND FOR FATAL FETAL ANOMALY RESPECTIVELY; AND TO RETITLE ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44, AS THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3458 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY BUILD CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MAINTAIN ITS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3459 -- Reps. W. Newton, B. Newton, Pedalino and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE

ORGANIZATIONS THAT INTEND TO CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND COMPLY WITH CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-1-25, RELATING TO THE MEANING OF "DOMICILE" FOR VOTING PURPOSES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN FACTORS FROM CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING A PERSON'S DOMICILE, AND TO CLARIFY THAT A PERSON IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CHANGED HIS DOMICILE IF HE REGISTERS TO VOTE OR VOTES IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCLUDE OVERSEEING THE REGISTRATION OF THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-60, RELATING TO REPORTS OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENSES FURNISHED BY CLERKS AND MAGISTRATES TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO JUROR SUMMONSES THAT THEY ARE NOT UNITED STATES CITIZENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR, IF NONE, HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-185, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, OR THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-25-10, RELATING TO FALSE SWEARING IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY FILL OUT INFORMATION ON ANOTHER PERSON'S VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION WITHOUT THAT PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3460 -- Reps. Wooten, Wetmore, Bernstein, Erickson, Neese, Sessions, Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-17-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3461 -- Reps. Lawson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDER WAGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3462 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-33-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LANDLORDS SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS REGARDING FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN NOTICES AFTER A DENIAL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3463 -- Reps. Lawson, Pope and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3464 -- Reps. Bowers and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INCOME TAX CREDIT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A SMALL BUSINESS THAT PURCHASES A GENERATOR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3465 -- Reps. Jones, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A GROCER WHO OPENS A NEW LOCATION IN A FOOD DESERT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY A GROCER WHO OPERATES A NEW STORE LOCATED IN A FOOD DESERT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3466 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY JOBS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER THAT HIRES CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3467 -- Reps. Jones and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO USE SURPLUS LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3468 -- Reps. Jones and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-420 SO AS TO INCREASE CERTAIN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE INCREASES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3469 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3470 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2027; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY JULY 1, 2032.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3471 -- Reps. Guffey, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bradley, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3472 -- Reps. McCabe and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3473 -- Rep. McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-14-40, RELATING TO CERTAIN LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14, TITLE 48, SO AS TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES USED TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, CROPS, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES OF ONE OR MORE ACRES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3474 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE."

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3475 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-30, RELATING TO A LOBBYIST'S REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL REPORT WHEN A LOBBYIST HAS PERFORMED LOBBYING ACTIVITIES OR HAD OTHER WORK-RELATED CONTACT WITH A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-35, RELATING TO A LOBBYIST'S REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL REPORT WHEN A LOBBYIST ACTING ON BEHALF OF A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL HAS PERFORMED LOBBYING ACTIVITIES OR HAD WORK-RELATED CONTACT WITH A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF FROM RECEIVING ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A

UTILITY, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ENTITY, JOINT VENTURE, OR PERSON WHOSE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, OPERATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES ARE REGULATED, WHETHER WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY A GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORY AGENCY PURSUANT TO TITLE 58; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1332, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A UTILITY, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ENTITY, JOINT VENTURE, OR PERSON, WHOSE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, OPERATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES ARE REGULATED WHETHER WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY A GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORY AGENCY PURSUANT TO TITLE 58 FROM OFFERING, FACILITATING, OR PROVIDING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER OR A CANDIDATE FOR A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3476 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 103, TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "ACCREDITING AGENCIES"; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO PROVIDE ACCREDITING AGENCIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE MAY NOT TAKE ACTION ON ACCREDITATION BASED ON CERTAIN FACTORS CONCERNING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ENGAGEMENT, DATA, OR REQUIRED STATEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE MEANS OF REDRESS FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3477 -- Reps. Caskey, Bannister, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Long, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED IN A BENEFIT YEAR, SO AS TO BASE THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ALLOWED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE RATES,

AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-120, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFITS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3478 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-373 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF OFFERING ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS TO STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE TO REDUCE RISKS RELATED TO STUDENTS' UNMET MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS AND IMPROVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS STATE, TO CREATE THE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3479 -- Reps. Garvin and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SKILLS-BASED HIRING ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SKILLS-BASED HIRING INITIATIVES TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT BY CUTTING RED TAPE AND ADDRESSING WORKFORCE SHORTAGES ACROSS SKILLED JOBS, AND TO INCLUDE AMONG THESE INITIATIVES AN EXPEDITED PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PROCESS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES, APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING THROUGH QUALIFIED APPRENTICESHIPS, AND PUBLIC SECTOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AS A PATHWAY TO FULL-TIME

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS OR EMPLOYMENT IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3480 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEALTHCARE WORKPLACE SECURITY ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES COMMITTED WITHIN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES UPON HEALTHCARE WORKERS, TO DEFINE "HEALTHCARE FACILITY" AND "HEALTHCARE WORKER," AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE HEALTHCARE FACILITY'S ADDRESS SHALL SERVE AS THE ADDRESS OF A HEALTHCARE WORKER WHO IS A VICTIM OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITHIN A HEALTHCARE FACILITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3481 -- Reps. McDaniel, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-265 SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS, ESTHETICIANS, AND NAIL TECHNICIANS MAY PROVIDE SERVICES PERMITTED FOR WHICH THEY ARE LICENSED ON LOCATION IN THE HOME OF A CLIENT OR AT CERTAIN EVENT VENUES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3482 -- Reps. McDaniel and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS QUARTERLY SHALL COMPILE AND REPORT INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-130, RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING OF

CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-150, RELATING TO REMEDIES AND IMMUNITIES UNDER THE SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE ACT, SO AS TO IMPOSE STRINGENT PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3483 -- Reps. McDaniel and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BARBERS AND BARBERING, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF COSMETOLOGY AND COSMETOLOGISTS, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES.

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

H. 3484 -- Reps. McDaniel, Wooten and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING BARBERS AND BARBERING, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HAIR BRAIDING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP

ARTISTRY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-7-255 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HAIR-BRAIDING PRACTITIONERS.

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

H. 3485 -- Reps. McDaniel and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-20, RELATING TO ANNUAL AUDITS OF STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED ENTITIES BY THE STATE AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE AUDITOR ALSO SHALL ANNUALLY AUDIT EACH COUNTY, COUNTY AGENCY AND OFFICE, MUNICIPALITY, MUNICIPAL AGENCY AND OFFICE, JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY REPEALING SECTION 4-9-150 RELATING TO COUNTY AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 5-7-240 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-17-100 RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT REPORTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-25 RELATING TO PERIOD AUDITS OF CERTAIN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY THE STATE AUDITOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3486 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STUDENT AND ADMINISTRATION EQUALITY ACT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING STUDENT AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3487 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECTOR'S TERM OF OFFICE, QUALIFICATIONS, VACANCY, AND RELATED MATTERS; BY

AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ELECTED TO OFFICE UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS UNDER THE INSURANCE LAWS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF "DIRECTOR" OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR IS ELECTED RATHER THAN APPOINTED, AND TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-100, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO AMONG OTHER CHANGES, DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT, IF THE DIRECTOR BECOMES A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OR BECOMES A MEMBER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE DURING TENURE, HIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY MUST BE VACATED; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BEGINS WITH THE 2028 STATEWIDE ELECTION PROCESS AND THAT THE DIRECTOR SERVING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES FOR OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3488 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 59-113-20, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON SOUTH CAROLINA TUITION GRANTS QUALIFICATIONS, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-90, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES

FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, ALL SO AS TO REMOVE CONVICTIONS FOR MISDEMEANOR ALCOHOL-RELATED OR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES FROM THOSE OFFENSES WHICH DISQUALIFY PERSONS FROM RECEIVING THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3489 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3490 -- Reps. Bernstein, Stavrinakis, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3491 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3492 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-

3632, RELATING TO EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3493 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3805 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR A TAXPAYER THAT CONTRACTS WITH A SMALL BUSINESS WHICH NECESSITATES THE SMALL BUSINESS HIRING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3494 -- Reps. McDaniel and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-39-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OR JUDICIAL SALE MAY BE HELD TO FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-51-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO COUNTY TREASURER MAY FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3495 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-6-37 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE INITIATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-6-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "AGENCY," SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3496 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO REQUIRE A COUNTY TO CONSULT WITH OTHER AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO A FEE IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES AGREEMENT, TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TREASURER

TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY IF THE PROPERTY DISTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DISBURSED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3498 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXABLE INCOME IS TAXED AT A RATE OF ZERO PERCENT AND THE TOP MARGINAL RATE APPLIES THEREAFTER TO AMOUNTS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3499 -- Rep. Pace: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BONDED DEBT BY ADDING SECTION 17 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS THAT REQUIRES VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW AND INCREASED TAXES AND FEES AND LIMITS INCREASES IN CERTAIN REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3500 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN RETIREMENT PLANS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3501 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Garvin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROVIDING THAT EQUALITY OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW MUST NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED ON ACCOUNT OF SEX.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3502 -- Reps. Bannister, Rutherford, Caskey, Erickson, Weeks, Davis, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS AND THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OVER DECISIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3503 -- Reps. Bustos and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-96-295 AND 48-20-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM ISSUING ANY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR FOR MINING ACTIVITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IF LOCATED WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO A PUBLIC PARK OR OTHER PUBLIC NATURAL AREA.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3504 -- Reps. Edgerton, Rankin, McCravy and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PREGNANCY CENTER AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION (CARE) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY CENTERS CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO ENSURE THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THEIR LIFE-AFFIRMING OPERATING PRINCIPLES; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF AND MONETARY DAMAGES FOR VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3505 -- Rep. Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME FOR A PARENT WHO HAS BEEN DENIED COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME FOR CERTAIN REASONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3506 -- Reps. T. Moore, Magnuson and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND OTHER RULES OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SEXES FOR PURPOSES OF THE LAWS, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3507 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Spann-Wilder: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 26 SO AS TO CREATE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT ONE'S OWN REPRODUCTIVE DECISIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3508 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Mitchell and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-120, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT EXCLUSIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TENANCIES FROM THE ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 45-2-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN RIGHTS FOR OWNERS TO DEMAND A TENANT'S REMOVAL; BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EJECTMENT OF PERSONS OTHER THAN TENANTS; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-11-785, 16-11-790, AND 16-11-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3509 -- Rep. Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 45-2-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PARK GUESTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3510 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

H. 3511 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Lawson, Mitchell, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, Wetmore, Stavrinakis and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3512 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYEE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 8 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BY GENDER REGARDLESS OF GENDER IN COMPENSATION PAID STATE EMPLOYEES FOR SAME KIND, GRADE, AND QUALITY OF STATE EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND PROHIBIT SPECIFIC EMPLOYER ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, JUDICIAL REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3513 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-780 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PENALTY, FINE, OR OTHER ADDITIONAL COST MAY NOT BE IMPOSED WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE DUE DATE THAT IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEEDS FIVE PERCENT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3514 -- Reps. Wooten, Mitchell and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN FLAGS UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3515 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-320, RELATING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS SUBMITTED FOR

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

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3516 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-212, RELATING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A NEWLY ACQUIRED VEHICLE OR VEHICLE MOVED INTO THIS STATE MUST BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED, SO AS TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF SUCH VEHICLES WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD SO LONG AS THE BILL OF SALE AND PROOF OF INSURANCE ARE MAINTAINED IN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3517 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-230 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT DEEPFAKE MEDIA OF A CANDIDATE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF AN ELECTION UNLESS THE MEDIA INCLUDES REQUISITE DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE A CANDIDATE WHOSE LIKENESS IS DEPICTED IN MEDIA DISTRIBUTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE OR OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF AS WELL AS AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE MEDIA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3518 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELECTION OFFICIAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 7 SO AS TO ESTABLISH

OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR CONDUCT AGAINST AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM PUBLIC DISSEMINATION, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO, OR TAMPERING WITH, COMPONENTS OF ELECTION-RELATED SYSTEMS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR AN ELECTION OFFICIAL TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO PREVENT OR RESTRAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-13-1920 RELATING TO TAMPERING WITH VOTING MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3519 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS MUST TREAT A SUBPOENA, COURT ORDER, OR WARRANT ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE AS IF THE SUBPOENA, COURT ORDER, OR WARRANT WERE ISSUED BY A SOUTH CAROLINA COURT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE, EXECUTION, AND RETURN OF SEARCH WARRANTS FOR ELECTRONIC DATA OR INFORMATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3520 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION AND ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16, RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, REVISE THE DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, AND RESTRUCTURE THE ARTICLE AND THE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES CONTAINED WITHIN IT; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 SO AS TO CREATE ANTI-RACKETEERING PROVISIONS TO COMPLIMENT THE REVISED STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION ARTICLE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE VARIOUS RACKETEERING OFFENSES AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE FOR

FORFEITURE OF ASSETS USED IN A VIOLATION OF RACKETEERING PROVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3521 -- Reps. Caskey, Calhoon and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY TWO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3522 -- Reps. Caskey, Pope, Gilliam, Wooten, Pedalino and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-605 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "STRANGULATION," CREATE THE OFFENSES OF STRANGULATION AND AGGRAVATED STRANGULATION, PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES, AND PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE

ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3526 -- Rep. Magnuson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS 3, 8, AND 13, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES, AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THEY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN BEING ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND SECTION 18, ARTICLE V, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THESE JUDGESHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR UPON ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REGARDING UNEXPIRED TERMS NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 27, ARTICLE V REGARDING PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A JUDICIAL MERIT SCREENING COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3529 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A

JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3531 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Wooten, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR 911 CALL ABUSE INCLUDING FALSE REPORTING, SO AS TO INCLUDE 911 CALL ABUSE VIA TEXT MESSAGING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3532 -- Reps. Pope and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "TERRORISM" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FURTHERING TERRORISM, DEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF AN ACT OF TERRORISM OR CONCEALMENT OF THE ACTIONS OR PLANS OF ANOTHER TO CARRY OUT AN ACT OF TERRORISM, DEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFENSE CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-710, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING

HANDGUNS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TERRORISM."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3533 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER, A FIREFIGHTER, OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WORKER IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3534 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20, 15-38-40, AND 15-38-50, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3535 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Hixon, Gilliam, Robbins, Bailey, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HELPING ALLEVIATE LAWFUL OBSTRUCTION (HALO) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1092 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPEDING, INTERFERING, THREATENING, OR HARASSING A FIRST RESPONDER ENGAGED IN THE LAWFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3536 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3995 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED AND A SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT SIGNS ADVISING MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-3890 RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL ISSUE WARNINGS FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING ITS EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ISSUE A REPORT CONTAINING THE AGE, GENDER, AND RACE OF EVERY DRIVER ISSUED A CITATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3537 -- Reps. Harris, Magnuson, Chumley, Burns, Long and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRENATAL EQUAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-3-6, 16-3-105, 16-3-106, 16-3-107, AND 16-3-108 SO AS TO DEFINE "PERSON" TO INCLUDE AN UNBORN CHILD AT ANY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENSURE THAT AN UNBORN CHILD WHO IS A VICTIM OF HOMICIDE IS AFFORDED EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE HOMICIDE LAWS OF THE STATE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-3-760, 16-3-761, 16-3-762, AND 16-3-763 SO AS TO DEFINE "PERSON" TO INCLUDE AN UNBORN CHILD AT ANY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENSURE THAT AN UNBORN CHILD WHO IS A VICTIM OF ASSAULT IS AFFORDED EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE ASSAULT LAWS OF THE STATE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3538 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-

160, RELATING TO PROCESSES FOR CHANGING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY NEW SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL FORMULAS FOR SCHEDULING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO ISSUE EMERGENCY RULES TO SCHEDULE SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL FORMULAS AS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

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

H. 3539 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HOSPITALS FROM CHARGING FEES TO UNINSURED PATIENTS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM FEES CHARGED TO INSURED PATIENTS FOR THE SAME SERVICES.

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

H. 3540 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3690 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A TAXPAYER THAT OPERATES A SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM WHICH LINKS STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS WITH THE WORKPLACE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3541 -- Reps. Williams and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-41-255, RELATING TO RETAIL MOTOR FUEL OUTLETS POSTING SELF-SERVICE PUMP GASOLINE PRICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY RETAIL MOTOR FUEL OUTLET SELLING FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AT RETAIL MUST CHARGE A PRICE PER GALLON NOT STATED OR COMPUTED IN FRACTIONAL CENTS AND MUST ADVERTISE OR DISPLAY THIS PRICE IN LIKE AMOUNTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3542 -- Reps. Williams and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTIONS 9-1-1790 AND 9-11-90, RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AFTER RETURNING TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR EARNINGS LIMITATION ON EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO EMPLOYMENT WHO RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3543 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-1-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESTROOM FACILITIES IN ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OF A RETAILER SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PURCHASERS OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ENTERING THIS PLACE OF BUSINESS UPON THEIR REQUEST.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3544 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-3-240 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY USE ATHLETIC CLUBS OR GYMNASIUMS OWNED BY A STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY, ENTITY, COMMISSION, OR INSTITUTION WITHOUT CHARGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3545 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-15-915 SO AS TO LIMIT THE TIME A TRAIN MAY BLOCK FOUR-LANE STREET INTERSECTIONS IN MUNICIPALITIES DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3546 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-1-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT SUPPLIES ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 MAY NOT TRANSFER OR APPLY A DELINQUENT, LATE, OVERDUE, OR UNPAID BALANCE FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT HELD

INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY IN THE SAME CUSTOMER'S NAME.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3547 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ONE UNIT OF CIVICS EDUCATION THAT MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL CIVICS CHALLENGE TO ENABLE ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR STUDENT-LED CIVICS PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE AND DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, CITIZENSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RELATED CURRICULUM BEFORE THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS WHO BEGIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3548 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN A PERSON INTENTIONALLY INJURES A VICTIM BASED ON CERTAIN DELINEATED CHARACTERISTICS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3549 -- Reps. Williams and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 17-22-50 AND 17-22-60, BOTH RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, BOTH SO AS TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON PERSONS PREVIOUSLY

ACCEPTED INTO AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM SO THAT PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE MORE THAN ONCE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3550 -- Reps. Williams and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4710, RELATING TO THE USE OF MOUNTED OSCILLATING, ROTATING, OR FLASHING RED LIGHTS BY WRECKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WRECKERS MUST USE FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS AT EMERGENCY SCENES AND WHEN RENDERING ASSISTANCE ON THE ROADSIDE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3551 -- Reps. B. Newton, Gilliam, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE EARNABLE COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3552 -- Reps. B. Newton and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR A GIVEN OFFICE IN THE PRIMARY OF A POLITICAL PARTY IS CONSIDERED NOMINATED; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-150 AND 7-5-220, BOTH RELATING TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE PRECEDING AN ELECTION, BOTH SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO RUNOFF ELECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-55, RELATING TO SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS TO REPLACE A PARTY NOMINEE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-25, 7-13-40, AND 7-13-190, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, THE DATE OF PRIMARY PARTY ELECTIONS, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SO AS

TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-280, RELATING TO MANDATORY RECOUNTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-510, RELATING TO CANVASS AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY RESULTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-13-50, 7-17-600, AND 7-17-610 RELATING TO SECOND PRIMARIES OR RUNOFFS, THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST IN A FIRST PRIMARY TO BE DECLARED NOMINATED, AND METHODS OF DETERMINING WHAT CONSTITUTES A MAJORITY VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR OFFICE, RESPECTIVELY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3553 -- Reps. B. Newton, Wetmore, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DIRECTORS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3554 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES, STATEWIDE CANDIDATES ELECTED JOINTLY, AND CANDIDATES FOR OTHER THAN STATEWIDE OFFICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1316, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL PARTIES, SO AS TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS THAT A CANDIDATE FOR OTHER THAN STATEWIDE OFFICE MAY RECEIVE FROM A POLITICAL PARTY THROUGH ITS PARTY COMMITTEES OR LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3555 -- Reps. B. Newton and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

59-71-40, RELATING TO A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER OF ANY YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3556 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210,

RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3559 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-40, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE WAGES OF PRISONERS ALLOWED TO WORK, SO AS TO PROVIDE PRISONERS WHO ARE PAID LESS THAN THE FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED MINIMUM WAGE SHALL NOT HAVE THE COST FOR ROOM AND BOARD DEDUCTED FROM THEIR WAGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THIS PORTION OF THEIR WAGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3560 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Robbins and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PROJECT TO AWARD CONTRACTS USING THE "PHASE DESIGN-BUILD" PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3561 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES DEFINED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OR RADIO

COMMUNICATION VEHICLES ARE "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES."

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3562 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-66 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A METHOD TO TRACK PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH A STUDENT'S EDUCATION WHO IS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS RELATED TO PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND A STUDENT'S EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

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

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3565 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR BREAST PUMPS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3566 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FAIR CLAIMS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 37-4-305 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE CLAIMS CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("H-CAP") AND TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTH PLAN OR INSURER IN THIS STATE MAY NOT WRONGFULLY DENY OR INSUFFICIENTLY COVER A VALID CONSUMER INSURANCE CLAIM.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3567 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; PROVIDE THAT LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM PROVIDERS SHALL CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY THIRD-PARTY SAFETY SOFTWARE PROVIDER A SET OF THIRD-PARTY ACCESSIBLE REAL TIME APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACES; PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION; PROVIDE FOR GUIDANCE FOR THIRD-PARTY SAFETY SOFTWARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDE FOR GUIDANCE FOR LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS; PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY; PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF DATA; AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3568 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MINORITY HEALTH DISPARITIES STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG RACIAL AND ETHNIC POPULATIONS.

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

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING

SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3570 -- Reps. Bannister, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND "PUBLIC MEMBER" TO INCLUDE A PERSON NOMINATED AND APPOINTED TO A NONCOMPENSATED PART-TIME POSITION ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1100 SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DISCLOSING ECONOMIC INTERESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO ADDRESS AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING DISCLOSURE FORMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1170, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO FILES THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, RELATING TO FILING DEADLINES FOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3571 -- Rep. Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS AND

OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3572 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, McGinnis, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Taylor, Gilliam and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OR STATEMENTS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN MAKING ADMISSIONS OR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM REQUIRING FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING OR TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST FACULTY

OR EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TRAINING, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM INFRINGING ON FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THESE PROVISIONS TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND FACULTY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3573 -- Reps. Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIVERSAL HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-170 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF OFFERING EVIDENCE-BASED HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS UNIVERSALLY TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES, TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PRIVACY MEASURES AND RELATED MEASURES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3574 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-215 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS IN THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLING CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS SHALL REQUIRE ADULTS SEEKING TO ENROLL CHILDREN TO STATE THEIR WRITTEN PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY AND OTHER MATTERS FROM THE DISTRICT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-217, RELATING TO BARRING ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS ON CERTAIN GROUNDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE MANDATORY NOTICE OF SUCH ACTIONS MUST BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3575 -- Reps. Hardee and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-292 AND SECTION 38-71-820 BOTH SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR INSURERS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-2270 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2200, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3576 -- Reps. Lawson, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "LUKE BARRETT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND EVENTS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTENTS OF THE PLANS, TO PROVIDE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROVISIONS TO COVER ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT SCHOOL AND OFF-SITE ATHLETIC EVENTS, TO PROVIDE TESTING AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3577 -- Reps. McDaniel and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 59-110-60, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS, AND GRANTS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRITICAL NEEDS NURSING INITIATIVE ACT, SO AS TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF LOANS FOR NURSING EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WHO CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO PRACTICE NURSING IN CERTAIN CRITICAL NEEDS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIRED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3579 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Terribile and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-937 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO MEET CERTAIN POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE EXPERIENCE MAY PRACTICE PURSUANT ONLY TO AN ATTESTATION STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS, LOCATIONS, AND COLLABORATION REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED UNDER THESE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-939 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS MAY PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE IN THIS STATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO LIMIT THEIR LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING SUCH CARE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD TO INCLUDE TWO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR MANNER OF APPOINTMENT AND THE FILLING OF VACANCIES, AND TO LIMIT THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE

MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-113, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS AND THE PRESCRIBING OF DRUGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-195, RELATING TO SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF TASKS TO CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-910, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-915, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS STUDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO ACTS AND DUTIES AUTHORIZED TO BE PERFORMED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED ACTS AND DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-965, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND MEDICAL DEVICES BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1000, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL HOLDING OF ONESELF OUT AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL USE OF CERTAIN ABBREVIATIONS INDICATIVE OF LICENSURE AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1005, RELATING TO MISCONDUCT MANDATING REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSE, SO AS TO SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO DISCIPLINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR MISCONDUCT, TO REVISE THE BASES FOR MISCONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD UPON FINDING MISCONDUCT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1020, RELATING TO THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS MANDATORY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO

PROVIDE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THIRD-PARTY PAYERS MAY NOT IMPOSE MORE RESTRICTIVE OR CONTRADICTORY PRACTICE, EDUCATION, OR COLLABORATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-80-120, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO CREATE, EXECUTE, AND SIGN POST FORMS, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-99-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY ANAPHYLAXIS TREATMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AMONG PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE STUDENT ATHLETES SUSPECTED OF HAVING SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION FROM COMPETITION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-95, RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION OF LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS TO BE MAINTAINED AND USED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3580 -- Reps. M. M. Smith and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF NURSING MAY GRANT FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, PRACTICE AGREEMENTS, ALLOWED MEDICAL ACTS, AND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-42, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-

110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3581 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-101-290, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF INCOMING STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ABOUT MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE A AND B AND HEPATITIS B CONTRACTION RISKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EVERY STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE MUST BE VACCINATED FOR THOSE DISEASES AND DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT AND THEREAFTER AS NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE ONGOING COMPLIANCE, TO IMPOSE RELATED REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3582 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FORMING OPEN AND ROBUST UNIVERSITY MINDS (FORUM) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 148 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE MEASURES TO PROTECT EXPRESSIONS BY STUDENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN CERTAIN PLACES ON THE CAMPUSES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS OF REDRESS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3583 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-355 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM WAGE SCALE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF, TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF THE

MINIMUM WAGE SCALE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR REDRESS; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3584 -- Rep. Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR STATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF DARGAN'S POND IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY TO FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3585 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-456 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE MAY BE GRANTED BY HIS EMPLOYER A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL PAID LEAVE EACH YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTENDING CERTAIN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCES OR ACTIVITIES DURING THE EMPLOYEE'S WORK HOURS OR TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN VOLUNTEER TEACHING ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYERS OF THESE EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO A SPECIFIED STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3586 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-660 SO AS TO REQUIRE ISSUERS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THIS STATE TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MINOR CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CHILD IS A DEPENDENT OF AN INSURED OF THE ISSUER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED COVERAGE IN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION POLICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE COVERAGE

FOR MATERNITY CARE, AND TO DEFINE "MATERNITY CARE."

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3587 -- Reps. Bernstein, Calhoon, Grant and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF A FIREARM, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3588 -- Reps. Bowers, Hiott and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SEEKING ELECTION FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY WRITE-IN VOTES MUST TIMELY FILE A DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY IN ORDER FOR WRITE-IN VOTES TO BE COUNTED IN HIS FAVOR; AND BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN UNCONTESTED CANDIDATE FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE IS DEEMED ELECTED, AND SUCH OFFICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THE GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT, AS APPLICABLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3589 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-200 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE INSTANT RUNOFF METHOD OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN LOCAL ELECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-20, RELATING TO METHODS OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-60, RELATING TO METHODS FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR AND DETERMINING RESULTS OF NONPARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE INSTANT RUNOFF METHOD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-610, RELATING TO THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING WHICH CANDIDATES HAVE RECEIVED A MAJORITY VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR OFFICE, SO AS TO CLARIFY ITS

APPLICATION TO ELECTIONS UNDER THE INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING METHOD.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3590 -- Rep. Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANY ELECTED OFFICE IN THIS STATE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY HIGHER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-11-110, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF SHERIFFS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-3-10 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3591 -- Reps. Pope, Mitchell, Gilliam, Bailey, Wooten, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO THE CATEGORIZATION OF FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3592 -- Reps. Gatch and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON PERSONS ON BOND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FROM RECEIVING CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3593 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-30-30, RELATING TO THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND BY PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW OR OTHERWISE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS IS LAWFUL IF ALL PARTIES CONSENT PRIOR TO THE INTERCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3594 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-30-30, RELATING TO THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND BY PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW OR OTHERWISE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS IS LAWFUL IF ALL PARTIES CONSENT PRIOR TO THE INTERCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3595 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ESTABLISH JUVENILE PRETRIAL DIVERSION COURTS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WHO COMMIT FIRST-TIME, NONVIOLENT STATUS OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS, TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO ESTABLISH PREDETENTION DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPANTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3596 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "THE KINGSTON ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 16 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "ACCESS TO FIREARMS BY CHILDREN," DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF UNSECURED FIREARM AND UNSUPERVISED CHILD FIREARM USE AND PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3597 -- Reps. Robbins, T. Moore, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3598 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-17-325, RELATING TO REQUIRING CLERKS OF COURT TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CASE IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT CLERKS OF COURT REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-200, RELATING TO REQUIRING MAGISTRATES TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CASE TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MAGISTRATES REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-25-250, RELATING TO REQUIRING MUNICIPAL JUDGES TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CRIMINAL CASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL JUDGES REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE FILINGS OF CERTAIN INCIDENT REPORTS; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 16 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REQUIRE THAT NO GUN TRANSFER PRECEDED BY A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

CHECK MAY PROCEED, UNLESS THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SALE MAY PROCEED, OR UNTIL AT LEAST FIVE DAYS HAVE PASSED FROM THE INITIATION OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM HAS NOT REPORTED THAT THE SALE WOULD VIOLATE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3599 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-545, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL CASES IN WHICH THE PENALTY DOES NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS, RATHER THAN ONE YEAR, MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3600 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EITHER OF ITS RESPECTIVE BODIES, A STANDING COMMITTEE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, OR NOT LESS THAN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY REVIEW ANY PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NOT AFFIRMED BY CONGRESS AND MAY RECOMMEND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REVIEW A PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER TO DETERMINE ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3601 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3602 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "JADEN'S LAW"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-118 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHEN CERTAIN BOATING ACCIDENTS OCCUR, AND TO PROVIDE BOAT LANDINGS MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3603 -- Reps. Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" AND TO DEFINE "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO DESIGNATE PEOPLE WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ON BEHALF OF A MINOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3604 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDERS MAY PETITION THE COURT TO TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT TEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF INITIAL REGISTRATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-460, RELATING TO BIANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR LIFE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION IS FIFTEEN YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3605 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO DEFINE "EARNING POTENTIAL."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3606 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-15-

210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD CUSTODY, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "LEGAL CUSTODY."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3607 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO DEFINE "SUPPORTED SPOUSE."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3608 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-590, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FAMILY COURT HEARINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE A JURY TRIAL IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3609 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-12 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT CHILDREN BEING CARED FOR BY NONPARENTAL CAREGIVERS IN A HOUSEHOLD QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS MUST BE COUNTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD FOR BENEFIT CALCULATION PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3610 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE MARKET REFORM MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND NONVOTING ADVISORY BOARD; TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3611 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL

IMPACTS OF MEDICAID EXPANSION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3612 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2570, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO A CHILD, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE GROUNDS OF WILFUL FAILURE TO VISIT THE CHILD AND WILFUL FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE CHILD IN THE CASE OF AN INCARCERATED PARENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3613 -- Rep. Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH FINANCING, PUBLIC HEALTH, AGING, INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND CERTAIN STAFF OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY REPEALING CHAPTER 49 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-1-20, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-260, 44-1-280, 44-1-290, 44-1-300, AND 44-1-310, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-315, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-1-70, 44-1-143, 44-1-145, AND 44-1-148 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6,

TITLE 44, AND SECTIONS 44-6-140, 44-6-146, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-190, 44-6-400, 44-6-530, 44-6-540, 44-6-720, 44-6-730, AND 44-6-1010, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FINANCING; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-84, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-170, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-260, 44-7-265, 44-7-266, 44-7-370, 44-7-392, 44-7-510, 44-7-570, 44-7-1420, 44-7-1440, 44-7-1490, 44-7-1590, 44-7-1660, 44-7-1690, 44-7-2420, 44-7-2430, 44-7-2450, 44-7-2460, 44-7-2550, 44-7-2910, 44-7-2940, 44-7-3430, 44-7-3455, AND 44-7-3460, ALL RELATING TO HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 44-7-180 RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-95 AND 44-9-105 SO AS TO ADD TO THE CHAPTER PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND TO ADDRESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-20-10, 44-20-20, 44-20-30, 44-20-210, 44-20-220, 44-20-230, 44-20-240, 44-20-250, 44-20-255, 44-20-260, 44-20-270, 44-20-280, 44-20-290, 44-20-300, 44-20-310, 44-20-320, 44-20-330, 44-20-340, 44-20-350, 44-20-355, 44-20-360, 44-20-365, 44-20-370, 44-20-375, 44-20-378, 44-20-380, 44-20-385, 44-20-390, 44-20-400, 44-20-410, 44-20-420, 44-20-430, 44-20-440, 44-20-490, 44-20-510, 44-20-710, 44-20-740, 44-20-900, AND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 20, TITLE 44, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-20-372 SO AS TO ADDRESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 43-21-10, 43-21-20, 43-21-40, 43-21-60, 43-21-70, 43-21-80, 43-21-100, 43-21-110, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, AND

43-21-140, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-6-60, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3614 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN PLAN OF CARE AND OTHER INFORMATION TO A PATIENT'S FAMILY.

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

H. 3615 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FROM INITIATING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT "DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS" WITH PATIENTS AND PATIENTS' FAMILY MEMBERS, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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

H. 3616 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-74, RELATING IN PART TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS OF CAUSE OF DEATH, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE TO A DECEASED PATIENT'S FAMILY THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 3617 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-87, RELATING TO FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION STAFF, TO ALLOW A VULNERABLE ADULT TO DESIGNATE TRUSTED PERSONS FOR FINANCIAL

EXPLOITATION NOTIFICATION PURPOSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3618 -- Reps. Bernstein, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES TAX SO AS TO EXEMPT BABY FORMULA, BABY FOOD, AND DIAPERS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3619 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP A MINIMUM SET OF STANDARDS THAT A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST FOLLOW WHEN ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A MEDIATION PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF RESOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3620 -- Reps. Calhoon and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN AN OFFENDER MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3621 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEALTHY STUDENTS ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NINETY MINUTES OF WEEKLY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO INCLUDE SECOND GRADE STUDENTS AMONG THOSE WHOSE FITNESS STATUSES MUST BE REPORTED, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FITNESS STATUS OF STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-310, RELATING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL AND COMPETITIVE FOOD NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-330, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS TO PERFORM CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING POLICIES LIMITING VENDING MACHINE AND SNACK FOOD SALES; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 OF THE S.C. CODE AS "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES, AND NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS"; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 OF THE S.C. CODE AS "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS"; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-10-340 RELATING TO SNACKS IN SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3622 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE CUSTODY OR VISITATION CASES, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING CASES IN WHICH ATTORNEY AND LAY GUARDIANS AD LITEM MAY BE APPOINTED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3623 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-3450, RELATING TO RESOLUTION OF A HOSPITAL PATIENT'S PERSONAL MEDICAL CARE CONCERNS, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE A LIST OF AGENCIES TO THE

PATIENT'S FAMILY TO WHICH COMPLAINTS ABOUT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR FACILITY MAY BE REPORTED.

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

H. 3624 -- Reps. Atkinson, Hayes and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-520, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO A TREE, HOUSE, OUTSIDE FENCE, OR FIXTURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCEPTION OF TRIMMING TREE LIMBS THAT ENCROACH UPON A PROPERTY LINE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3625 -- Reps. Murphy, Rutherford, Herbkersman, Brewer, Sessions, Wetmore and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SPORTS WAGERING ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING AND ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES ARE LAWFUL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SPORTS WAGERING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE A PRIVILEGE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSES, TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE TO ENGAGE IN WAGERING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN SPORTS WAGERING IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3626 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-3-230, RELATING TO PENN CENTER HERITAGE DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL PARADE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3627 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-43-320 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PROHIBIT

INDIVIDUALS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO CEMETERIES, BURIAL GROUNDS, OR GRAVES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3628 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SECURE, ACCURATE, AND VERIFIABLE ELECTIONS ACT" OR THE "SAVE ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE LISTS FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE, AND ARCHIVED VOTER REGISTRATIONS AND PROVIDE A LIST TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS FOR FREE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-160, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, REQUIRE VALID IDENTIFICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AND FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO ISSUE A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EACH REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO PERMIT ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT VOTING LOCATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-7-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM POPULATION OF EACH PRECINCT, REQUIRE A NEW PRECINCT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF POPULATION EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-72, RELATING TO MANAGERS OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FOUR ELECTION MANAGERS FOR EACH TWO HUNDRED FIFTY REGISTERED VOTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-700 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO COMPLY WITH ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-730, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY, MARKING, AND DEPOSIT OF BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INITIALS OF TWO POLL MANAGERS ON EACH BALLOT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPER BALLOTS AND HAND COUNT OF THOSE BALLOTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1110, RELATING TO COUNTING BALLOTS AND RESULTS DECLARATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC HAS

ACCESS TO VIEW THE BALLOT COUNT PROCESS PROVIDED THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1160, RELATING TO COUNTY REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO POST ITS ELECTION RESULTS BEFORE NOTIFICATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY U.S. CITIZENS WITH A CURRENT AND VALID VOTER REGISTRATION BE PERMITTED TO VOTE AND AMEND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY VOTE ABSENTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-330, RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF THE REQUESTOR AND A WITNESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420, RELATING TO RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE TRANSPORTED TO THE PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY, PERMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, AND RENDER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NULL AND VOID IF THE VOTER VOTED IN-PERSON FOR THAT ELECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ADD GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF

PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3630 -- Reps. Bernstein, Calhoon and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-110, RELATING TO MANDATORY TEACHER TRAINING IN YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AS A CONDITION TO RENEWING THEIR CREDENTIALS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED IN A KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHTER EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3631 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-375, RELATING TO STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS SERVING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, AND TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DELIVERY OF INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3632 -- Reps. Erickson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS

AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3633 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3634 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-25 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN EACH RESIDENT ROOM IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE LEGAL GUARDIANS OF SUCH PATIENTS MUST BE ALLOWED TO REMOTELY MONITOR CARE OF THE PATIENTS USING THESE CAMERAS, AND TO PROVIDE ANY RECORDINGS MADE USING THE CAMERAS MUST BE SECURED AND AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE RESIDENT, HIS FAMILY MEMBER, OR HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.

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

H. 3635 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ANNUALLY DEVELOP AND APPROVE GUIDELINES FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN ALL TEACHING AREAS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE ALL DISTRICTS ANNUALLY SHALL

PROVIDE THE PROGRAM AS IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DISTRICT AT NO COST TO THE TEACHERS, TO PROVIDE ALL TEACHERS ANNUALLY SHALL COMPLETE THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE ANNUAL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM DURING EACH YEAR OF A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE RENEWAL CYCLE WILL SATISFY ALL RENEWAL CREDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE RENEWAL IN THAT CYCLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT TO CERTIFICATE RENEWAL CYCLES THAT BEGIN AFTER JUNE 30, 2026 AND CERTIFICATE RENEWAL CYCLES THAT BEGAN BEFORE JUNE 30, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3637 -- Reps. Rivers and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "COMPETITIVE EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-300, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN CERTAIN CORE ACADEMIC AREAS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SPANISH AMONG THESE AREAS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR SPANISH BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-310, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE STUDENT LEARNING AND MEASURE STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON STATE STANDARDS, SECTION 59-18-320, RELATING TO THE REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, SECTION 59-18-325, RELATING TO THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, SECTION 59-18-350, RELATING TO THE CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATEWIDE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, AND SECTION 59-18-900, RELATING TO PERFORMANCE RATINGS OF SCHOOLS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3638 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, McCravy and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-340, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF

MINORS SIXTEEN YEARS OR OLDER TO CONSENT TO HEALTH SERVICES ESSENTIAL TO THEIR LIFE OR HEALTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARENTS HAVE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, AND CARE OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THESE RIGHTS EXTEND TO HEALTHCARE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE MINORS AND ACCESS TO THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE MAY NOT SUBSTANTIALLY BURDEN THESE RIGHTS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-350, RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES THAT MAY BE RENDERED TO MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS MUST OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT BEFORE PROCURING, PROVIDING, OR RENDERING HEALTHCARE FOR A MINOR EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROHIBIT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OR COERCION OF MINORS TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM A PARENT ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD, TO PROVIDE PARENTS MAY ASSERT PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AS CLAIMS OR DEFENSES IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS SUBJECT TO A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES, TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING ACTIONS TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-5-370 RELATING TO CONSENT NOT SUBJECT TO DISAFFIRMANCE.

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

H. 3639 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY CHAIRPERSON OF A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY MAY INSTRUCT COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS CONDUCTING A HAND COUNT AUDIT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PRECINCTS, OFFICES, OR BOTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3640 -- Reps. Bernstein and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-5 SO AS TO REQUIRE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICES, EXCEPT FOR PRESIDENT

AND VICE PRESIDENT, TO BE CONDUCTED AS NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-10, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO POLITICAL PARTY PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS WITH THE CONDUCTING OF A NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW ALL PERSONS SEEKING NOMINATION VIA NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY TO FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A FILING FEE OR A NOMINATING PETITION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WRITE-IN CANDIDACIES ARE PERMITTED FOR ANY OFFICE ON THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY BALLOT, BUT NOT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PARTY PRIMARIES, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO POLITICAL PARTY PRIMARIES WITH NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON IN THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ARE LISTED ON A SINGLE BALLOT REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, AND TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE TO CHOOSE TO HAVE A PARTY WITH WHICH HE AFFILIATES DESIGNATED BY HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-330, RELATING TO FORM OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-350, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE TOP TWO VOTE EARNERS FOR AN OFFICE FROM THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ARE TO BE CERTIFIED FOR INCLUSION ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-351, RELATING TO NOMINEES BY PETITION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATING PETITIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY AS OPPOSED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-360, RELATING TO PLACE ON BALLOT FOR WRITE-IN NAMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH PLACES ON NONPARTISAN OPEN

PRIMARY BALLOTS, BUT NOT ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-610, RELATING TO PRIMARY BALLOT SPECIFICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-611, RELATING TO ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICIAL COUNTY AND STATE PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 7-11-30 RELATING TO CONVENTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, SECTION 7-11-210 RELATING TO PARTY PLEDGE FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND SECTION 7-13-50 RELATING TO SECOND AND OTHER PRIMARIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3641 -- Reps. Calhoon and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-15-385 THROUGH 16-15-425, SO AS TO DEFINE "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE WITHIN THE CLASSIFICATION OF TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TIME AFTER WHICH THE OFFENDER MAY REQUEST TERMINATION OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3642 -- Rep. McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-30, RELATING TO SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, OR NONREAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-2-5, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATIONS FOR MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND SUBJECT CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 2 OF THE S.C. CODE; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CONCURRENT CIVIL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-540, RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE AND CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-800, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF IMPOSITION OR EXECUTION OF A SENTENCE IN CERTAIN CASES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-8-40, RELATING TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MAGISTRATES' SALARIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3643 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Bowers and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT ONLY ELECTORS REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY OR AS UNAFFILIATED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY OR ADVISORY REFERENDUM HELD BY THAT PARTY, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCESSES BY WHICH ELECTORS REGISTER OR BECOME

REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-170 AND 7-5-185, BOTH RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, BOTH SO AS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING AN APPLICANT'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF NAMES BY A POLITICAL PARTY TO BE PLACED ON PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A POLITICAL PARTY'S RECENT STATEWIDE PRIMARIES AND ARE REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH THE PARTY FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR THAT PARTY'S PARTISAN PRIMARY UNLESS THE PARTY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO WAIVE THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3644 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID

PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3646 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MEETING TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE AS WELL AS CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3647 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EARMARK TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-270 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE MANNER IN WHICH EARMARKS MAY BE AWARDED.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3648 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-60, SECTION 6-1-2020, AND SECTION 30-4-170 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC BODIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION WITH EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR ON ITS OWN WEBSITE.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3649 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "U.S. SENATE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TWO UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL APPEAR ANNUALLY BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW VARIOUS TOPICS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND BY THEM.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3651 -- Reps. Calhoon and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-540, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF THE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR IN THE SECOND DEGREE WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3652 -- Reps. Bernstein, Brewer, Gatch, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Grant and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "IN VITRO FERTILIZATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 140 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ASSISTIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES" AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROTECTIONS TO ACCESS THESE TECHNOLOGIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FERTILIZED HUMAN EGG OR HUMAN EMBRYO OUTSIDE OF THE UTERUS OF A HUMAN BODY IS NOT CONSIDERED AN UNBORN CHILD OR ANOTHER TERM THAT CONNOTES A HUMAN BEING FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER STATE LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3653 -- Reps. Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

44-61-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT EVERY AMBULANCE OPERATING IN THE STATE BE EQUIPPED WITH EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3655 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-820, RELATING TO OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION FOR CHILDREN TO BE TRIED AS ADULTS AND TO DECREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A CHILD MAY BE HELD IN A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1020, RELATING TO THE INSTITUTION OF JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHILD AND HIS FAMILY FIRST SEEK COUNSELING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1440, RELATING TO COMMITMENT, SO AS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN STATUS AND CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COURT ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1810, RELATING TO DETERMINATIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-2050, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC

EXPUNGEMENT OF A JUVENILE'S RECORD FOR STATUS OFFENSES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3656 -- Rep. Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM DENYING PROPERTY OWNERS THE RIGHT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3657 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-3445 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL ATTENDING PHYSICIANS TO CONSULT WITH ANY SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN TREATING A PATIENT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S FAMILY OR OTHER AUTHORIZED HEALTHCARE DECISION MAKER.

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

H. 3658 -- Rep. Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-20, RELATING TO PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION IN SUCH CONTRACTS OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND A STATEMENT THAT QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-305, RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDITORS FILING AND POSTING MAXIMUM RATE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS SAME LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-307, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACTS CLOSING FEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DEALERS TO INCLUDE SUCH LANGUAGE IN A NOTICE TO CONSUMERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-3-305, RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDITORS FILING AND POSTING MAXIMUM RATE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-202,

RELATING TO NOTIFICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-204, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS MAKING CONSUMER RENTAL-PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-11-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN THESE AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-16-50, RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-17-52, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS BY A DISCOUNT MEDICAL PLAN ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-61-110, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF SERVICE CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-39-80, RELATING TO PAWN TICKETS AND THE CONTENT REQUIREMENTS THEREOF, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-79-30, RELATING TO CREDIT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Coleman Buckhouse of Florence County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:45 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BRITTAIN, adjourned in memory of Gerri McDaniel, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from James 4:6-7: "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God."

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, grant to these, Your people, the example and goodness provided to these Representatives and Staff as we gather for another start this Session. Grant each of these men and women the wisdom to do the right thing for the right reason. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Grant Your blessings on our women and men who serve our country to keep us safe. Remember those who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. TAYLOR moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former Representative Charles Marshall Cain, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Marshall Cain

I ask that we adjourn the House in memory of former Representative Marshall Cain of Aiken, who passed away yesterday at the age of 90.

Marshall graduated from USC in 1957 and attained a law degree in 1959. He has been a lifelong attorney and was initially a partner in the Lybrand, Rich, Cain and Simmons firm.

In the late 50s and 60s, he served his country in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Recovery Squadron.

Marshall was a pillar of Aiken County and a significant leader. Throughout his life, he served citizens in many capacities.

He was the former Chairman of the Aiken Planning and Zoning Commission, served on the Aiken Chamber of Commerce Board, and was president of the Aiken Rotary Club, where I got to know him.

He made many other civic contributions, including serving as Chairman of the Board of Aiken Senior Life Services even into his 80s. In 2016, Marshall received special recognition for being the longest-serving member of Christ Central's board of advisers, which called him "a divine servant of the Lord."

The Aiken Jaycees honored Marshall by naming him the Outstanding Young Man of the Year for 1967.

Marshall was a political trailblazer. He was a legislative assistant to United States Senator Strom Thurmond and served as Deputy General Counsel for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A Republican, he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1969 and served until 1974. He was reelected for one term in 1979.

Marshall was the Minority Leader. He told me it was a lonely job. He joked that the Republican Caucus was so small — maybe five or six strong — that they could hold their meetings in a phone booth.

During his break in service at the House, Marshall was Executive Assistant to Governor Jim Edwards and Chairman of the Governor's Committee on Criminal Justice. In 1978, Governor Edwards awarded him the Order of the Palmetto for his service.

Marshall Cain made an indelible mark on Aiken, and his leadership helped usher in the Republican Party in South Carolina.

I ask that we adjourn in the memory of former Representative Charles Marshall Cain, and I ask that my tribute be included in today's House Journal and that we offer a moment of silence in the memory of Representative Marshall Cain.

Rep. Bill Taylor

REGULATION RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5314
Agency: Department of Social Services
Chapter: 114
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-13-180
SUBJECT: Regulations for the Licensing of Child Care Centers

Received by Speaker of the House January 15, 2025
Referred to Regulations Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 19, 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3661 -- Reps. Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SWIMMERS AND THEIR COACHES ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3662 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam,

Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, ITS COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3663 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM,

COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3664 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE EMPLOYEES OF MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING RESTORATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF HURRICANE HELENE IN SEPTEMBER 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3665 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn,

Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MACEO NANCE, FORMER SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3666 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope,

Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MOTHER EDDIE LEE STRINGER AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3667 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF AVIS MICHELE SPIGNER JONES OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3668 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH ELDER REYNOLDS SR. OF CALHOUN FALLS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3669 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. JAMES LEWIS SOLOMON JR. AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3670 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AS "SC TRIO DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO COMMEND THE SC TRIO ORGANIZATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY FOR TRIO PERSONNEL AND TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BECOME COLLEGE READY, GAIN COLLEGE ACCESS, AND GRADUATE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3671 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VIVIAN WINGARD WASHINGTON OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3672 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE KAY PATTERSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3673 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. WILHELMINA PAGE KIMPSON OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3674 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BISHOP ERIC LEAKE ON BECOMING THE BISHOP OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION OF THE AME ZION CHURCH, FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM A WARM WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3675 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JODI DIALS GALLMAN, THE FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3676 -- Reps. Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) ROGER C. "CLIFF" POOLE, USAR OF MT. PLEASANT AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3677 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHIEF CHAD SATCHER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3678 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LANDON CALE BODIE OF LEESVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3679 -- Reps. Guest, Crawford, Brittain, Hardee, Schuessler, McGinnis, Bailey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KIMBERLY

HOLMES FREDERICK OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3680 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3681 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR GLADYS GAILLARD-MCBRIDE (RET.) OF CHAPIN FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ESTABLISHING THE SISTERHOOD OF MCDANIEL'S PEARLS & TEA IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3682 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A NON-TUMBLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3683 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3684 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLARD HENRY "BUZ" LEAVITT JR. OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3685 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3686 -- Reps. Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATTA HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA TEAM, SPONSOR AARON MILES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TO

CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE STATE FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMPETITION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3687 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) IBO/3D NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3688 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION OUTDOOR WORLD 3D CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3689 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION'S 3D NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3690 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT THE INSTITUTION HAS HAD ON LEGIONS OF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI, THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEYOND FOR A HALF CENTURY AND TO

CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER ON THE RECENT CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3691 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SCINTILLATING SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION OUTDOOR WORLD 3D CHALLENGE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3692 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3693 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3694 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3695 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CLARENDON HALL SOFTBALL TEAM ON THEIR STELLAR SEASON AND TO SALUTE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3696 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson,

Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3697 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH ANCONE UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE AND TO EXPRESS

APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3698 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY KNIGHTS ON NETTING THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3699 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton,

Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3700 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, ITS COACHES, AND SCHOOL

OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3701 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MRS. BETTY F. YOUNG FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS LEADER OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY MINISTRY OF COLUMBIA'S ZION CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3702 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE PASTOR AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GASTON COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3703 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE AMY MCCULLOCH, PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHLAND COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF PROBATE JUDGES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3704 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN RICHARD R. GRANT OF THE WEST CHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3705 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MIRANDA MCCARTHY GRICE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3706 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK DWIGHT SMITH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3707 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JEFFREY CHARLES "JEFF" CHANDLER FOR HIS TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3708 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ANNOUNCE THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 2026, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE GREATEST EXPERIMENT OF LIBERTY IN THE WORLD, WHICH HAS CONTINUED FOR TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3709 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. BARBARA JEAN ADAMS WRIGHT OF BENNETTSVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3710 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VIVIENNE FONTE FOR HER WHOLESOME CHARM AND POISE AND TO

CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2024 AMERICAN UNITED MISS PRETEEN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3711 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HATTIE KINLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3712 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan,

Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. MARGAREE S. CROSBY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3713 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS

"THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S VISIT DURING HIS FAREWELL TOUR OF THE NATION IN 1825" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3714 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 2025 AS "PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS, TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CANCER RISKS THEY FACE, AND TO PROMOTE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE THESE RISKS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3715 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3716 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith,

Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. JEFFERSON JR. OF BERKELEY AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, Representative Joseph H. Jefferson Jr. has faithfully represented the citizens of House District 102 in Berkeley and Dorchester Counties for twenty years; and

Whereas, born in Pineville on May 31, 1947, he is the son of Joseph H. and the late Omega T. Jefferson. He graduated from St. Stephen High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Claflin University in 1970; and

Whereas, he served as a federal government administrator in various positions for thirty-two years before retiring in 2003. From 1972 to 1980 he was special assistant to United States Congressman Mendel Davis; next was a stint as personnel staffing specialist (1981-1989) and apprentice program administrator (1989-1995) both at the Charleston Naval Shipyard. His final position was Equal Employment Officer for the Department of Defense in Charleston; and

Whereas, with an ardent appreciation for public service as a way to give back to his community, Mr. Jefferson served as chairman of the Berkeley County School Board from 1982 to 1993. From 1994 to 1998 he represented the Sixth Congressional District as a member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission where he was instrumental in fast-tracking work on widening United States Highway 52 between Kingstree and Moncks Corner to four lanes, thereby enhancing economic development between Williamsburg and Berkeley Counties; and

Whereas, after completing the South Carolina Justice Academy Magistrate School, he served as Berkeley County magistrate from 1999 to 2004. Not one to rest, Mr. Jefferson was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in 2004. During his tenure he served as second

vice chair on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, and on the Legislative Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, other affiliations include chairman of the five Historically Black Colleges Intern Program, The Citadel School of Education Development and Advisory Board, the Diversity Board of the Medical University of South Carolina, the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, NAACP, and moderator of Talk Radio program "Sound-Off" on WTUA in St. Stephen; and

Whereas, on May 30, 1970, he married his beloved wife, Deloris Livingston, and together they reared three fine children: Trena Mack, Marva Patterson, and Joseph Jefferson III. When away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he resides in Pineville and is a real estate investor. He is a faithful member of Day Dawn Baptist Church, where he is senior deacon and recording secretary, and he serves on the Antioch Senior Deacon's Association for seventeen churches in Berkeley County; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided thoughtful and meaningful service to his fellow legislators. The members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and devoted service that Joe Jefferson, their friend and colleague, has given to this storied body, and hope he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Joseph H. Jefferson Jr. of Berkeley and Dorchester Counties for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Joseph H. Jefferson Jr.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3717 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY FOR ITS STRONG CONNECTION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH MILITARY FAMILIES AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS UPON RECEIVING A PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION IN RECOGNITION OF THESE EFFORTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3718 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff,

J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SUMTER COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3719 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE WILSON HALL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND

TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S COACHES AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3720 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS STUDENT GOVERNMENT FALL CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, PROVIDED THE HOUSE IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR IF THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, authorize the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) to use the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives for its Student Government Fall Conference on Monday, September 15, 2025, and Tuesday, September 16, 2025, provided the House is not in session, and the chamber may not be used if the House of Representatives is in session or if the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the State House security forces shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with previous procedures.

Be it further resolved that no charges may be made for the use of the House chamber by SCISA on these dates.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3721 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOHN T. MCCOY, PASTOR OF NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROCK HILL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO THE CONGREGATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3722 -- Reps. King, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN JOHN MCKEE SPRATT JR. OF YORK COUNTY AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3723 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, G. M. Smith, Pope, Hiott, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25, 2025, AS NATIONAL MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE OUR CITIZENS EVERY DAY.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3724 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3725 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire,

Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3726 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3728 -- Reps. Wooten, B. Newton, Bannister, Erickson, T. Moore, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Bailey, Hewitt, Kirby, Collins, Ballentine, Pedalino, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Pope, Rutherford, Oremus, Herbkersman, Forrest and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3729 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-107 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT OF AT LEAST SIXTEEN FEET IN LENGTH MUST CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3730 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-915 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF FIRST OFFENSE NONVIOLENT OFFENSES AND DRUG TREATMENT COURT OFFENSES AFTER CERTAIN TIME PERIODS WITHOUT PENDING CHARGES OR ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO REFERENCE EXPUNGEMENT

PROVISIONS IN SECTION 17-22-915; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-940, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY THE COURT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN DRUG TREATMENT COURTS BEFORE EXPUNGEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3731 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3732 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE DISCLOSURE, DELETION, CORRECTION, OR PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTED BY AN EMPLOYER, TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYERS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS MAY NOT SELL, SHARE, OR DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF AN EMPLOYEE, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH A CAUSE OF ACTION AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3733 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-511 SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE IMPOSITION OF THE INCOME TAX ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-510 RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-515 RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-520 RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-545 RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3734 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-15-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENGAGE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL VOTE ON WHETHER TO ADOPT SUCH AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-83, RELATING TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR DUES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION PROHIBITING DEDUCTIONS TO ASSOCIATIONS THAT ENGAGE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO STRIKE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3735 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WAGE BOARD ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-27-670 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF WAGE BOARDS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF WAGE BOARDS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR AND CERTAIN EMPLOYERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3736 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE “DISCLOSED RECORDS”; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL

GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3737 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX-EXEMPT REIT ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 25 TO TITLE 31 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TAX-EXEMPT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING STATEWIDE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3738 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-1700 SO AS TO ENABLE HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO UTILIZE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AND OTHER REVENUE MECHANISMS, TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO INCLUDE PROJECT-GENERATED REVENUES AS A SECONDARY SOURCE OF REPAYMENT FOR BONDS ISSUED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3739 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-212, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF STATE CRIMINAL LAWS BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO ADD SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3740 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. L. Cox, Gilliam and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THIRTY DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3741 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. L. Cox and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO DEDUCT TAXABLE INCOME RECEIVED AS THE RESULT OF EMPLOYMENT AS AN ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3742 -- Reps. Ligon and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3743 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA BAN AGAINST RED FLAG GUN CONFISCATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADOPT OR ENFORCE EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3744 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Vaughan: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT TERM LIMITATIONS FOR ITS MEMBERS BY LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3745 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR

ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED, FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024, MUST NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3746 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-15-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MODIFIED RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3747 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-3-290 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE "CERTIFIED SC GROWN" DESIGNATION ON FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MODIFIED RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3748 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-410, RELATING TO POINTING A FIREARM AT ANOTHER PERSON, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION OF A FIREARM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3749 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM," DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR PERSONS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS OR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES WHO COMMIT CERTAIN

CRIMES TO PARTICIPATE IN PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3750 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LAND MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3751 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO MODIFICATIONS OF GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE INCOME DERIVED FROM THE RECEIPT, SALE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSAL OF DIGITAL ASSETS SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3752 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3753 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT

OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3754 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A JURY TRIAL IN FINAL HEARINGS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3755 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3995 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH HAZARD LIGHTS ON UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3757 -- Reps. Caskey, Calhoon, Ballentine, Forrest, Govan, Taylor and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-11-320, RELATING TO THE RICHLAND-LEXINGTON AIRPORT DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIP BY TWO MEMBERS WHO MUST BE RESIDENTS OF CAYCE OR WEST COLUMBIA.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3759 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE MUST BE ELECTED IN PARTISAN ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FILING METHODS AND DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT WITH THE LOCAL LAW PROVISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jeff Cashman of Spartanburg County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3008
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	SCHUESSLER, DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3025
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3048
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HARTNETT, TEEPLE, DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3125
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3157
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HARTNETT and TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3183
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	COLLINS, VAUGHAN and CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3249
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3263
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HEWITT, DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3281
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3296
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3340
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3343
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3396
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3510
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3522
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3536
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3537
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3565
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01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3569
Date:	ADD:
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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3582
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3613
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
01/15/25	DAVIS

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3438--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO YORK DELEGATION

On motion of Rep. POPE, with unanimous consent, the following Joint Resolution was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and was referred to the York Delegation:

H. 3438 -- Reps. Pope and B. Newton: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3660 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:02 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. TAYLOR, adjourned in memory of former Representative Charles Marshall Cain, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Proverbs 25:7: "I pick you! It is better to be told, 'Come up here,' than to be put lower in the presence of a noble."

Let us pray. We have been chosen out of divine goodness and mercy. We are not chosen because we are good but because God is good. We give thanks for hearing our prayers and filling our hearts with Your love. Lead us this day and direct our plans. Remember our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. SPANN-WILDER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Louise Simmons, which was agreed to.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

Judicial Merit Selection Commission
Report of Candidate Qualifications
2024

Date Draft Report Issued: Thursday, January 16, 2025
Date and Time Final Report Issued: Noon, Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Noon.

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Sen. Luke A. Rankin, Chairman
Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV, Vice Chairman
Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb
Sen. Billy Garrett
Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
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January 16, 2025

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Enclosed is the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications. This Report is designed to assist you in determining how to cast your vote. The Commission is charged by law with ascertaining whether judicial candidates are qualified for service on the bench. In accordance with this mandate, the Commission has thoroughly investigated all judicial candidates for their suitability for judicial service.

The Commission's finding that a candidate is qualified means that the candidate satisfies both the constitutional criteria for judicial office and the Commission's evaluative criteria. The attached Report details each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria.

Judicial candidates are **prohibited** from asking for your commitment until **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Further, members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, statements detailing a candidate's qualifications, or commitments to vote for a candidate until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. In summary, no member of the General Assembly should, orally or in writing, communicate about a candidate's candidacy until this designated**

time after the release of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications. If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
Senator Luke A. Rankin

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Dear Fellow Members of the General Assembly:

This letter is written to call your attention to issues raised during the December 2003, Judicial Merit Selection hearings concerning a judicial candidate's contact with members of the General Assembly, as well as third parties contacting members on a candidate's behalf. It is also to remind you of these issues for the current screening.

Section 2-19-70(C) of the South Carolina Code contains strict prohibitions concerning candidates seeking or legislators giving their pledges of support or implied endorsement through an introduction prior to 48 hours after the release of the final report of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of this section is to ensure that members of the General Assembly have full access to the report prior to being asked by a candidate to pledge his or her support. The final sentence of Section 2-19-70(C) provides that "the prohibitions of this section do not extend to ***an announcement of candidacy by the candidate and statements by the candidate*** detailing the candidate's

qualifications" (emphasis added). Candidates may not, however, contact members of the Commission regarding their candidacy. Please note that six members of the Commission are also legislators.

In April 2000, the Commission determined that Section 2-19-70(C) means ***no member of the General Assembly should engage in any form of communication, written or verbal, concerning a judicial candidate before the 48-hour period expires following the release of the Commission's report***. The Commission would like to clarify and reiterate that until at least 48 hours have expired after the Commission has released its final report of candidate qualifications to the General Assembly, ***only candidates, and not members of the General Assembly***, are permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing the candidates' qualifications.

The Commission would again like to remind members of the General Assembly that ***a violation of the screening law is likely a disqualifying offense and must be considered when determining a candidate's fitness*** for judicial office. Further, the law requires the Commission to report any violations of the pledging rules by members of the General Assembly to the House or Senate Ethics Committee, as may be applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter pertaining to the judicial screening process, please do not hesitate to call Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Sincerely,
Senator Luke A. Rankin
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is charged by law to consider the qualifications of candidates for the judiciary. This report details the reasons for the Commission's findings, as well as each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission operates under the law that went into effect on July 1, 1997, and which dramatically changed the powers and duties of the Commission. One component of this law is that the Commission's finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" is binding on the General Assembly. The Commission is also cognizant of the need for members of the General Assembly to be able to differentiate between candidates and, therefore, has attempted to provide as detailed a report as possible.

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is composed of ten members, four of whom are non-legislators. The Commission has continued the more in-depth screening format started in 1997. The Commission has asked candidates their views on issues peculiar to service on the court to which they seek election. These questions were posed in an effort to provide members of the General Assembly with more information about candidates and the candidates' thought processes on issues relevant to their candidacies. The Commission has also engaged in a more probing inquiry into the depth of a candidate's experience in areas of practice that are germane to the office he or she is seeking. The Commission feels that candidates should have familiarity with the subject matter of the courts for which they offer, and feels that candidates' responses should indicate their familiarity with most major areas of the law with which they will be confronted.

The Commission also uses the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications as an adjunct of the Commission. Since the decisions of our judiciary play such an important role in people's personal and professional lives, the Commission believes that all South Carolinians should have a voice in the selection of the state's judges. It was this desire for broad-based grassroots participation that led the Commission to create the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications. These committees are composed of individuals who are both racially and gender diverse, and who also have a broad range of professional experiences (*i.e.,* lawyers, teachers, businessmen, bankers, and advocates for various organizations). The committees are asked to advise the Commission on the judicial candidates in their regions. Each regional committee interviews the candidates from its assigned area and also interviews other individuals in that region who are familiar with the candidate either personally or professionally. Based on those interviews and its own investigation, each committee provides the Commission with a report on their assigned candidates based on the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission then uses these reports as a tool for further investigation of the candidate if the committee's report so warrants. Summaries of these reports have also been included in the Commission's report for your review.

The Commission conducts a thorough investigation of each candidate's professional, personal, and financial affairs, and holds public hearings during which each candidate is questioned on a wide variety of issues. The Commission's investigation focuses on the following evaluative criteria: constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health,

mental health, and judicial temperament. The Commission's investigation includes the following:

(1) survey of the bench and bar through BallotBox online;
(2) SLED investigation;
(3) credit investigation;
(4) grievance investigation;
(5) study of application materials;
(6) verification of ethics compliance;
(7) search of newspaper articles;
(8) conflict of interest investigation;
(9) court schedule study;
(10) study of appellate record;
(11) court observation; and
(12) investigation of complaints.

While the law provides that the Commission must make findings as to qualifications, the Commission views its role as also including an obligation to consider candidates in the context of the judiciary on which they would serve and, to some degree, govern. To that end, the Commission inquires as to the quality of justice delivered in the courtrooms of South Carolina and seeks to impart, through its questioning, the view of the public as to matters of legal knowledge and ability, judicial temperament, and the absoluteness of the Judicial Canons of Conduct as to recusal for conflict of interest, prohibition of ex parte communication, and the disallowance of the acceptance of gifts. However, the Commission is not a forum for reviewing the individual decisions of the state's judicial system absent credible allegations of a candidate's violations of the Judicial Canons of Conduct, the Rules of Professional Conduct, or any of the Commission's nine evaluative criteria that would impact a candidate's fitness for judicial service.

While the nine evaluative criteria are of equal importance, Judicial temperament is a critical factor in evaluating the qualifications of judicial candidates, as it directly impacts public confidence in the fairness and integrity of the judicial process. A judge's demeanor and interactions with attorneys, litigants, and the public play a key role in ensuring that individuals feel they have received a fair trial. At the same time, the Commission recognizes that a judge exercising appropriate judicial temperament must balance kindness, empathy, and flexibility while maintaining authority of the courtroom. A judge who maintains firm control over the courtroom in order to uphold decorum, prevent disruptions, and enforce the Rules of Evidence and Procedure is not displaying improper temperament, even if their actions may occasionally

seem stern. The Judicial Merit Selection Commission will carefully consider this balance, especially weighing any anonymous survey responses, to ensure that judges feel free to perform their duties effectively without fear that their commitment to doing their jobs could jeopardize their jobs.

The Commission expects each candidate to possess a basic level of legal knowledge and ability, to have experience that would be applicable to the office sought, and to exhibit a strong adherence to codes of ethical behavior. These expectations are all important, and excellence in one category does not make up for deficiencies in another.

Routine questions related to compliance with ethical Canons governing ethics and financial interests are now administered through a written questionnaire sent to candidates and completed by them in advance of each candidate's staff interview. These issues are no longer automatically made a part of the public hearing process unless a concern or question was raised during the investigation of the candidate. The necessary public record of a candidate's pledge to uphold the Canons is his or her completed and sworn questionnaire.

During the evaluation of candidates for judicial office, the Commission occasionally identifies issues that, while not directly impacting an individual candidate's qualifications for continued judicial service, have broader implications of statewide significance. In such instances, we believe it is our duty to bring these matters to the attention of the General Assembly.

One such issue arose during this screening: the setting of bonds. Despite the legislature's recent enactment of a law requiring bonds to be set within a prescribed timeframe, our hearings revealed widespread noncompliance with this mandate. Although our inquiry was statutorily limited to the screening of circuit court judges, we concluded that this problem does not rest solely with judges. Instead, it reflects systemic shortcomings involving all key participants in the criminal justice process, including solicitors, public defenders, private attorneys, and court staff.

Given the critical importance of this issue to the administration of justice and the effective execution of laws enacted by the General Assembly, the Commission feels obligated to bring this concern to the attention of our colleagues in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

This report is the culmination of lengthy, detailed investigatory work and public hearings. The Commission takes its responsibilities seriously, believing that the quality of justice delivered in South

Carolina's courtrooms is directly affected by the thoroughness of its screening process. Please carefully consider the contents of this report, which we believe will help you make a more informed decision. **Please note that the candidates' responses included herein are restated verbatim from the documents that the candidates submitted as part of their application to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. All candidates were informed that the Commission does not revise or alter the candidates' submissions, and thus, any errors or omissions in the information contained in this draft report existed in the original documents that the candidate submitted to the Commission.**

This report conveys the Commission's findings as to the qualifications of all candidates currently offering for election to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Family Court, and Administrative Law Court.

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COURT OF APPEALS
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Kristi F. Curtis
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Curtis meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Curtis was born in 1969. She is 55 years old and a resident of Sumter, South Carolina. Judge Curtis provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Curtis.

Judge Curtis demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges,

particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Curtis reported that she has made $533.94 in campaign expenditures for postage, printing, paper and envelopes, and a nametag.

Judge Curtis testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Curtis testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Curtis to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Curtis reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I have spoken on the topics of "Real Estate & Landlord/Tenant Law" & "Appellate Practice" at Law School for Non-Lawyers, sponsored by the S.C. Pro Bono Program.
(b) I have spoken on "Landlord/Tenant Law" to the Sumter County Board of Realtors.
(c) I served on a panel of judges speaking on Best Courtroom practices for a CLE sponsored by the S.C. Bar.

Judge Curtis reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Curtis did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Curtis did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Curtis has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Curtis was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Curtis reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Curtis reported that she has not served in the military.
Judge Curtis reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Curtis appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Curtis appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Curtis was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Staff Attorney, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1995 to August 1996.

Prepared legal memoranda and conducted legal research for the judges of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(b) Law Clerk to the Honorable Kaye G. Hearn, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1996 to August 1998. Read briefs and transcripts for each case assigned to Judge Hearn's panel each month. Conducted legal research, prepared memoranda of law, and drafted opinions as directed.

(c) Associate Attorney, Bryan Law Firm, August 1998 to 2004

Partner, Bryan Law Firm, 2003 to 2004
Business litigation, appellate practice before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court, represented Sumter County

and the Sumter County Treasurer's Office, prosecuted criminal cases for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office in Magistrate's Court.

(d) Trust Officer, Synovus Trust Company, September 2004 to February 2011

I was responsible for the administration of trust accounts and probate estates where Synovus was named as Trustee and/or Personal Representative of the Estate. Met with clients to discuss estate planning issues.

(e) Magistrate Judge, Sumter County Summary Court, April 2011 to February 2018.

Appointed Chief Magistrate in July of 2011. Jurisdiction over traffic and criminal cases punishable by up to thirty days in jail and a $500 fine. Civil jurisdiction over restraining order actions, evictions, public sales, and small claims civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500.00. We conducted bond hearings for Sumter County 365 days per year, and held preliminary hearings on a monthly basis. Jury trials were conducted monthly for criminal and traffic cases. Jury trials were conducted quarterly for civil cases. As Chief Magistrate, I was responsible for the administration and financial management of the Court, and supervised a staff of twelve employees.

(f) Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit, Seat Two, 2018 to present. Jurisdiction in both Common Pleas and General Sessions Court. Served as Chief Administrative Judge in the Third Circuit for both Common Pleas and General Sessions.

Judge Curtis reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: While practicing with the Bryan Law Firm, my practice was almost exclusively in state court. I represented the Plaintiff in a real estate case that was removed by the Defendant to U.S. District Court. I was successful in getting the case remanded to Circuit Court. The Defendant appealed the remand to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and I successfully argued the case should be dismissed and again remanded to Circuit Court.

(b) State: In my six years of practice with the Bryan Law Firm, I appeared in Circuit Court on a monthly basis.

Judge Curtis reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 60%;
(b) Criminal: 25% (as Prosecutor for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office);
(c) Domestic: 5% (Family Court);
(d) Other: 10% (before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court).

Judge Curtis reported the percentage of her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: While in private practice, approximately 10% of my practice involved cases that went to a jury trial;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Approximately 25;
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.) Two;
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: Five to Ten.

Judge Curtis provided the following regarding the past five years prior to her service: While in private practice, I primarily served as sole counsel, but also served as co-counsel in several personal injury cases.

The following is Judge Curtis's account of her five most significant litigated matters:
(a) Goldman v. RBC, Inc., 369 S.C. 462, 632 S.E.2d 850 (2006)
I represented David and Emilie Goldman in this quiet title action regarding the portion of an abandoned railroad track that bordered their property. The South Carolina Supreme Court upheld the Court of Appeals' and Circuit Court's rulings that railroad easements obtained by the railroad pursuant to a statutory presumption of grant revert to the adjoining landowners once the land is no longer used for railroad purposes. This decision is significant for all landowners whose property borders a railroad right of way. It was a significant case in my career because it was removed by the Defendant to U.S. District court and I was able to successfully get the case remanded back to Circuit Court. The order of remand was appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed the remand to state court. The Circuit Court ruled in our favor, and the case was appealed to both the South Carolina Court of

Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court. In all five courts, I was able to get a favorable ruling for my client.

(b) McMaster v. South Carolina Retirement Sys., 362 S.C. 362, 608 S.E.2d 843 (2005)

I represented Tom Lewis and Johnny Martin in this appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. Both Lewis and Martin were convicted of criminal conspiracy, misconduct in office, and receiving stolen goods, stemming from the embezzlement of funds from Sumter School District 17. They were each ordered to pay restitution as part of their criminal sentences. After their conviction and sentencing, the legislature enacted South Carolina Code section 8-1-115, creating a lien on the public retirement or pension of any public employee convicted of misappropriation of public funds. The Attorney General's Office then brought proceedings against Lewis and Martin seeking a lien against their retirement for an amount greater than the restitution amount ordered by the court in their criminal sentences. The trial court ruled in our favor that the lien was limited to the amount of restitution ordered by the sentencing judge, and any subsequent proceeding to increase the restitution award violated the Double Jeopardy Clause and was an impermissible ex post facto law. The Supreme Court reversed. While we were ultimately unsuccessful, the case was significant for both victims and defendants in clarifying whether the State could re-litigate the amount of restitution after the date of a Defendant's conviction and sentencing.

(c) Covington v. George, 359 S.C. 100, 597 S.E.2d 142 (2004)

My law partner John Ford represented the Plaintiff in an automobile accident case tried before a jury in Circuit Court and received a verdict for the Plaintiff. The Defendant appealed and I handled the subsequent appeal of the case to the South Carolina Supreme Court. At trial, the court held that the Defendant could not dispute the reasonableness of the Plaintiff's medical expenses by introducing evidence that the treating hospital accepted less than full payment for its services. The Defendant appealed to the S.C. Court of Appeals, and the case was transferred from the Court of Appeals directly to the South Carolina Supreme Court pursuant to Rule 204(b) of the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. Under this rule, the Supreme Court may, in its discretion, certify a case for review by the Supreme Court before it has been determined by the Court of Appeals, "where the case involves an issue of significant public interest or a legal principle of major importance." The Supreme Court upheld the lower court's decision, finding that the collateral source rule prohibited the Defendant from presenting evidence that Plaintiff's

medical provider accepted reduced payments. This case was significant for its implications regarding damages in all personal injury cases, and was featured in the May 31, 2004 issue of South Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

(d) Burgess v. Nationwide Mut. Ins. Co., 361 S.C. 196, 603 S.E.2d 861 (Ct.App. 2004)

Robert Burgess was injured in a motorcycle accident. Burgess carried only liability insurance on the motorcycle, but he also owned three other vehicles that were covered under a separate policy with both liability and underinsured motorist coverage (UIM). The Insurer denied basic UIM coverage because the vehicle involved in the collision, the motorcycle, was not specifically covered under the UIM policy. Burgess brought a Declaratory Judgment action in Circuit Court, and the court held that Burgess was entitled to $15,000 basic UIM coverage. Defendant appealed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and I represented Burgess in the appeal. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court's decision. This case is significant because the Court of Appeals clarified that UIM coverage is "personal and portable" in South Carolina and is available up to the statutory minimum amount of coverage when an Insured elects to carry that coverage, even when the vehicle involved in the accident is not covered under the policy.

(e) Glasscock, Inc. v. United States Fidelity & Guar. Co., 348 S.C. 76, 557 S.E.2d 689 (Ct.App. 2001)

In this case, the South Carolina Court of Appeals held that "loss of use" damages were recoverable under Glasscock's underinsured motorist coverage (UIM) even though the policy did not expressly cover loss of use in the UIM section. The Insurer covered "loss of use" damages in the property damage portion of the policy and was therefore required to offer the same coverage in its UIM policy. This case was featured in the December 10, 2001 issue of South Carolina Lawyers Weekly. The case was significant in my career because the trial attorney initially obtained an unfavorable ruling in the Circuit Court and then hired me to file a motion for reconsideration. I successfully argued the motion before the Circuit Court, and the judge reversed his decision and ordered that the UIM policy be reformed to cover loss of use damages. The Defendant appealed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and I handled the appeal on behalf of the Plaintiff. The Court of Appeals ruled in our favor, affirming the decision of the trial court.

The following is Judge Curtis's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) Stokes v. Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, 368 S.C. 515, 629 S.E.2d 675 (Ct.App. 2006)
(b) Lane v. Lane, Op. No. 2004-UP-009 (S.C.Ct.App. 2004)
(c) Anderson v. Buonforte, Op. No. 2004-UP-270 (S.C.Ct.App. 2004)
(d) Daves v. Cleary, 355 S.C. 216, 584 S.E.2d 243 (S.C.Ct.App. 2003)
(e) Watson ex rel Watson v. Chapman, 343 S.C. 471, 540 S.E.2d 484 (S.C.Ct.App. 2000)

Judge Curtis reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Curtis reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Appointed Magistrate Judge, Sumter County Summary Court, April 2011 to February 2018. Appointed Chief Magistrate for Sumter County July 2011 to February 2018. Jurisdiction over traffic and criminal cases punishable by up to thirty days in jail and a $500 fine. Civil jurisdiction over restraining order actions, evictions, public sales, and small claims civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500.00. Conducted bond hearings and preliminary hearings for General Sessions matters. Magistrate's court has no jurisdiction to hear cases involving any interest in real property.
(b) Elected Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit, Seat Two, on February 7, 2018. Jurisdiction over all civil matters pending in the Court of Common Pleas and all criminal cases in the General Sessions Court. I have served as Chief Administrative Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit for both Common Pleas and General Sessions. No jurisdiction over family court matters.

Judge Curtis provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Hood v. United Services Automobile Ass'n, Op. No. 2023-UP-011 (S.C.Ct.App. 2023). In this bad faith case, the Court of Appeals affirmed my order granting JNOV in favor of the defendant. In a special interrogatory, the jury found

the defendant did not violate its duty of good faith and fair dealing. I granted JNOV as to the Plaintiff's negligence cause of action, holding that there was no separate duty owed by the Defendant Insurer above and beyond the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

(b) Meswaet Abel, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Zerihun Wolde v. Lack's Beach Service, 2019-CP-26-07075, Order on Post-Trial Motions filed April 10, 2023, Horry County Court of Common Pleas. In this wrongful death action, I affirmed the jury's significant verdict following a week-long trial. The case is currently on appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(c) Atkinson v. SSC Sumter East Operating Co., LLC, Op. No. 2022-UP-438 (S.C.Ct.App. 2022) In this nursing home negligence case, the Court of Appeals affirmed my order denying the Defendant's motion to dismiss and compel arbitration.

(d) The Station, Inc. d/b/a Company Two, Inc. v. Hampton County, 2017-CP-25-00170, Final Order dated October 8, 2021, Hampton County Court of Common Pleas. In this case, The Station, Inc. relocated its business to Hampton County in conjunction with negotiations with the County for use of the airport facilities. This case involved numerous issues of contract construction, as well as equitable principles. It is currently on appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(e) In re: The Murkin Group, LLC, 429 S.C. 618, 840 S.E.2d 926 (2020). This case was filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court pursuant to its original jurisdiction to hear cases alleging the unauthorized practice of law. The Supreme Court assigned the case to me as Special Referee to conduct a hearing, take testimony, and issue a report and recommendation. The Supreme Court followed my recommendation and adopted my order in large part as the published opinion.

Judge Curtis reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Curtis's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Curtis to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had neither related nor summary comments.

Judge Curtis is married to Warren Stephen Curtis. She has two children.

Judge Curtis reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Member, South Carolina Bar, 1995 to present
(b) Third Circuit Delegate to the S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2000 to 2001
(c) Member, Sumter County Bar, 1998 to present
(d) Sumter County Bar Executive Committee, 2003 to 2004
(e) Member, South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association, 2011 to 2018
(f) Member, South Carolina Summary Court Judges Advisory Board, 2015 to 2018
(g) Member, South Carolina Commission on Continuing Legal Education, 2022 to present
(h) Member, South Carolina Commission on Judicial Conduct, 2023 to present

Judge Curtis provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Sumter Rotary Club. Avenue of Service Award Recipient 2014 – 2015. Program Chair 2010 to 2012, 2014 to 2018. Newsletter editor 2006 to 2008. Membership Committee 2005.
(b) Member, Alice Drive Baptist Church, 2001 to present. Building Committee, Personnel Committee, Sunday school teacher for children and youth.
(c) Epicurean Club of Sumter
(d) The Sumter Assembly

Judge Curtis further reported:

I began my legal career at the South Carolina Court of Appeals in 1995, first as a Staff Attorney, then as a law clerk. At the time, I was incredibly grateful for the opportunity, but I had no idea how great an impact these first years at the Court of Appeals would have on my legal career. At the Court of Appeals, I learned to draft opinions and memoranda, to thoroughly research an issue, and to carefully consider the implications of each legal decision. I was able to observe oral arguments made by gifted attorneys, and to sit in on conferences between the judges. I saw how these judges carefully considered the legal soundness of their decisions, its effect on legal precedent, and its effect on the litigants. Their dedication to the law and intellectual curiosity was truly inspiring to a young lawyer.

I left the Court of Appeals eager to enter private practice and excited to argue my own cases in front of a judge and a jury. I drew from my experience at the Court of Appeals when preparing my cases for trial and in my appellate practice. In private practice, I handled appeals before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court in medical malpractice, personal injury, real estate, workers' compensation, and in family law matters. During my time as a Magistrate and Circuit Court Judge, I have tried to emulate the diligence and dedication to the law I observed from the judges during my early years at the Court of Appeals. I have presided over jury trials for a wide variety of criminal offenses from seatbelt violations to murder. I have also presided over a wide variety of civil trials over the past thirteen years, from dog bites to wrongful death. In cases small and large, I have worked to the best of my ability every day to be well prepared, diligent, courteous, patient, and respectful to the attorneys and the litigants. It has been the greatest privilege of my professional life to serve as a Circuit Court Judge. If elected to the Court of Appeals, I will continue to work hard every day to serve the citizens of this State, to be deserving of the trust placed in me, and to continue the proud tradition of the Court of Appeals.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge Curtis's breadth of experience, including serving as both a magistrate and a circuit court judge, would ably assist her on the Court of Appeals should she be elected. The Commission thanked her for her continued mentorship to both young lawyers and high school students. Her calm and thoughtful demeanor and excellent reputation among the Bar are noteworthy as well.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Curtis qualified, and nominated her for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 2.

Jason P. Luther
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Luther meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Mr. Luther was born in 1980. He is 44 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Luther provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Luther.

Mr. Luther demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Luther reported that he has made $328.51 in campaign expenditures for postage and printing of palm cards.

Mr. Luther testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Luther testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Luther to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Luther reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I served as judge for USC School of Law's annual Kate Bockman Moot Court competition on numerous occasions since 2012
(b) State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2018 Annual SC Bar Convention
(c) Update from the SCDOR, Council on State Taxation Southeast Regional State Tax Seminar (April 2018)
(d) Top 10 Things OGC Learned at SCDOR, 2019 Annual SC Bar Convention
(e) I was a panelist for a USC School of Law panel re: careers as an in-house attorney
(f) Beware – the Taxman Cometh, 2020 Annual SC Bar Convention
(g) I participated in an Alcohol Laws and Regulation Education Seminar with SLED and Columbia Police Department
(h) State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2021 Annual SC Bar Convention
(i)OMG, I'm being audited! What do I do now?, recorded CLE as round table panelist for South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association seminar (December 2021)
(j)State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2022 Annual SC Bar Convention
(k) SALT Seminar, hosted by Nexsen Pruet (January 2022)
(l)The Twelve Days of Taxmas, 2023 Annual SC Bar Convention
(m) I presented at the SALT Seminar - South Carolina Association of CPAs, hosted by Nexsen Pruet (February 2023)
(n) Tax Update, 2024 Annual SC Bar Convention
(o) Sales and Income Tax Case Law Update – SALT Seminar hosted by Adams & Reese (February 2024)

Mr. Luther reported that he has published the following:

(a) A Tale of Two Cities: Is *Lozano v. City of Hazleton* the Judicial Epilogue to the Story of Local Immigration Regulation in Beaufort County, South Carolina?, 59 S.C. L. Rev. 573 (2008).
(b) Reflections on Professionalism: A Student Perspective, S.C. YOUNG LAW., February 2009 (Vol. 1, Issue 2)
(c) Peer Review as an Aid to Article Selection in Student-Edited Legal Journals, 60 S.C. L. Rev. 959 (2009) (co-authored with John P. Zimmer)
(d) South Carolina Nonprofit Corporate Practice Manual (3rd Ed., forthcoming), contributing author/editor for chapter dealing with state taxes.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Luther did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Luther did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Luther has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Luther was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Luther reported that he was named a "Rising Star" by the South Carolina Super Lawyers publication in 2014, 2016, and 2017.

Mr. Luther reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Luther reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Luther appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Luther appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Luther was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2009.
He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From 2009 to 2010, I was in private practice with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Columbia. I worked primarily on a team that handled commercial litigation and business torts, with a focus on franchise & distribution litigation. However, because of my interest in appellate practice, I also had the opportunity to brief an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and work on an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court. No administrative or financial management.

(b) From August 2010 to August 2012, I served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. While clerking for Judge Shedd, I reviewed briefs and records in a variety of different appeals, including criminal, civil, employment and labor, energy and utilities, environmental law, finance and banking, immigration, taxation, insurance, construction, intellectual property, government contracts, products liability, administrative law, civil rights, family law, etc. For each appeal, I researched legal issues and prepared bench memoranda for Judge Shedd, assisted him in preparing for oral arguments, attended oral arguments during each term of court in Richmond, VA, and drafted opinions. No administrative or financial management.

(c) After completing my judicial clerkship I returned to private practice to work for Murphy & Grantland, P.A. from September 2012 to May 2017. There, I was primarily a civil litigator focusing on general commercial and business litigation, insurance defense and coverage matters, and any appellate matters that arose out of my civil litigation practice. This included appeals both at the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. No administrative or financial management.

(d) In May 2017, I accepted a job as the General Counsel for Litigation at the South Carolina Department of Revenue. In that role, I served as Deputy Director and the managing head of the litigation division, providing senior leadership, oversight, and direction on all legal matters impacting the agency, including civil and administrative litigation and criminal tax prosecutions, bankruptcy, and foreclosures. I also provided general legal advice and counsel on a variety of matters including Freedom of Information and alcohol beverage licensing. One of the reasons I chose to leave private practice and join the Department was because it presented a unique opportunity to be involved in more appellate work, and especially appeals that dealt with novel legal and constitutional issues. This job has not disappointed; since joining the Department six years ago I have had an active role in over 30 appellate matters at the South Carolina Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, as well as one matter at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. No financial management.

(e) In the summer of 2020, the Department of Revenue restructured and consolidated all of its legal services and functions in a single, centralized Office of General Counsel. My title changed to Chief Legal Officer. In addition to my prior duties, I also assumed oversight of the Department's Appeals Section, as well as an expanded role in providing advice and counsel on matters related to high-balance collections, contracts and procurement, and agency policy on wide-ranging tax, regulatory, and administrative law issues.

Mr. Luther reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Infrequent. I can recall two cases. CSX Transportation, Inc. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, 959 F.3d 622 (4th Cir. 2020) was litigated and tried in federal court prior to my joining the Department. The Fourth Circuit vacated and remanded the case to the district court. I appeared as co-counsel in the remanded proceedings, a second appeal to the Fourth Circuit, and subsequent reversal and remand to the district court, all of which occurred between 2017–2020. In Sanders v. South Carolina Department of Revenue et al (3:23-cv-04441-SAL), I was the sole attorney of record for the Department; the case was ultimately dismissed.

(b) State: Frequent. The majority have been in the Administrative Law Court and Court of Appeals, along with occasional Circuit Court appearances.

Mr. Luther reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five yearsas follows:
(a) Civil: 15%;
(b) Criminal: 15%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 70% (administrative/government practice).
Mr. Luther reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: I would estimate that during the past 5 years approximately 30% of my practice has been in trial court, 30% has been on appellate matters, and 40% has dealt with other non-trial matters.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Nearly all of the Department's cases are non-jury contested case hearings (trials) in the Administrative Law Court, and therefore do not result in a jury verdict. To the best of my knowledge, in the past five years our criminal prosecutor has had six trial verdicts—three in favor of the State—and one case in which the defendant pled guilty after the first day of trial.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case:
N/A
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements:
Nearly all of the Department's cases are non-jury contested case hearings (trials) in the Administrative Law Court, and therefore do not involve jury selection.

Mr. Luther provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
My practice and role at the Department of Revenue is unique. Our Office of General Counsel handles hundreds of administrative appeals, criminal cases, and civil matters each year. As the Chief Legal Officer, I have supervisory responsibility for all of these cases, in addition to a host of other non-trial legal matters.
I serve as co-counsel on many of the administrative cases, although my level of involvement varies widely depending on the complexity and policy implications of the case. In many cases, my involvement is limited

primarily to assisting with developing case strategy and reviewing significant pleadings and filings. I am more involved in the complex or significant matters, including actively participating in the discovery process and serving as part of the trial team. I also maintain a more limited caseload in which I serve as sole counsel or chief counsel. I am typically chief counsel on all Circuit Court matters. On the appellate matters where I am not the chief or sole counsel, I am heavily involved in the brief-writing process and conducting moot court sessions to prepare our attorneys for oral argument. We have a Special Assistant Attorney General in our office that has primary responsibility on all criminal matters; I supervise this attorney and we frequently collaborate on prosecution strategy.

The following is Mr. Luther's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. f/k/a SCE&G v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Docket No. 19-ALJ-17-0170-CC: This involved whether South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) owed sales and use tax on all of the materials and equipment it had purchased tax-free during construction of the two-unit nuclear project at the VC Summer Nuclear Station, even though it abandoned the project and the reactors were never completed or operational. We ultimately negotiated a resolution in which SCE&G (now Dominion) reimbursed the State for the sales tax revenues the State had foregone during SCE&G's construction of the project, and transferred to the State four unique and desirable properties (in Georgetown County, Aiken County, and two islands on Lake Murray) that will become new state parks or public lands for all South Carolinians to enjoy for generations to come.

(b) Richland Cty. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, 422 S.C. 292, 811 S.E.2d 758 (2018): I was lead counsel in the "second half" of a case involving Richland County's expenditure of certain sales and use tax revenues, commonly known as the "Penny Tax." After the Supreme Court issued its opinion in March 2018, there was over three years of subsequent litigation on remand to the Circuit Court (including an audit that was conducted in conjunction with discovery), as well as a companion case that Richland County filed in the Administrative Law Court. We also filed an amicus brief in a separate appeal that also dealt with Richland County's and the Central Midlands Regional Transit

Authority's (CMRTA) use of penny tax revenues. Ultimately, in July 2021 we reached an agreement with Richland County and CMRTA that brought to a final conclusion a very public dispute that had been ongoing for over six years. The case established, as a matter of first impression, the Department's authority to review and audit a local government's use of penny tax funds. The case also resulted in the County and CMRTA reimbursing the penny tax program for improper expenditures, and led to the development of a uniform standard of guidelines to be applied to all local governments to ensure that transportation penny tax funds are spent only on transportation-related projects, in compliance with state law.

(c) Amazon Services, LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, 898 S.E. 2d 194, 442 S.C. 313 (2024), *petition for cert. pending*, No. 2024-000625 (filed Apr. 17, 2024): This case involves whether the company that owns and operates Amazon.com is a retailer under South Carolina law and, therefore, responsible for collecting and remitting sales tax on all purchases of tangible personal property that occur on its website. This dispute began in 2016, after the expiration of a five-year sales tax moratorium (which Amazon had lobbied for in exchange for building a distribution facility in South Carolina) and has received continuous national attention throughout the pendency of the litigation and subsequent appeals.

(d) Clarendon County et al. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. et al., Docket No. 17-ALJ-17-0237-CC; Appellate Case No. 2020-000983: This contested case in the Administrative Law Court dealt with whether the rural telephone service exemption in S.C. Code § 12-37-220(B)(10) extends to property used to provide rural *wireless* telephone service, or only rural *landline* telephone service. The ALC's final decision agreed with the Department's position that wireless assets qualify for the exemption, at least partially. During the pendency of the appeal at the Court of Appeals, the General Assembly amended section 12-37-220(B)(10) to clarify the exemption applies to modern facilities and technology as well as dual-use assets/property. This clarification confirmed the Department's interpretation of the exemption. As a result of the amendment, the counties and telephone cooperative reached a settlement, and the appeal was dismissed.

(e) Grange Mutual v. 20/20 Auto Glass, Unpublished Opinion No. 2019-UP-419 (Dec. 31, 2019). This case addressed issues related to offer, acceptance, specific performance, and the creation of a unilateral contract between an insurance company and auto glass repair company. This represented the first time the Court of Appeals had addressed an issue like this since deciding S. Glass & Plastics Co. v. Kemper, 399 S.C. 483, 732 S.E.2d 205 (Ct. App. 2012), which dealt with a similar scenario as a matter of first impression. This same issue was being litigated around the country, and courts in other jurisdictions had diverged on how to resolve this particular unilateral contract issues. (Note: I was sole counsel on this case through trial and early in the appeal; when I joined SCDOR, one of my colleagues at my former firm took over for the remainder of the appeal.).

The following is Mr. Luther 's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Synovus Bank v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Op. No. 6076, -- S.E.2d -- 2024 WL 3588329 (2024)
(b) Lowe's Home Centers, LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Op. No. 6062, -- S.E.2d --, 2024 WL 2947802 (2024)
(c) Aiken v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, 429 S.C. 414, 839 S.E.2d 96 (2020)
(d) Greenville Hospital System v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Op. No. 2020 UP-065, 2020 WL 1170173 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Mar. 11, 2020)
(e) Pennsylvania National Mutual Casualty Insurance Company v. Lewis, 650 Fed. Appx. 159 (4th Cir. 2016)
Mr. Luther reported the following regarding the personal handling of criminal appeals:
None. All of our criminal appeals are handled by the Attorney General's office. We have had one criminal appeal involving felony tax evasion during my time at the Department, see State v. Hughes, 2018 WL 679482 (S.C. Ct. App. Jan. 24, 2018).

Mr. Luther further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In 2023, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission found me Qualified, but not nominated, for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Luther's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Luther to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability, and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Midlands Citizens Committee commented "Actual court experience handling appeals! Well qualified!"

Mr. Luther is married to Emily Suzette Luther. He has three children.

Mr. Luther reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association (2009 to present)
(b) Torts and Insurance Practices Section Council (approximately 2015–2017)
(c) Richland County Bar Association (2009 to present)
(d) South Carolina Administrative Law Court Rules Committee (2022 to present)

Mr. Luther provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) South Carolina Law Review Association, Board Member
(b) Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina, Midlands District Board Member
(c) First Presbyterian Church, Elder and adult Sunday School teacher (Columbia, SC)
(d) Historic Columbia, Palladium Member
(e) South Carolina Philharmonic Conductor's Cabinet
(f) South Carolina Executive Institute, Class of 2023
(g) School Improvement Council, Brennen Elementary (2022–2023)
(h) 20 Under 40 (The State Newspaper) (2019)
(i)Leadership Columbia, Class of 2017
(j)I also volunteer as a coach for my sons' teams in the Palmetto Baseball League and Christian Youth Basketball League.

Mr. Luther further reported:

I believe my background and life experiences—legal and non-legal—will give me a unique, well-rounded perspective as a judge. I have enjoyed a diverse practice: state and federal, jury and non-jury, trial and appellate, administrative and civil and criminal. I appreciate the immense time and effort that goes into presenting an effective appeal; I have also seen what it takes for the judge to be equally prepared, informed, and willing to engage (and actively listen). I understand the challenges unique to working in a firm representing multiple clients, or in-house with one organizational client. As general counsel for a state agency, I have gained experience in deciding specific controversies and issues against a backdrop of precedent and longstanding practice—always with an eye on the long-term ramifications of each particular decision. Starting a roofing business in the aftermath of hurricane Wilma also gave me firsthand experience in the world of entrepreneurship and small business. That experience regularly motivates me to ensure our government works best for its constituents by being timely, responsive, diligent, even-handed, and efficient.

Appellate work has always been one of the most rewarding aspects of my practice; in it, I find the perfect intersection of my personality, abilities, and interests: critical thinking, problem solving, hard work, thoughtfulness, and a profound appreciation for the exceptional nature of American democracy and the rule of law. The appellate courts are a defining feature of our constitutional system and independent judiciary, and I want to help our Court of Appeals be the best it can be.

I am also excited to pursue a new opportunity in public service. For me, law and service are intrinsically connected. As a teenager, I observed a trial in which my father's friend was represented pro bono by Rep. Terry Haskins, later Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the House. Rep. Haskins' example of selfless service inspired me, and that trial experience and subsequent appeal motived me to attend law school. I do not come from a family of lawyers, but serving others is part of my family's DNA. I saw it modeled by my grandfather (a dedicated civil servant and blue collar electrician who retired from the SC Department of Corrections), who taught me the virtues of industriousness and selflessness. My parents (career missionaries) instilled in me a love for learning and self-

development, and challenged me to find my purpose through serving others. I believe these are important traits for a judge.

Throughout my career, I have tried to steward the talents entrusted to me and honor those who have invested in my life by working diligently and zealously for my clients and community. To pay it forward, in a sense. I can think of no greater honor and privilege than to devote my energy and talents to serve our state on the Court of Appeals.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Luther is well-respected amongst his peers. The Commission noted that Mr. Luther has gained more experience since the last time he was screened by the Commission and commended Mr. Luther for always seeking to do the right thing in the right way.
(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Luther qualified, and nominated him for election to Court of Appeals. Seat 2.

The Honorable Courtney Pope
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Pope meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Pope was born in 1979. She is 45 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Judge Pope provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Pope.

Judge Pope demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges,

particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Pope reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Pope testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Pope testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Pope to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Pope reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I have given many presentations and speeches to various groups to include the numerous K-12 schools, USC Black Law Students Association, various churches.

Judge Pope reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Pope did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Pope did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Pope has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Pope was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Pope reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Pope reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Pope reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Pope appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Pope appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Pope was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August 2007 to December of 2009, I was employed as a Workers Compensation Associate at McAngus, Goudelock, and Courie, LLC.

(b) January 2010-March 2016, I was in private practice at my law firm, Clyburn Pope and Price, LLC, where I was the managing partner, my primary area of practice was family law and criminal defense. Additionally, I manage all aspects of of the law practice to include financial management, hiring of personnel, and management of client trust accounts. I shared those duties in equal parts with my then law partner, Jason M. Price.

(c) March 2016-June 2019, I was employed by the City of Aiken as the City Solicitor and the City of Aiken Staff Attorney. I prosecuted all Municipal level charges. Additionally in my role as Staff Attorney, I reviewed and negotiated various contracts on behalf of the City, handled all FOIA requests, handled tax litigation on behalf of the City, as well as composed Orders for Various City Boards.

Judge Pope reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal:

(b) State: 4-5 weekly.

Judge Pope reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 50%;
(c) Domestic: 30%;
(d) Other: 10%.

Judge Pope reported the percentage of her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) 30% of cases five years prior to my initial election in 2019, were in trial court.

Judge Pope provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Pope's account of her five most significant litigated matters:
(a) State v. Joshua Allen Rosier: This case remains significant to me after guiding my client through testifying against his father in a Murder trial. Additionally, representing my client during plea negotiations and the actual plea was an opportunity to navigate through complex legal issue the for the first of many times.
(b) State vs. Michael Moore: This case was significant to me because it was my first time trying a DUI case alone.
(c) State v. Shane Rhodes: This case will remain a case that I remember forever. My client had a horrible addiction. Working this case from beginning to end was challenging. My client would pick up additional charges before we could resolve the initial charges. This made the car complex in terms of the enhancement elements of the case. Additionally, my client needed help outside of a legal realm which taught me that lawyers must be more than just legal aids to their clients.
(d) Branton v. Corbett: This case is significant because it was my first time trying a civil case. This case involved issues of defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress.
(e) Siegler v. Siegler: This case is a family case in the beginning of my sole practitioner career that was litigated over the course of numerous years. There was extensive participation in this case. I served as Guardian ad Litem, however, it provided extensive learning

opportunities. The ward in the case was suffering with undiagnosed mental illness but was fighting for the custody of her children. The case provided an opportunity to see firsthand the impact of mental illness on a marriage and the children. One of the children was diagnosed on the austim spectrum which further provided a view of challenges that the legal system must face in determining the best interests of the child.
Judge Pope reported she has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Judge Pope reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Circuit Court Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, Elected May 8, 2019-2021; Reelected 2021-Present

(b) Circuit Court has general trial jurisdiction. Additionally the Circuit Court has limited appellate jurisdiction over appeals from Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court. The Circuit Court also has jurisdiction over appeals from the Administrative Law Judge Division over matters relating to state administrative and regulatory agencies.

Judge provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Shaundra Mims vs. Chukker Creek
(b) Ashlynn Woodruff v. Publix Super Market
(c) Debbie Mealing vs. Dr. Lorenzo Sampson
(d) Matthews vs. Lakes and Streams
(e) Bamberg vs. SCDOT

Judge Pope reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Pope's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Pope to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional

and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Well qualified in all areas – big improvement since [the] last time before the Committee.".

Judge Pope is married to George Washington Pope, III. She has two children.
Judge Pope reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association
(b) American Bar Association
(c) Aiken County Bar Association
(d) Judicial Education Advisory Committee
(e) Business Court Judge

Judge Pope provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Jack and Jill of American, Inc.
(b) Umberland A.M.E. Church
(c) Delta Signma Theta, Incorporated
(d) The Links, Incorporated

Judge Pope further reported:

My life experiences and upbringing by my parents has greatly influenced me and guided me to strive to always act in accordance with the highest standard of morality. Even day I strive to make informed, educated and thoughtful decisions based on research, legal information, morality, and equity. I believe that judicial temperament, patience, and an undying thirst for knowledge of the law is of the utmost importance in being a member of the Judiciary.

During my tenure as a Circuit Court judge, I have had the honor to have relationships with judicial icons who are highly respected in the legal community. When I was first elected in 2019, I strived to be a good role model for those in my community as well as a good example of a judge in the great state of South Carolina. I am grateful that the SC Legislature has entrusted me with my current position. I have gained vast amounts of knowledge and I am eager to continue to expand and learn more.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Pope has an excellent reputation among members of the Bar. They commended her experience and skill as well as her temperament and intellect as a jurist.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Pope qualified, and nominated her for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 2.

The Honorable John D. Geathers
Court of Appeals, Seat 3

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Geathers meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Geathers was born in 1961. He is 63 years old and a resident of Ridgeway, South Carolina. Judge Geathers provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986. He was also admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1992.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Geathers.

Judge Geathers demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Geathers reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures over $100.

Judge Geathers testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Geathers testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Geathers to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Geathers reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Most recently, I was a panelist at the 2023 Injured Workers Advocates Annual Convention.
(b) I gave a presentation on appellate advocacy at the 2023 Mastering Rules of Evidence & Procedure CLE hosted by the South Carolina Bar.
(c) I co-taught administrative law as an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law from 2010 to 2015 and at the Charleston School of Law in 2012.

Judge Geathers reported that he has published the following:

(a) John D. Geathers, et al., *South Carolina & COVID-19: A Bench Book on Pandemics, Experts, and Legal Concepts* (2023) (a bench book, commissioned by Chief Justice Beatty, as a result of a partnership with the National Courts and Sciences Institute).
(b) John D. Geathers, et al., South Carolina Administrative Practice & Procedure, Chapter 1 – Administrative Agencies: General Concepts & Principles, (Randolph R. Lowell ed., 3d ed. 2013).
(c) John D. Geathers, *"The Matter Does Not Appear to Me Now as It Appears to Have Appeared to Me Then"*: Motions for Reconsideration Before the ALJ Division, S.C. Law., Nov. 2002, at 27.
(d) John D. Geathers & Justin R. Werner, *"An Inglorious Fiction": The Doctrine of Matrimonial Domicile in South Carolina*, 18 Wis. Women's L.J. 233 (2003).
(e) John D. Geathers & Justin R. Werner, *"An Inglorious Fiction": The Doctrine of Matrimonial Domicile in South Carolina*, S.C. Trial Lawyer's Bulletin, Fall 2003, at 14.

(f) John D. Geathers & Justin R. Werner, *The Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages in South Carolina* (South Carolina Bar, 2007).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Geathers did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Geathers did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Geathers has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Geathers was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Geathers reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Geathers reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Geathers reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Geathers appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Geathers appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Geathers was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
SC Department of Labor, OSHA Attorney (1986)

Office of Senate Research, SC Senate, Senior Staff Counsel (1986-1995)
SC Administrative Law Court, Administrative Law Judge (1995-2008)
SC Court of Appeals, Judge (2008-present)
Judge Geathers reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

I was elected to the Administrative Law Court in 1994 and served from 1995 until 2008, upon being elected to the Court of Appeals. As an ALJ, I presided over hearings of contested cases and conducted appellate review of cases of designated agencies. See Sections 1-23-380 and 1-23-600 of the S.C. Code.

I was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2008. The Court of Appeals has such jurisdiction as prescribed by the General Assembly by general law. Art. V, sec. 9, S.C. Constitution. Pursuant to section 14-8-200, the Court of Appeals hears most types of appeals from the circuit court and family court, not otherwise reserved to the Supreme Court in its original jurisdiction. The Court also hears PCR matters as directed by the Supreme Court. Also, the Court of Appeals adjudicates appeals from the Administrative Law Court and the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Judge Geathers provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
(a) *Stokes v. Oconee County*, 441 S.C. 566, 895 S.E.2d 689 (Ct. App. 2023).
(b) *Glenn v. 3M Company*, 440 S.C. 34, 890 S.E.2d 569 (Ct. App. 2023), *cert denied* Aug. 13, 2024.
(c) *Lucas v. KapStone Paper and Packaging Corp.*, 441 S.C. 595, 894 S.E.2d 831 (Ct. App. 2023).
(d) *Garrison v. Target Corp.*, 429 S.C. 324, 838 S.E.2d 18 (Ct. App. 2020), *aff'd in part and rev'd in part*, 435 S.C. 566, 869 S.E.2d 797 (2022).
(e) *Keene v. CNA Holdings, LLC*, 426 S.C. 357, 827 S.E.2d 183 (Ct. App. 2019), *aff'd*, 436 S.C. 1, 870 S.E.2d 156 (2021).
Judge Geathers reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:
Co-taught administrative law at USC's School of Law from 2010 to 2015 and at the Charleston School of Law in 2012.

Judge Geathers further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I was qualified and nominated for election to the Court of Appeals by the Commission for judicial elections held on February 6, 2008, and withdrew my candidacy. Also, I was qualified and nominated for election to the circuit court in 2006. I withdrew my candidacy. I was also qualified for the circuit court in 2004 and withdrew my candidacy.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Geathers's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee found Judge Geathers to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, processional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "an asset to the judiciary."

Judge Geathers is married to Dorris Williams (Geathers). He has two children.

Judge Geathers reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) North Carolina Bar

Judge Geathers provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations.

Judge Geathers further reported:
In executing my duties, I shall endeavor to "live . . . an eagle's flight beyond the reach of fear or favor, praise or blame, profit or loss." William S. McFeely, Frederick Douglas 318 (1991).

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Judge Geathers has an outstanding reputation on the Court of Appeals. They noted that he is incredibly smart and very well respected by members of the bar. They noted that it is rare for a candidate to not have any negative comments about them, and his BallotBox surveys speak highly to the type of person and judge that he is.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Geathers qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Court of Appeals, Seat 3.

The Honorable Paula H. Thomas
Court of Appeals, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Thomas meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Thomas was born in 1957. She is 67 years old and is a resident of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina. Judge Thomas provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Thomas.

Judge Thomas demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Thomas reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Thomas testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Thomas testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Thomas to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Thomas reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) 1993- Speaker: Restructured State Government, the State of Administrative Law;
(b) 1996-Speaker: So You Want To Be A Judge, Women In Law, Columbia, SC;
(c) 2012-Speaker: Being A Judge and How To Get There, Sumter Ladies Club ;
(d) 2012-Present- Misc.talks to local Rotary clubs, schools, and in house staff attorneys.

Judge Thomas reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Thomas did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Thomas did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Thomas has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Thomas was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Thomas reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Thomas reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Thomas reported that she has held the following public office:

Elected to SC House Seat 108, November 1992, served until June 1996. All reports were timely filed. No penalties.

(6) Physical Health:

Judge Thomas appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Judge Thomas appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:

Judge Thomas was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) January 1987- September 1987: Law Offices of Kenneth W. Thorton
Georgetown, SC- Associate- Family Court and Circuit Court matters;

(b) September 1987- August 1988: Rubillo & Thomas Attorneys at Law
Georgetown, SC Partner- Family Court and Circuit Court matters;

(c) August 1988- January 1994: Law Office of Paula H. Thomas
Pawleys Island, SC- Sole Practitioner: Family Court & Circuit Court;

(d) January 1993- January 1994: Thomas & Gundling Attorneys at Law
Pawleys Island, SC- Partner: Family Court & Circuit Court;

(e) January 1994-May 1994: Lawimore, Thomas, Gundling & Kelaher
Pawleys Island, SC- Partner: Family Court & Circuit Court;

(f) May 1994- January 1995: Thomas, Gundling & Kelaher
Pawleys Island, SC- Partner: Family Court & Circuit Court; and,

(g) January 1995- July 1996: Law Office of Paula H. Thomas
Pawleys Island, SC- Sole Practitioner, Family Court & Circuit Court.

Judge Thomas reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Elected May 1996, SC Circuit Court, At-Large Seat #1;

(b) Elected May 1998, SC Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat #1;

(c) Elected February 2007, SC Court of Appeals, Seat #4;

(d) Re-elected, SC Court of Appeals, Seat #4;

Judge Thomas provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Arrow Pointe Fed. Credit Union v. Bailey, 432 S.C. 373, 852 S.E.2d 473 (Ct. App. 2020) (holding as a matter of first impression that the replacement mortgage doctrine would not be adopted because the issue as one for our legislature), affd, 438 S.C. 573, 884 S.E. 2d 506 (2023).
(b) State v. Brown, 414 S.C. 14, 776 S.E.2d 506 917 (Ct. App. 2015) (holding no reasonable expectation of privacy exists in an abandoned cell phone left at the scene of a crime, even if the device is locked and password-protected), aff'd, 423 S.C. 519, 815 S.E.2d 761 (2018).
(c) State v. Dent, 434 S.C. 357, 863 S.E.2d 478 (Ct. App. 2012) (dissenting) (dissenting after applying the harmless error analysis in a criminal case, which was thereafter reversed by our supreme court), rev'd 440 S.C. 449, 892 S.E. 2d 294 (2023).
(d) Campbell v. Robinson, 398 S.C. 12, 726 S.E.2d 221 (Ct. App. 2012) (holding as a matter of first impression that whether an engagement ring is the donee's property after the engagement is cancelled is a question for the jury).
(e) State v. Mitchell, 378 S.C. 305, 662 S.E 2d 493 (Ct. App. 2008) (explaining the application of the Confrontation Clause to prior statements) cert. Dismissed as improvidently granted, (Feb. 16, 2010).

Judge Thomas reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Thomas further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) Ran unsuccessfully for SC Court of Appeals, Seat #2 in 2004;
(b) Ran unsuccessfully for Chief of SC Court of Appeals in 2016.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Thomas's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Thomas to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.
Judge Thomas is married to Don Stanley Thomas. She has three children.

Judge Thomas reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Appellate Judges Association
(c) American Bar Association

Judge Thomas provided that she was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Thomas further reported:
I have been a member of my court (SC Court of Appeals) since 2016 and am currently number two in seniority. My institutional knowledge and experience in my current position as well as my past experience as a Circuit Court Judge and a Legislator is valuable to the Court and the State as a whole.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Thomas has an outstanding reputation as a jurist. They remarked on her intellect which has ably served her in discharging her responsibilities on the Court of Appeals. The Commission further remarked on her overwhelmingly positive Ballot Box Surveys, noting the rarity of receiving no negative comments.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Thomas qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Court of Appeals, Seat 4.

CIRCUIT COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Eugene P. Warr, Jr.
Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualification of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Warr meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Warr was born in 1959. He is 65 years old and a resident of Lamar, South Carolina. Judge Warr provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1985.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Warr.

Judge Warr demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Warr reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Warr testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Warr testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Warr to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Warr reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Judge Warr reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Warr did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Warr did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Warr has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Warr was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Warr reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Warr reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Warr reported that he has held the following public offices:
University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, Trustee for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Elected May 2003 by South Carolina Legislature. I was re-elected in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016 and 2020. I served until March of 2022 when I resigned to serve as a Family Court Judge. I have annually filed a State Ethics Commission report and I have always been timely with my filings.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Warr appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Warr appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Warr was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1985.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
March 1982 through November 1985 (when I was sworn into the bar) I worked at the Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe law firm located in Hartsville, SC as a law clerk. The majority of my work for Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe was during the summer and between the fall and spring semesters. I worked as a clerk for the SC Senate Judiciary Committee during my second year of law school which was the fall of 1983 and spring of 1984.

November 1985 through July 1989 – I was an associate attorney at the Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe law firm. During my years at the Saleeby firm I handled many different areas of practice including personal injury, criminal, workers compensation, civil litigation, probate matters, real estate and domestic.

In July 1989 I left the Saleeby firm and joined with then solo practitioner David M. Beasley (both of us grew up in Lamar, SC) to form the firm of Beasley and Warr in Hartsville, SC. Later, attorney John M. Ervin III joined our firm. In 1993 James H. Lucas and Fred W. Auman, III left the Saleeby firm and joined our practice. In 1994 Beasley was elected Governor and left the practice of law. During the years from 1989 to 1994 I practiced primarily in the areas of personal injury, real estate, probate, domestic law and I was regular counsel to Carolina Bank & Trust Company. I also handled general civil litigation matters. In 2005 H. Thad White Jr. joined our firm. In 2009 Fred W. Auman III left our office and began a solo practice. Our firm was known as Lucas, Warr & White from 2009 until I left the firm in March, 2022 to serve as a Family Court Judge. In February, 2022 I was elected to serve as a Family Court Judge in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

From approximately 2007 to 2022 I steadily increased my practice in Circuit Court mediation and serving as special referee in non-jury matters. I heard many civil matters as special referee and in recent years I mediated many cases in primarily Darlington County and Florence County. Otherwise, I did some personal injury practice, real estate, probate, general civil litigation and business formation and transactions. I served as regular counsel to Carolina Bank & Trust Company from 1989 to 2022.

From 1989 to 1994 I jointly managed our firm's regular and trust accounts with David Beasley. After Beasley left the practice I became the office manager as to financial management and management of trust accounts. I continued in that role at Lucas, Warr & White until I left to serve as Family Court Judge in 2022.

Judge Warr further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

My experience in criminal matters was primarily in my first few years of practice as an attorney. In the past five years I have not represented any criminal defendants.

I regularly handled civil matters throughout my years of practice. In the five years previous to beginning as a Family Court Judge (March 2022) I handled personal injury cases, probate litigation, real estate disputes, contractual litigation, general civil matters and represented Carolina Bank & Trust.

The last case in which I participated was tried before a civil jury in February of 2022 and early March of 2022 just prior to my beginning work as a Family Court Judge. My then law partner H. Thad White, Jr. and I tried an accident case in which our client sustained head injuries when he was struck by a vehicle while riding a motorcycle. We had issues of permission to use the vehicle, insurance coverage and liability in the accident. The first trial of the case ended with a mistrial because the jury could not reach a verdict. Two weeks later we tried the case again in Darlington County and won a good verdict for our client.

Through the years I have handled numerous personal injury cases. However, I have generally engaged in different types of civil litigation. For example, I represented a farmer in Darlington County a few years ago who had the majority of his cotton crop destroyed by improper fertilizer application by a company he hired each year to spread fertilizer and spray chemicals. The fertilizer distributor denied fault and we filed suit on his behalf with the case ending at mediation after a good bit of litigation.

On occasion I did represent Defendants in matters. I represented several small businesses and usually handled all matters for them. I represented Carolina Bank Trust from 1989 to 2022 and defended them on numerous

matters dealing with banking issues. I also handled many foreclosures for Carolina Bank.

I have served as Special Referee on numerous cases over the years. I heard many foreclosure actions as a Referee, but also numerous other types of litigation such as contractual disputes, construction litigation, real estate disputes and tax sale cases.

I do lack experience in recent years in criminal matters. During my law school years and early years of law practice at the Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe firm I spent a great deal of time with my mentor James C. Cox. Mr. Cox was a tremendous criminal trial lawyer and in high demand. He tried serious criminal cases regularly and I was with him often.

In the five years previous to my beginning service as a Family Circuit Judge, and prior to those years, I regularly appeared in Circuit Court on numerous civil matters. I also did appear in General Sessions Court on one fairly recent occasion to oppose bond for four Defendants charged with murder in Florence County. I was there on behalf of the family of the victim.

Judge Warr reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: I have not appeared in Federal Court in the past five years
(b) State: In the past five years I have been to trial in only one jury trial (automobile accident) as we now settle many matters at mediation. (However, we did try that case twice.) I have appeared on many non-jury matters and I have appeared on a regular basis before a special referee or Master-in-Equity. I have handled many foreclosure matters for a banking client before a special referee or Master-in-Equity in the past five years.

Judge Warr reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 80%
-Real Estate
-Special Referee

-Medation
-Probate
-Business formation/transactions

Judge Warr reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 15%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: One.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: I have no criminal cases in the past five years.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Judge Warr provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Warr's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) Henry Wesley Beasley v. Al Dawson
(This case involved a boating accident at Lake Marion. The Defendant was operating a boat and struck the Plaintiff who was swimming near a dock and seriously injured him. The case involved issues about boating, water safety and negligence and was tried to a jury in Florence County and then settled before the jury returned to the courtroom with a verdict.)
(b) Beulah Robinson and Susan Jordan v. Gena Poole Davis and Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company
(In this case, which I tried with my mentor James C. Cox, Jr. of the Saleeby, Cox and Bledsoe firm in Hartsville, the Plaintiffs were seriously injured when a drunk driver hit a large truck which then hit the Plaintiffs. The jury returned an award for the Plaintiffs against the Defendants which I was told at the time in 1990 was the largest civil jury verdict ever in Darlington County, but I am not certain that is true.)
(c) Wright and Gadsden v. Colleton County
(In this case a young man twenty-one years of age was killed while traveling as a passenger with his father when they were struck at night by a Colleton County Deputy Sheriff who was traveling at a very high rate of speed with no blue light or siren. The jury in Colleton County returned a favorable verdict in favor of Plaintiff. I tried this case with attorney Paul N. Siegel of Walterboro. Colleton County filed an appeal, but the Court of Appeals affirmed the decision. Wright v. Colleton

County (S.C. App. 2014) Appellate Case No. 2012-212865, (Unpublished Opinion No. 2014-UP-011).
(d) Progressive Home Builders, Inc. v. Grace Hucks and Window Works, Inc.
(This construction dispute went to a non-jury trial in Florence County. My client Window Works, Inc. won its cross-claim against Hucks for payment of a substantial amount for windows and doors it provided for a large, upscale house. Hucks filed an appeal, but the Court of Appeals affirmed the decision. Progressive Home Builders, Inc. v. Hucks (S.C. App. 2013) Appellate Case No. 2010-181289, (Unpublished Opinion No. 2013-UP-057).
(e) In the Matter of the Estate of Nathaniel Welch Morrisette, Jr.; 2014-CP-40-02769
(Many parties were involved in this probate matter which was a dispute over the validity of Morrisette's Will. I represented two of the named beneficiaries in the disputed Will. The estate was large in value and highly contested. It began in Probate Court in Richland County and was moved to Common Pleas.)

The following is Judge Warr's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Wright v. Colleton County, Appeal from Colleton County, Court of Appeals Affirmed January 8, 2014, Appellate Case No. 2012-212865, (Unpublished Opinion No. 2014-UP-011).
(b) Progressive Home Builders, Inc. v. Hucks, Appeal from Florence County, Court of Appeals Affirmed January 30, 2013, Appellate Case No. 2010-181289, (Unpublished Opinion No. 2013-UP-057).
(c) Gertrude Wrenn v. Chester County Hospital, Case was dismissed on Defendant's Motion. On an appeal to the Court of Appeals that decision was Reversed and the case then settled prior to trial, 1987-CP-12-00161A

Judge Warr reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Warr reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected to serve as a Family Court Judge in February of 2022. I began serving as a Family Court Judge on March 19, 2022 and presently still serve.

Judge Warr provided the following concerning significant orders or opinions:
I do not have any Orders which would be responsive to this question. I have only served as a Family Court Judge for a little over two (2) years. There are no appellate reviews of any of my decisions as a Family Court Judge.

Judge Warr reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Warr's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Warr to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Warr is married to Cassandra Anderson Warr. He has two children.

Judge Warr reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar;
(b) Darlington County Bar (President 1999-2000);
(c) Pee Dee Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Judge Warr provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Pee Dee Chapter - American Inns of Court
(b) Lamar Civitan Club

Judge Warr further reported:
I was raised in a rural community in Darlington County. We lived on the farm where my father and grandfather also were raised. My mother also grew up in a farm family not far away in Florence County. As a child I had all of my grandparents near me and I was regularly with them. My

parents both grew up working hard on the farm and that was expected of me also.

When I was eight years old I was told my time to work in the tobacco field had arrived. I was excited about it until I actually got started. The difficulty of the work and the heat all day was extremely tough, but it made me realize life is not easy and every day would have its challenges. My father often gave me serious tasks to handle at a young age. Out of necessity, I learned how to be self disciplined.

My father Preston Warr farmed, operated an agricultural retail business, operated a tobacco sales warehouse, served in the state House of Representatives and for twenty-five years served as a part-time Magistrate in Darlington County. I was with him on many occasions as he handled a wide variety of issues and conflicts. Obviously, I am favorably biased toward my father, but he was an outstanding Magistrate who could read people and he was always courteous and kind to them. Although he retired from that position over twenty-five years ago, I still hear stories from people who were in law enforcement and others with civil matters who tell a story about appearing in Magistrate Court with my father. He settled many disputes and seemed to have an almost magical way of helping fighting neighbors or family members in a dispute to forgive, reconcile and move on.

I believe my father was a good listener and always treated even the most difficult people with respect and courtesy. On occasion I saw him change a hostile litigant into a cooperative and contrite person by simply treating that person with patience and listening or maybe telling that person a story that somehow related to them.

My mother also had great impact on me as to how to treat others. She was a very outgoing person who loved other people and she held my two sisters and me to a high standard in our behavior and conduct toward others. I learned many great lessons from wonderful parents and they no doubt largely shaped who I am today.

If I am elected to a Circuit Court position, I would do my best to do my duty to our state and its citizens, and also to honor the way I was taught by my parents as I saw how they conducted their lives.

As a lawyer practicing from 1985 to 2022, I have experienced representing many types of people. I had clients who were clearly good, honest people trying to live in the right way and I have had clients who were not honorable or honest. I have represented them all to the best of my ability and I have learned much about human behavior from these experiences. Participants in any type of matter, witnesses, jurors, lawyers and court personnel all deserve a patient, caring and hopefully wise judge. I would strive every day to live up to that standard.

I have seen good and bad in many people. I have been through many types of storms in life with these people and I believe I have the balanced perspective which is needed to serve as a judge.

I believe my life's experiences and the blessing of being raised by hard working parents who demanded a lot from me have prepared me for effective service as a judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented on Judge Warr's reputation as being a very capable and kind judge. Further, they noted that his character, reputation, integrity, and temperament set him apart.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Warr qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Ashley A. McMahan
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. McMahan meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. McMahan was born in 1978. She is 46 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. McMahan provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2004.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. McMahan

Ms. McMahan demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. McMahan testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. McMahan testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. McMahan to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

> (a) I taught law-related courses while an adjunct at South University between 2010-2018. I taught Environmental Law, which was an overview of the more significant federal environmental law as well as an overview of South Carolina's environmental laws. I also taught Introduction to Paralegalism, which was a basic overview of the court system in the United States as well as South Carolina, basic legal terms, and how to find cases online, etc.

I also taught Real Estate (an overview of property rights and types of deeds), Trust and Estates (an overview of wills, intestacy, etc.), and

Intellectual Property (an overview of trademarks, copyright, patents, etc.).

I taught Introduction to Information Literacy (LIBR 101) at the University of South Carolina from August 2013 through December 2016. While this is not specifically a legal or law type course, the course does relate to the legal field as it teaches basic research and information literacy skills, which apply to all fields. This course teaches the basics of how to do competent research online by analyzing the source, date of publication, the author, etc., while also teaching the differences between opinions (most blogs) to news and periodicals.

(b) I have lectured at the following:

1. Post-Conviction Relief and Habeas Corpus: Preserving the Conviction

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar - September 18, 2009
Columbia, South Carolina

2. Protecting Convictions from Collateral Attack

South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference - September 29, 2009
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

3. Environmental Statutes and Related Crimes & Preparing a Case for the Prosecutor

Southeastern Environmental Enforcement Network - June 28-30, 2010
Columbia, South Carolina

4. Environmental Crimes in South Carolina

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – January 21, 2011
Columbia, South Carolina

5. Natural Resources & Environmental Law

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – August 22, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina

6. Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – July 2015 & April 2016
Glynco, Georgia

7. Environmental Law in South Carolina

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – June 3, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina

8. 31st Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – February 18, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina

9. Prosecution CLE Series - Case Round Up

South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination – October 11, 2022
Zoom Webinar

10. The Holy City CLE

American Immigration Lawyers' Association – January 13, 2023
Charleston, South Carolina

11. The Soda City CLE

American Immigration Lawyers' Association – February 9, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

12. 33rd Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina

South Carolin Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – February 23, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

13. Prosecution Basics for Law Enforcement Officers

South Carolina Prosecution Coordination Commission – February 27, 2024
West Columbia, South Carolin

14. Name and Gender Marker Changes

The Rainy Day Fund – June 6, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

15. Indigent Defense Contract Attorney Criminal/PCR Training

South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense – June 21, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

16. Legal Aid University

South Carolina Legal Services – October 22, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

Ms. McMahan reported that she has published the following:

(a) Environmental Law in South Carolina, Fourth Edition, (SC Bar CLE 2016)

Contributing author, Chapter 12 – Environmental Crimes in South Carolina

(b) The South Carolina Post-Conviction Relief Manual, Second Edition, (SC Bar CLE 2008) Case law update through December 31, 2009 published March 2010

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. McMahan did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. McMahan did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. McMahan has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. McMahan was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. McMahan reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. McMahan appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. McMahan appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. McMahan was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2004.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) McMahan Law, LLC – Columbia, SC
Owner, January 2022 - present
(formerly McMahan & Taylor Attorneys, LLC - Owner/partner, July 2016 – Dec 2021)

Defends criminal matters across the midlands.

Handles family based immigration matters such as fiancé(e) visas, spousal visas, etc.
Files and handles naturalization cases.
Prosecutes post-conviction relief matters across the state.
Files and handles civil matters in magistrate and Common Pleas courts
Handles appeals in the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court.
Files pardons and expungements on behalf of clients.
Litigates vital record amendment matters in both Common Pleas and Family Court.
Litigates simple divorce matters in Family Court.

Handles all financial and administrative management of law firm, including trust accounts.

(b) Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office - Lancaster, SC
Assistant Solicitor, February 2017 – present
Lancaster & Fairfield Offices

Tried at least five cases to jury verdict.
Handled prosecution of special victims' crimes:
sexual misconduct, domestic violence, etc.
Prosecute felony level offenses including murders, armed robbery, etc.
Handle juvenile criminal cases in Family Court.

(c) South University - Columbia, SC
Adjunct Professor, June 2010 – May 2018

Taught Environmental Law; Intro to Paralegalism; Intellectual Property; Real Estate; Trusts & Estates.

(d) South Carolina Attorney General's Office- Columbia SC
Assistant Attorney General August 2006 – July 2016
Special Assistant United States Attorney, May 2011 – July 2016

Prosecution & State Grand Jury Section (2008-2016)
Handled State Grand Jury cases, including appeals and PCRs.
Sworn Delegate to the South Carolina State Grand Jury, with statewide jurisdiction.
Prosecuted South Carolina criminal environmental matters and other matters as assigned.

Handled all State Grand Jury post-conviction relief matters.
Indicted the first-ever State Grand Jury environmental criminal case.
Provided guidance and interpretation of laws to investigators.

Post-Conviction Relief & Criminal Appeals Section (2006-2008)
Handled approximately 550 Post-Conviction Relief and State Habeas Corpus cases.
Wrote approximately seven Petitions for Writs of Certiorari to the state Supreme Court and approximately 110 Returns to Petitions for Writs of Certiorari, and handled other Appellate Court briefings

(e) The Honorable Clifton Newman - Kingstree, SC
Judicial Law Clerk, November 2004 – July 2006
Wrote orders, handle scheduling, liaison between the judge and members of the Bar, organized the office, saved judge's life from a heart attack.

(f) Rogers, Townsend, & Thomas, PC - Columbia, SC
Law Clerk/Title Reviewer, June 2004 – November 2004
Reviewed title abstracts for title insurance binders.

(g) Anderson & Brown, LLC – Hampton, SC
Law Clerk, June 2004 – November 2004
General law clerk duties, drafting deeds, abstracting, assisting with court matters, etc.

Ms. McMahan further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

My experience with criminal law started once I graduated from law school and started clerking for Judge Newman back in 2004. I have been handling criminal law matters for eighteen years now. Most of my criminal law experience has been as a prosecutor; however, in private practice I have had criminal defense clients with cases in Summary Court as well as in General Sessions. I also work with the Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office prosecuting all kinds of criminal matters from domestic violence court, to juvenile court, to high level felonies. I've referenced a few cases in Number 15.

The issues involved in my criminal cases are all over the board. It could be a juvenile waived up to General Sessions, it could be issues related to the chain of custody for drugs, it could be a statement made by a child

in a forensic interview setting. I've had all of these issues come up before and then some. I am in Circuit Court at least five days a month, usually more.

My civil practice consists mostly of post-conviction relief matters, a few personal injury matters, general civil litigation, as well some immigration cases. While most people probably don't think of post-conviction relief as a civil matter, these cases are civil and are filed in Common Pleas. Instead of a Summons & Complaint, the Applicant files an Application. Instead of an Answer, the State files a Return. Otherwise, all the same civil rules of procedure apply. I have been doing post-conviction relief matters since 2006. I continue to do them now via appointment or by being retained. I have probably handled close to 400 of these cases. Most of the issues involved in these cases related to ineffective assistance of counsel of their prior criminal attorney since these cases are collateral attacks on criminal convictions. I have also been handling quite a bit of litigation in probate court as well as some general civil litigation matters including breach of trust, breach of contract, etc.

In addition, my civil practice also consists of general civil matters in magistrate courts as well as appeals from magistrate court, some family court matters, probate, and civil cases in federal court. Some of the types of cases I have handled/filed in magistrate courts include breach of contract type matters, restraining orders, etc. My family court experience has been with simple divorces, name changes, gender marker changes, as well as juvenile prosecution matters. In federal court I have filed federal habeas corpus cases and writs of mandamus related to immigration matters. I have also handled vital records litigation in Circuit Court.

Ms. McMahan reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 1%;
(b) State: 99%.

Ms. McMahan reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 45%;
(b) Criminal: 45%;

(c) Domestic: 3%;
(d) Other: 7%.

Ms. McMahan reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: The vast majority of my practice is in trial court. I would estimate at least 85% of what I do is in trial court. (I am including both jury trials and bench trials.) If I were to split between jury and non-jury practice, I would estimate that 20% of my criminal cases end up as a jury trial, while the remainder of my cases are bench trials or are matters that are generally handled short hearings. (i.e. Juvenile trials, post-conviction relief matters, and family court matters.)

(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: This is a hard number to quantify as I handle both jury and non-jury matters but over the past five years I estimate I have tried to verdict at least six jury trials. (This includes during the COVID shut down.)

(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: Again, difficult to quantify simply because record management does not distinguish between a matter that started as a trial and ended up with a guilty plea. I estimate I have had at least another five cases where a jury was pulled and/or opening statements or the State's case was presented and then the Defendant decided to plead guilty.

(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: Please see the above answer.

Ms. McMahan provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel, occasionally co-counsel

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State of South Carolina v. David Matthew Carter (Lancaster County 2016-GS-29-00036, 37, 38) – Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree. A week-long trial involving a minor who was the step-daughter of the defendant. Judge allowed the defendant

to be in secondary courtroom while the minor victim testified. Matter is currently on appeal and oral arguments were recently held at the Supreme Court. Https://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article211857364.html

(b) Ivis Ahimara Reyes Yedra v. State of South Carolina (Lexington County 2017-CP-32-04132) – Post-Conviction Relief matter stemming from a State Grand Jury conviction. Applicant was not properly advised of immigration consequences, among other things. Was denied relief in lower court. Certiorari was denied. Remittitur sent on March 23, 2023.

(c) State of South Carolina v. George W. Smolen (State Grand Jury 2013-GS-47-0003) – First and only State Grand Jury environmental case. Defendant was an armchair chemist and was attempting to create biodiesel. Contaminated large areas of land and runoff seeped into Lake Hartwell. https://regionalassociations.org/upstate-businessman-target-of-first-sc-state-grand-jury-pollution-indictment/

(d) State of South Carolina v. Charlie Tillman (Abbeville County 2013-GS-01-00175, 176, 177) – Calhoun Falls town councilman was arrested for driving under the influence and threatening a public official. Trial was started but after two days of testimony, defendant decided to plead guilty. Very contentious matter within that community, defendant was the reason the entire police force of Calhoun Falls quit. https://www.wyff4.com/article/upstate-councilman-charged-with-dui-takes-plea-deal/7009388

(e) State of South Carolina v. George Ralph Bobo – (Greenville County, 2013-GS-23-08476, 08477) – Defendant was former police officer for Simpsonville. During a job interview with SLED, he admitted to destroying evidence in a murder case. Charged with misconduct in office and obstruction of justice. https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/golden-strip/2015/06/16/bobo-guilty-misconduct-investigation-murder/28839239/

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) Simuel v. State of South Carolina, 390 S.C. 267, 701 S.E.2d 738 (Sup. Ct. 2010)
(b) Robinson v. State of South Carolina, 387 S.C. 568, 693 S.E.2d 402 (Sup. Ct. 2010)
(c) Edwards v. State of South Carolina, 392 S.C. 449, 710 S.E.2d 60 (Sup. Ct. 2011)
(d) Barber v. State of South Carolina, 393 S.C. 232, 712 S.E.2d 436 (Sup. Ct. 2011)
(e) Yedra v. State of South Carolina, Appellate Case No.: 2019-1309. Remittitur sent on March 23, 2023. Not reported.

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of three criminal appeals she has personally handled:

(a) State of South Carolina v. Whitesides, 397 S.C. 313, 725 S.E.2d 487 (Sup. Ct. 2012).
(b) Rosetta Miller v. State of South Carolina, criminal appeal from magistrate court to Common Pleas. Not reported. (2022-CP-20-00253)
(c) Marcelius Jeter v. State of South Carolina, criminal appeal from magistrate court to Common Pleas. Not reported. (2024-CP-20-00122)

Ms. McMahan further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for a Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 3 in 2022. I withdrew from the race mid-November 2022. I also ran for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8 in 2023. I was qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. McMahan's temperament would be appropriate for a judge.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. McMahan to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health, mental stability, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented, "Committee concerned about her courtroom demeanor if elected."

Ms. McMahan is not married. She does not have any children.

Ms. McMahan reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Richland County Bar Association
(b) Lexington County Bar Association – Executive Committee 2020 & 2021
(c) Lancaster County Bar Association – 2017-2022
(d) American Immigration Lawyers Association – CLE Committee 2019 to present
(e) Trial & Appellate Advocacy Committee – Executive Committee 2022 to present
(f) Practice & Procedure Committee
(g) South Carolina Association for Justice
(h) Solo & Small Firm Section
(i)Fairfield County Bar Association
(j)Young Lawyers Division – YLD Executive Committee, 5th Circuit Representative July 2009 – June 2013
(k) South Carolina Women Lawyers' Association – 2005 to 2007 (approx..)
(l)SC Bar House of Delegates

Ms. McMahan provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization, and received the following recognition:
(a) SQ Rescue – SBT (pet rescue)
(b) Carolina Hearts Aussie Rescue
(c) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy, Inaugural Class 2008-2009
(d) South Carolina Bar YLD Star of the Quarter – FY 2010-2011
(e) John R. Justice award – 2018 Solicitor's Conference
(f) SC Women Lawyer's Association – Young Lawyer to Watch, September 2006
(g) Series 6 & 63 securities licenses – 2000 to 2001
(h) SC Life, Accident, & Health Insurance License – 2000 to 2001
(i)Certified Civil Court Mediator – August 2023 - present

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. McMahan is a forceful advocate, involved in her community, and has great experience.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Ms. McMahan qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Christopher Dolan Taylor
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Taylor meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Taylor was born in 1971. He is 53 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Taylor provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Taylor demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Taylor testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Taylor testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Taylor to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) In 2014, I taught as an adjunct paralegal studies instructor at South University, Columbia.
(b) In 2013 and 2014, Faculty Member, SC Commission on Prosecution Coordination, Bootcamp Seminar for new attorney instruction.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Taylor did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Taylor did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Taylor has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Taylor was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Taylor reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Taylor appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Taylor appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Taylor was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2001- 2014 – Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office – Deputy Solicitor 2008 – 2014, Assistant Solicitor 2001-2008.

As an assistant solicitor and then deputy solicitor I handled a litany of criminal matters ranging from magistrate court and family court prosecutions to serious violent felony and drug cases as well as murder and sexual assault cases. I was extensively involved in preparing and arguing motions, as well as conducting trials in general sessions, family court and magistrate's court given the volume of cases in our circuit and our often times limited resources. As deputy solicitor, I had a limited supervisory role in the office and mainly focused on preparing cases for disposition in general sessions court. I was not involved in managing any financial accounts in the office.

(b) 2014 – Present - US Attorney's Office – Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) - Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) and Narcotics and Violent Crimes

I have prosecuted OCDETF-related cases which target higher-level drug traffickers in the South Carolina area and who may have drug connections in other parts of the United States and the world. I also prosecute narcotics and violent crime cases which often focus on felons who are unlawfully in possession of firearms and unlawful drugs. These felons may have firearms in connection with other violent crimes.

I do not manage any financial accounts within the office.

Mr. Taylor further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

As noted above I've handled the gambit of criminal cases. These matters often involve complex constitutional issues such as whether a search and seizure was proper in a given case, Miranda issues, or a host of other issues common to criminal prosecutions.

My civil experience has been very limited during my time as a prosecutor. I did on occasion handle commitment matters in probate court. While I was in law school, I clerked at Turnipseed and Associates

for several years. During that time, I drafted numerous pleadings, discovery motions, and memorandums of law centered on personal injury cases. I was fortunate to be involved in weekly meetings with lawyers to discuss various issues in their cases and help in determining appropriate resolutions.

While I recognize my experience is more focused on criminal practice, I have thorough knowledge of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, and I intend to supplement my civil knowledge through CLEs and consulting judicial colleagues for assistance where appropriate. I have no doubt that my ability to navigate complex criminal matters will carry over to the work required to become adept in the same way on civil matters.

Mr. Taylor reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: Weekly at times.
(b) State: None in the last five years.

Mr. Taylor reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 0%
(b) Criminal: 100%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: N/A

Mr. Taylor reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: I had two cases that went to trial and both ended in guilty verdicts. Given the nature of federal practice, trials are not as frequent as my experience in state court.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0

Mr. Taylor provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years

I served as lead counsel in most of my cases. I was fortunate to be co-counsel on others, including a major federal drug trafficking and dogfighting case.

The following is Mr. Taylor's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) United States v. Glenn Pernell, et al., 2023 WL 3050983 (4th Cir. 2023)

This was my first time participating in a wiretap trial. Though I came in to assist with the trial including making closing arguments, I gained valuable insight from the two very experienced AUSAs into how those cases come start as substantial law enforcement field work into the final presentation of the evidence to a jury.

(b) United States v. Jamal Lewis, 719 Fed.Appx.210 (4th Cir. 2018)

This was my first federal trial. I had to prepare the case from start to finish as well as arguing before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was provided a unique opportunity to literally build a case from the ground up. The appeals of state court trials were handled by a different agency. But arguing the case in an appellate gave me a new perspective on not just how jurors see the facts but how judges weigh the law in particular case

(c) United States v. Santerrio Smith, et al.

This was a dogfighting case associated with the Pernell case that went to trial. I had never tried that type of case in court. It was quite a learning curve to get up to speed on expert testimony used in that case.

(d) State v. John Anderson

This was a drug case and my very first case prosecuted. The state prevailed in this case.

(e) State v. James Oscar Douglas

This was an aggravated home invasion case. The victim ended up paralyzed after being shot in his home. This was one where I felt the state worked well to protect the victim's rights in this case.

Mr. Taylor reported that he has not personally handled any civil appeals.

The following is Mr. Taylor's account of two criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) United States v. Jamal Lewis (4th Cir. 2018)

(b) United States v. Tommy Adams, Jr., 788 Fed.Appx. 198 (4th Cir 2019)

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Taylor's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Taylor to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience. The Committee noted: "'0' civil experience listed but his position prevented it. Great work ethic."

Mr. Taylor is married to April Taylor. He has one child.

Mr. Taylor reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar (Member) 2001 - Present
Mr. Taylor provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Sandhills Community Church – 2015 – present-church attendance.
(b) Alive Church St. Louis – 2023 – present – church attendance.

Mr. Taylor further reported:
I believe my life experiences, both work and personal; have prepared me to become a Circuit Court Judge. My family has instilled in me the values of kindness, honesty, integrity, and respect for others. The practice of law is difficult, but throughout my experiences I have learned the value of fairness. I will dedicate myself to the goal of not only representing the values of this esteemed branch of government but also in providing fair and impartial service to the citizens of this State.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Mr. Taylor is a great prosecutor who exercises power the way that he should. The Commission noted that Mr. Taylor lacks civil experience, but he is willing to learn. The Commission commended Mr. Taylor on his calm

and measured demeanor and considered that he would be an asset to the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Taylor qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

William K. Witherspoon
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Witherspoon meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Witherspoon was born in 1959. He is 65 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Witherspoon provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Witherspoon.

Mr. Witherspoon demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Witherspoon testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Witherspoon testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Witherspoon to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I have lectured at the SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers.
(b) I have made presentations on the topics of appellate advocacy and domestic relations to lawyers attending the Annual SC Bar Meeting
(c) I have taught an upper-level Business Law class at Benedict college.
(d) I have taught a Trial Advocacy class at the U.S.C. School of Law.
(e) I have lectured at the SC Bar CLE program "20/20: An Optimal View of Significant Developments".
(f) I have lectured at the Richland County Bar Association's annual ethics seminar.
(g) I have lectured to federal paralegals on "Pretrial Discovery" issues.
(h) I have lectured to federal paralegals on "Fifth Amendment" issues.
(i)I have lectured to federal paralegals on "Witness Immunity" issues.
(j)I have lectured to new federal employees on federal criminal procedure.
(k) I have lectured to law students on criminal conspiracy issues.
(l)I have lectured to several classes at USC on mental health issues in criminal matters.
(m) I have lectured at Narcotics Commanders School on "Preparing Search Warrants" to law enforcement officers attending the school.
(n) I have made presentations to students at the Charleston School of Law and UofSC School of Law.

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has published the following:
(a) S.C. Appellate Practice Handbook (S.C. Bar CLE 1995), Contributing Author;
(b) Marital Litigation in S.C., Roy T. Stuckey and F. Glenn Smith (S.C. Bar CLE 1997), Editorial Board.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Witherspoon did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Witherspoon did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Witherspoon has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Witherspoon was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Witherspoon reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is AV.

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has not served in the military.
Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Witherspoon appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Witherspoon appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Witherspoon was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August 1991 – July 1992
Law clerk to the Honorable Randall T. Bell
S.C. Court of Appeals

(b) August 1992 – August 1993
Law clerk to the Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr.
United States District Court for the District of South Carolina

(c) September 1993 – November 1995

Berry, Dunbar, Daniel, O'Connor, Jordan & Eslinger
My practice was a general civil plaintiff's-oriented practice. I was involved in contract matters, automobile accidents and other personal injury cases.

(d) November 1995 – August 1996
Law clerk to the Honorable Matthew J. Perry, Jr.
United States District Court for the District of South Carolina

(e) September 1996 – July 1998
Berry, Adams, Quackenbush & Stuart
My practice was a general practice with both plaintiff's and defense cases. Cases included employment matters, contract matters, criminal defense, automobile accidents and other personal injury cases.

(f) July 1998 – May 2000
Associate General Counsel, South Carolina Budget & Control Board
As a member of the General Counsel's Office, I served as legal advisor, provided legal advice, and representation to different Board offices and staff. I reviewed contracts, proposed legislation, and represented the Board offices in legal disputes.

(g) May 2000 – present
Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office
I am involved in the prosecution of federal narcotics and firearms crimes. I have held several positions in the US Attorney's Office including, Anti-Terrorism Coordinator, interim Violent Crimes Section chief, First Assistant United States Attorney and Senior Litigation Counsel.

Mr. Witherspoon further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience
Over the last five (5) years, my practice has been exclusively in criminal matters. I have handled cases involving violations of federal narcotics and firearms statutes, immigration laws, armed robbery matters, and narcotics related murders. I was the leader prosecutor in a case involving the prosecution of a former FBI agent. As part of my criminal practice, I have handled some appeals and responded to post-conviction matters which are civil in nature.

Civil Experience
Over the course of my career, I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters. My civil practice included personal injury cases and other intentional torts. I have handled automobile accident

cases, contract disputes, and employment matters. In addition, I have continued to review reported civil cases from both the state and federal courts. I would continue to study the Rules of Civil Procedure and the reported civil cases to overcome any deficiency in my experience. I have viewed civil CLEs through online training courses and read South Carolina Advance Sheets in this area.

Mr. Witherspoon reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 100%;
(b) State: 0%.

Mr. Witherspoon reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 95%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Witherspoon reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 10%.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0%.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0%.

Mr. Witherspoon provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Witherspoon's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) Tobias, et al. v. The Sports Club, et al., 332 S.C. 90, 504 S.E.2d 318 (1998). I served as co-counsel in this case. This was a first party cause of action against the defendants for serving alcohol to an intoxicated plaintiff under the theory of Christiansen v. Campbell, 328 S.E.2d 351 (S.C. Ct. App. 1985). After the jury returned a verdict for the defendants,

my firm appealed on behalf of the plaintiffs. The jury verdict was upheld but the Supreme Court overruled Christiansen.

(b) United States of America v. Jorge Gonzalez-Vasquez, et al., 77 Fed. Appx. (4th Cir. (S.C.) October 20, 2003). I served as co-counsel in this case. This case was tried in federal court. This case arose from the discovery of an organized drug smuggling and sports betting ring in the federal prison in Edgefield, South Carolina. A total of 22 defendants, including inmates and their family members, were charged. Four of the defendants went to trial and were convicted. The remaining eighteen (18) defendants pled guilty to several different charges. Because several of the defendants did not speak English, this case involved the use of Spanish interpreters for the defendants, the use of translated recorded prison telephone calls, and the use of historical evidence of drug smuggling from other federal prisons.

(c) United States v. David Michael Woodward, et al., 430 F.3d 681 (4th Cir. 2005). I served as co-counsel in this case. This case arose out of a pain management clinic in Myrtle Beach. The clinic was dispensing powerful narcotic pain medication to its patients. We alleged that the doctors were over prescribing and illegally prescribing these medications to patients who were not in need of the medication. In some cases, the doctors did not perform any physical examination of the patients or the patients were intoxicated when they came to the clinic. Patients, allegedly in severe pain, were traveling more than three (3) hours to visit the clinic. The doctors alleged that they were in a better position to diagnose and treat the patients. After a two (2) week trial, the doctors were convicted. This case was the first of its kind in South Carolina.

(d) United States v. Kenneth Reid, et al., 523 F.3d 310 (4th Cir 2008). I served as co-counsel in this case. This case arose out of an undercover drug deal in Rock Hill, South Carolina. After Mr. Reid determined who the undercover informant was, he hired another drug dealer to kill the informant. They were successful in killing the informant. The local police sought federal help in investigating and prosecution of this case. After the shooter was located in Texas and brought back to South Carolina, he then faked being mentally ill which required a mental evaluation and hearing to determine his competency. Only Mr. Reid went to trial. At trial, we tried Mr. Reid on several different charges, including using a firearm during a violent crime. He was convicted of several charges and sentenced to life imprisonment. This case is significant based upon the request from the victim's family.

(e) United States v. Darryl Hemphill, et al. I served as lead counsel in this case. This case arose out of a drug organization located in the Rock Hill, South Carolina area. I indicted approximately 19 defendants as a result of a wiretap. The defendants were flying to California to meet with the source of supply for cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana, heroin, and fentanyl. Once they met with the source of supply, they would ship packages containing the illegal substances back to different locations in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eventually, the defendants began making counterfeit pain pills using fentanyl. Out of 19 defendants charged, sixteen plead guilty to varying charges. Three defendants went to trial and were convicted of all charges. This case is on appeal. This case is significant because after the arrest of the individuals the local law enforcement noticed a significant decrease in the number of counterfeit pills in the area which help lower the number of opioid related deaths in the area.

The following is Mr. Witherspoon's account of two civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Walker v. South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 1998 WL 637298 (4th Cir. (S.C.) August 31, 1998);
(b) Heyward v. Monroe, 1998 WL 841494 (4th Cir. (S.C.) December 7, 1998).

The following is Mr. Witherspoon's account of five criminal appeals he has personally handled:
(a) United States v. Anderson, 773 Fed. App'x. 127 (4th Cir. 2019).
(b) United States v. Cannon, 740 Fed. App'x. 785 (4th Cir. 2018).
(c) United States v. Cash, 2008 WL 4699771 (4th Cir. (S.C.) October 27, 2008).
(d) United States v. Hallman, 2007 WL 1423758 (4th Cir. (S.C.) May 10, 2007).
(e) United States v. Charley, 2006 WL 521735 (4th Cir. (S.C.) March 03, 2006).

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he has held the following judicial office: I was appointed a Municipal Court judge for the City of Columbia in August 1998. I served in this position until May 2000 when I joined the United States Attorney's Office.

Mr. Witherspoon provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

As a Municipal Court judge, I did not issue any order or opinion.

Mr. Witherspoon further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat No. 9 in September 2002. I was found qualified but not nominated by the Judicial Merit Screening Committee. I ran for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat No. 9 in May 2006. I was found qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Screening Committee. I was not elected. I ran for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat No. 8 in 2009. I was found qualified but not nominated. I ran for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat No. 3 in 2022. I was found qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Witherspoon's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Witherspoon to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well qualified."

Mr. Witherspoon is married to Maggie Sythiner Bracey. He has two children.

Mr. Witherspoon reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) President, S.C. Bar 2016-2017
(b) President-elect, S.C. Bar 2015-2016
(c) Treasurer, S.C. Bar 2014-2015
(d) Member, S.C. Bar Board of Governors 2010 – 2018
(e) Member, S.C. Bar House of Delegates 1998 – present
(f) Chair, S.C. Bar House of Delegates 2013-2014
(g) Past Chair, S.C. Bar Long Range Planning Committee
(h) Past Member, S.C. Bar Nominating Committee
(i)Past Member, S.C. Judicial Qualifications Committee
(j)Past Member, Supreme Court Board of Grievances and Discipline
(k) Past Member, S.C. Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee

(l)Past Member, S.C. Bar Publications Committee
(m) Past Member, S. C. Bar Diversity in Profession Committee
(n) Past Member, S.C. Bar Professionalism Committee
(o) Past Member, Richland County Bar Long Range Committee
(p) Past Member, Palmetto Legal Aide Board of Directors

Mr. Witherspoon provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Salvation Army Board of Directors- 2023 Vice-chairman; 2024 Chairman
(b) Child Evangelism Fellowship Board of Directors
(c) Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Mr. Witherspoon further reported:
I believe that my diverse legal background would benefit me as a Circuit Court judge. I have worked as a law enforcement officer, in private practice, in public service and over my legal career gained valuable courtroom experience as a federal prosecutor. I believe these experiences would be an attribute to me if I am selected as a Circuit Court judge.
I have also tried to continue my involvement in civic and professional activities in addition to practicing law. I have served on several committees and boards in the South Carolina Bar including the Board of Grievances and Discipline, CLE, Diversity, Professional Responsibility, Long Range Planning and the Nominating Committee. As a result of my bar and community service, I was awarded the Compleat Lawyer Silver Medallion by USC School of Law. The Silver Medallion is awarded to lawyers practicing less than fourteen (14) years for service to the legal profession and the community at large. The recipients of the award are chosen by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Dean of the Law School, the Executive Director of the SC Bar and the President of the Law School Alumni Board. In 2023, I received the Compleat Lawyer Platinum Medallion. I have also received the South Carolina Lawyers' Weekly Leadership in the Law award.
These activities are important and beneficial to me in that they have provided an opportunity to improve both the legal profession and the community at large. I believe that it is important that judges come from varied backgrounds and perspectives. Being involved in professional and civic activities is a way of achieving that diversity of experience and allow me to gain valuable insight into other ideas and perspectives.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Witherspoon has a great reputation among the South Carolina Bar as a smart and hard-working attorney. They noted he is well qualified to be a circuit court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Witherspoon qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable J. Derham Cole, Jr.
Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Cole meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Cole was born in 1977. He is 47 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Judge Cole provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Cole.

Judge Cole demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Cole reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Cole testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Cole testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Cole to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Cole reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) During my tenure in the General Assembly, I provided legislative updates from time-to-time at legal association meetings such as the S.C. Bar Convention and the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association Summer and Annual Meetings.

(b) I participated in teaching an in-house law firm CLE with fellow associates in my first couple of years of practice.

Judge Cole reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Cole did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Cole did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Cole has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Cole was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Cole reported that his last available ratings by legal rating organizations were Super Lawyers, Rising Stars 2016, and Martindale-Hubbell: AV.

Judge Cole reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Cole reported that he has held the following public office:

S.C. House of Representatives, 2008-2018, Elected. Reports with the State Ethics Commission were timely filed.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Cole appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Cole appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Cole was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) South Carolina Judicial Department, Spartanburg, SC
Judge-Elect, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
April 2024-Present

(b) Wilkes Law Firm, P.A., Spartanburg, SC
Attorney, July 2010 – December 2018

- Represented clients in business transactions, business litigation, construction litigation, and torts and insurance defense.

(c) Cole Law Firm, LLC, Spartanburg, SC
Sole Member, July 2009 – July 2010

- Represented clients in business transactions and litigation matters.
- Managed all administrative and financial functions of the firm.

(d) Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, Spartanburg, SC
Associate Attorney, September 2006 – June 2009

- Represented clients in corporate and business transactional matters.

(e) Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., Greenville, SC
Associate Attorney, September 2003 – August 2006

- Represented clients in corporate and securities matters.

Judge Cole reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

I have been Judge-Elect to Circuit Court, Seventh Circuit, Seat 1 since April 2024. I have not held other judicial office.

Judge Cole provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
I have not yet issued orders or opinions

Judge Cole reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Cole's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.
(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Cole to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability.

Judge Cole is married to Suzane Curry Boulware. He has two children.

Judge Cole reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
a) S.C. Bar Association (Seventh Circuit YLD Representative, 2007-2009)
(b) Spartanburg County Bar Association

Judge Cole provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Chair, Daniel Morgan District Committee, Palmetto Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2022-2023.
(b) Cubmaster, First Presbyterian Church, Pack 2, Palmetto Council, BSA 2023-Present
(c) Trustee, Spartanburg County Libraries, 2018-Present.
(d) Member, Board of Directors, Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc., 2019-Present; Chair, 2023-Present.
(e) Member, Board of Governors, Piedmont Club, 2023-Present.
(f) Member, Board of Directors, Piedmont Interstate Fair Association, 2019-2024.

(g) Member, Caroliniana Ball, 2017-Present
(h) Member, Rotary Club of Spartanburg, 2009-2021; Board of Directors, 2020-2021.
(i)Member, South Carolina Bar Association; Representative for the 7th Judicial Circuit, South Carolina Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 2007-2009.
(j)Dancer, Dancing with the Spartanburg Stars benefiting Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties, 2015.
(k) Member, Country Club of Spartanburg, 2012-Present

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(l) Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award, OneSpartanburg, Inc., 2020.
(m) Order of the Palmetto, 2018. The Order of the Palmetto is the state's highest civilian honor awarded to citizens of South Carolina for extraordinary lifetime service and achievements of national or statewide significance.
(n) Business Advocate Award, Spartanburg Area Chamber of Commerce, 2018.
(o) Legislator of the Year, S.C. Human Service Providers Association, 2016.
(p) Business Advocate Award, S.C. Chamber of Commerce, 2010-2011, 2013, 2015-2017.
(q) Sword & Mace, Business and Industry Political Education Committee, 2013.

Judge Cole further reported:
I have dedicated most of my post-graduate life to the legal profession and public service. Having the ability to merge these two vocations, passions and interests in service to the state as a circuit court Judge Cole is a high honor for which my experience in private practice as well as my service in the General Assembly has well-equipped me. As a public servant, I believe my constituents would say I represented them effectively, diligently, and compassionately. As a lawyer, I have represented my clients zealously and ethically, while maintaining a collegiality with fellow lawyers that I hold as one of the hallmarks of the South Carolina Bar.

In addition, my experience in higher education, including taking over as interim chancellor of a comprehensive university at the onset of a global

pandemic, has allowed me to use my legal education and background from the perspective of an executive decisionmaker. My legal background and analytical skills served me well in navigating the myriad legal issues facing a complex organization on a daily basis, all of which were amplified by the challenges posed by operating in a pandemic. From assessing the liability landscape, to negotiating and renegotiating agreements with vendors and community partners on the fly, my ability to see issues and assess risk was invaluable. I also routinely used the skills I developed in pursuit of my Master of International Business Studies degree from the University of South Carolina. These skills will be useful on the bench, particularly in complex business matters.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted in their discussion of Judge Cole that his BallotBox comments are reflective of the great reputation that he enjoys in the legal community. They expressed pleasure at Judge Cole's ongoing favorable temperament and further expressed their confidence in the quality of his future service on the bench.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Cole qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jefferson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Jefferson was born in 1963. She is 61 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Jefferson provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jefferson.

Judge Jefferson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.
Judge Jefferson testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jefferson testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jefferson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Business Law Instructor, Trident Technical College Paralegal Program, 1993-1994 School Term;
(b) "Rules, Rules, Rules" South Carolina Practice and Procedures Update, Presenter on the issue of Family Court Rules, SC Bar, March 20, 1998;
(c) Speaker/Panel Participant Wiley A. Branton Symposium, National Bar Association, October 24, 1998;
(d) "Current Issues in Attorney's Fees," Presenter, SC Bar Association, November 6, 1998;
(e) Recent Developments in Family Law, "Six by Six" CLE Seminar, Presenter, Charleston County Bar Association, December 10, 1998;

(f) "Adjudication Hearings", Presenter and Contributor to Family Court Judges Juvenile Workbook, SC Association of Family Court Judges, May 20, 1999;
(g) "Tips from the Bench", Adoption, Presenter, S.C. Bar Association, February 25, 2000;
(h) "The Role of the Judge and Guardian ad Litem in Abuse and Neglect Proceedings" Judges Panel, South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Conference, April 14, 2000;
(i) "Women, Leadership and the Law," Brown Bag Lunch Panel Participant, S.C. Women Lawyers Association and College of Charleston Women's Studies Program, September 22, 2000;
(j) Family Law Update and Tips from the Bench, Presenter, Charleston Lawyers Club, May 2, 2001;
(k) "The Use of Psychological Evaluations in Juvenile Proceedings," Panel, Children's Law Center, May 18, 2001;
(l) Judges Panel, 3rd Annual Children's Law Conference, May, 2001;
(m) Hot Tips III, "Appeals and Motions," December 13, 2002;
(n) Women Lawyers in the New Millennium, "Ethics Issues from Various Judicial Perspectives," April 11, 2003;
(o) National Judicial College, Advanced Evidence, Group Discussion Leader, November 15-19, 2004;
(p) SCDTAA Trial Academy Judge, June 20, 2003;
(q) 2004 Local Government Attorneys' Institute, Administered Oath, December 2004;
(r) 9th Annual Probate Court Seminar, Administered Oath, January 2005;
(s) SCBLA, Judicial Selection in South Carolina, Judicial Panel, September 2005;
(t) S.C. Solicitors' Association Conference, Criminal Law Update, "Recent Court Decisions," September 26, 2005;
(u) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series, "Civility and Ethics," October 20, 2005;

(v) SC Defense Trial Lawyers Ethics and Civility **In Trial unable to make the presentation, November 4, 2005;
(w) Charleston School of Law Ethics & Professionalism presentation, February 15, 2006;
(x) Charleston School of Law, Law Day, Panel Presentation "Judicial Selection in South Carolina," May 1, 2006;
(y) National Judicial College, Handling Capital Cases, Group Discussion Leader, June 10, 2006;
(z) SCBLA, "Civil Practice," September 29, 2006;
(aa) Young Lawyers Division, New Admitees Reception, Presentation, November 16, 2006;
(bb) Young Lawyers Division, "Tips for Young Lawyers in Circuit Court," May 24, 2007;
(cc) "Oath of Office" D. Ashley Pennington Chief Public Defender, January 3, 2008;
(dd) "We Shape the World" Charleston School of Law, Minority Law Day, March 1, 2008;
(ee) Women of Wisdom Expo 2008 "Daring to Embrace New Beginnings "Bible Way
(ff) Church, Columbia, SC, March 8, 2008; National Association for Court Management, Mid-Year Conference, Welcome Address, March 10, 2008;
(gg) Pro-Bono Legal Service Summer Intern Class, In-Court Seminar, June 11, 2008;
(hh) "Governors' School of SC" Summer Class, June 12, 2008;
(ii) Magistrate Seminar , July 29, 2008;
(jj) Annual Judicial Conference, South Carolina Access to Justice Commission, Panelist, August 21, 2008;
(kk) Young Lawyers Association Luncheon, December 9, 2008;
(ll) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series Lecture(Access to Justice), March 19, 2009;
(mm) Young Lawyers Association Luncheon, December 9, 2008;
(nn) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series Lecture (Access to Justice), March 19, 2009;
(oo) JCLE "Limitations on Questioning Judges under the Judicial Cannons," July 31, 2009;

(pp) Charleston Lawyer's Club CLE" Advice from the Bench: Likes and Dislikes in Motion Practice, Briefs and Oral Argument," February 24, 2010;
(qq) Stono Park Elementary Career Day, February 26, 2010;
(rr) Junior Girls Day Out Community Project, March 10, 2010;
(ss) Metanoia Freedom School "Read-A-Loud, Chicora Elementary, July 22, 2010;
(tt) Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges, August 17, 2010;
(uu) "League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area" Women of Distinction; August 26, 2010;
(vv) Charleston County School District; Swearing In, November 8, 2010;
(ww) South Carolina Legal Services Statewide Conference, Panelist, November 19, 2010;
(xx) Center for Heirs Property; Celebration, February 10, 2011;
(yy) SEABOTA Annual Conference CLE; Panelist, April 29, 2011;
(zz) S.C. Supreme Court Institute, Panelist, June 20, 2011;
(aaa) Seminar " What Works for Me in Practice" ; "Practical tips from the Bench," July 22, 2011;
(bbb) Charleston County School District; Swearing In, February 27, 2012;
(ccc) Charleston Lion Club Luncheon Speaker, April 24, 2012;
(ddd) "Seminar "What Works for Me in Practice" ; "Practical tips from the Bench," July 20, 2012;
(eee) Berkeley County School District 8th Annual Junior Scholarship Institute, July 10, 2014;
(fff) S.C. Solicitor's Association Fall Conference Panelist Covering "Significant Cases: 2013-2014," September 22, 2014;
(ggg) Shabach Christian Church Fellowship Convocation, "Moving up in your Career," October 29, 2014;
(hhh) Military Magnet Academy Law Enforcement Class, May 6, 2015;

(iii) (Swearing in of Chief Public Defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2016 Charleston County Bar Association, February 25, 2016;
(jjj) Memminger Elementary 4th grade students, February 25, 2016;
(kkk) Military Magnet Academy Law Enforcement Class, March 22, 2017;
(lll) S.C. Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial of Gold E. Locks and the Three Bears Deer Park Middle School, November 3, 2017;
(mmm) Charleston County Junior Scholars, June 22, 2017;
(nnn) Charleston County Junior Scholars, June 28, 2017;
(ooo) Converse College "Celebrating Courage and Charting the Future: Commemorating 50 years of Black Women at Converse" Panel, February 9, 2018;
(ppp) S.C. Circuit Court Orientation for New Circuit Court Judges Moderator and Instructor, July 11, 2018, July 10, 2019, July 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, July 26, 2022, June 27, 2023; July 16-18, 2024
(qqq) COBRA 2018 Drum Major for Justice Luncheon Honoring Judge Richard E. Fields, February 17, 2018;
(rrr) S.C. Bar Diversity Committee-Virtual Fireside Chat with Richard E. Fields, Women's Lawyers Presentation, March 25, 2021;
(sss) Ninth Judicial Installation of Chief Public Defender, Swearing In, August 1, 2022.
(ttt) Charleston County Bar Association Memorial Video; Richard E. Fields; February 22, 2024
(uuu) 2024 CCJ/COSCA Southern Region Summit, Effective Criminal Case in a Post-Pandemic World: A Leadership Summit for Courts and their communities; Liason; June5-7, 2024

Judge Jefferson reported that she has published the following:
(a) Marital Litigation in SC, Roy T. Stuckey and F. Glenn Smith (SC Bar CLE 2001), Editorial Board.
(b) The Law of Automobile Insurance in SC, Elizabeth Scott Moise (SC Bar CLE 2009), Editorial Board.

(c) I have provided written seminar materials for the S.C. bar in conjunction with CLE Seminar presentations. These materials have been published by the S.C. Bar as a part of their published seminar materials. I have not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Jefferson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jefferson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jefferson has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jefferson was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jefferson reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jefferson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jefferson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jefferson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard E. Fields, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Charleston, S.C., August 1989 through August 1990. Primary Responsibilities: legal research, preparation of jury charges, preparation of Orders, scheduling of motions, all tasks required to prepare the Judge and myself for trials/hearings during the term and all other daily tasks as required by the Judge that ensured the smooth operation of Court.

(b) McFarland and Associates, Attorney, October 1990 through March 1996. Trial practice focusing on the following areas: Domestic Relations, Civil Litigation (all types), Probate Law, Real Estate Law, Business Law and Criminal Law.

(c) Resident Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, elected to serve February 14, 1996 through June 2001.

(d) Resident Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, elected to serve May 31, 2001 to the present.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Resident Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, elected February 14, 1996. April 1, 1996, through June 2001. Elected by the General Assembly. The Family Court is a statutory court of limited and specific jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the Family Court is set forth in S.C. Code Annotated section 20-7-420, et seq. (i.e. divorce, custody, child support, name changes, juveniles, equitable distribution, adoptions, abuse and neglect, and as further set forth in the statute).

(b) Resident Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, June 2001-present. Elected to this position by the General Assembly on May 30, 2001. The Circuit Court is South Carolina's Court of general jurisdiction. It has a civil court, the Court of Common Pleas, and a criminal court, the Court of General Sessions. In addition to its general trial jurisdiction, the Circuit Court has limited appellate jurisdiction over appeals from the Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court.

Judge Jefferson provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:
(a) Beachfront Entertainment, Inc., et al. v. Town of Sullivan's Island, 379 SC 602, 666 S.E.2d 921 (2008)
(b) Evening Post Publishing Company, et al. v. City of North Charleston, 357 S.C. 59, 591 S.E.2d 39 (Ct. App. 2003), 363 S.C. 452, 611 S.E.2d 496 (2005);
(c) State v. Washington, 367 S.C. 76, 623 S.E.2d 836 (Ct. App. 2006);
(d) State v. Stephen C. Stanko, 1999-GS-22-0918. 376 S.C. 571,658 S.E.2d 94 (2008);
(e) Donevant v. Town of Surfside Beach, 422 S.C. 264, 811 S.E.2d 744 (2018).

Judge Jefferson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Jefferson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Candidate- Family Court of S.C., Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat to be vacated by the Hon. Robert R. Mallard, January 1995 through March of 1995. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified to hold judicial office. I voluntarily withdrew from the process prior to the election.

Candidate – Supreme Court of South Carolina, Seat 3, to be vacated by the Hon. Justice James E. Moore in September 2007. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified to hold judicial office but not nominated.

Candidate- Supreme Court of South Carolina, Seat 4, to be vacated by the Hon. Justice John Henry Waller, Jr. in February 2009. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified and Nominated.

Candidate- Supreme Court of South Carolina, Seat 3 to be vacated by the Hon. John Kittredge in May 2024. I went through screening process successfully and was found Qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jefferson’s temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Jefferson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary: "Highly qualified, very experienced, great judge."

Judge Jefferson is not married. She does not have any children.

Judge Jefferson reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association;
(b) Charleston County Bar Association;
(c) S.C. Association of Circuit Court Judges; Secretary 2010-2012; Vice President 2012-2014; President 2014-2016;
(d) S.C. Women Lawyers Association;
(e) S.C. Black Lawyers;
(f) S.C. Supreme Court Historical Society, Judicial Advisory Board;
(g) American Inns of Court Foundation

Judge Jefferson provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Life Center Church, Charleston, S.C. Trustee Ministry, 2001-present; Vision to Victory 2020-present;
(b) Charleston, SC Chapter of the Links, Inc.,1998-present Co-Chair Services to Youth 2000-2001; Corresponding Secretary 2004-2006; Recording Secretary 2006-2007; Chair Bylaws Committee 2006-2007; 2019-2023;2014- present; Vice President 2007-2009; President 2009-2013;
(c) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1982-present;
(d) The Post and Courier Feature Article August 6, 2001;
(e) The Post and Courier "High Profile" Article May 7, 2005;
(f) "The Heritage List, 9 Dazzling Women of Spirit and Humility" Celebrate Your Heritage Magazine, Spring 2005;
(g) NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award 2003;

(h) Greater Charleston YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award 2004;
(i) Advisory Board Charleston School of Law 2002-present;
(j) Converse College Board of Trustees; 2002-2010; 2011- 2020; Academic Affairs; Legal Affairs Sub-Committee; Enrollment & Marketing Committee; Student Affairs Committee; Investment Sub-Committee; Committee on Trustees;
(k) Founder's Day Speaker Converse College, April 24, 2003;
(l) South Carolina Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution 2002-2006, User Education Sub-Committee; 2018-present, Program and Technology Committee;
(m) Co-Chair 9th Circuit Courthouse Security Commission August 4, 2006-present;
(n) Associate Acting Justice South Carolina Supreme Court for the terms December 1, 2005 and June 10, 2004;
(o) Associate Acting Judge South Carolina Court of Appeals for the term June 19-13, 2003 during this term I sat En Banc with the Court, authored two (2) opinions and participated on seven (7) other panels/opinions;
(p) Designated as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the 9th Circuit as follows: General Sessions July 1, 2002-January 5, 2003; Common Pleas January 6, 2003-January 3 2004; General Sessions January 4, 2004-July 3, 2004 and Common Pleas January 1, 2006-December 30, 2006;General Sessions, Jan. 1-July 31, 2008, Common Pleas January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009; General Sessions, January 2011-December 30, 2011; and Common Pleas, January 1, 2012-December 30, 2013; General Sessions, January 3, 2016-July 1, 2017; Common Pleas(Charleston) January 1, 2017-June 30, 2018; Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the 14th Circuit January 5, 2020-January 2, 2021; Chief Administrative Judge General Sessions 9th Circuit, July 4, 2021-December 31, 2022; December 31, 2023-present;

(q) Assigned exclusive jurisdiction of the following cases by the Supreme Court: April 29, 2003 (2003-GS-47-000004) Statewide Grand Jury, State v. Bunker, et al.; December 2, 2003 (2001-CP-18-0074A) Boyd v. Nationwide; June 28, 2004 (2003-GS-38-02411-02413), State v. Levi Bing, Jr.; October 3, 2004 (2002-CP-15-00471 and 00494) Carter v. Steedley, et. al.; May 6, 2005 (2005-GS-22-00918) State v. Stephen C. Stanko; October 3, 2005 (1996-GS-32-30341) State v. Jeffrey L. Jones; March 7, 2006 (2004-CP-18-01951) Price v. Jones Ford, Inc.; October 5, 2007 State v. Broughton; (2006-GS-08-02164,02165,02182, 021830,2184 & 02185); September 20, 2010 (2004-CP-37-00834) Rhoades, et al.v. Kenyon, et al.; April 23, 2014, State vs Timothy D. Rogers (1993-GS-18-00101) (1993-GS-18-00101), Resentencing; May 20, 2016 (2016-GS-47-00002 and 2016-GS-47-00003) Statewide Grand Jury Case, State vs Emory Roberts, Justin Gordon Hunter, William Orlando Brown, Rosemary Quezada and Lassain Dixon Johnson; May 31, 2017 (1993-GS-10-00090,00091,00092) State vs Corey L. Sparkman; December 27, 2017 (2017-GS-47-00031 and 2017-GS-47-00050) Statewide Grand Jury Case, State vs Brantley D. Thomas, III (2018-GS-47-00031;2018-GS-47-00051;2018-GS-47-00027;2018-GS-47-00053;2018-GS-47-00054); March 1, 2024 1992-GS-10-01680 State vs Mark Hamilton;

(r) Nominated for the inaugural class of the Lowcountry Diversity Leadership Academy developed by the American Institute for Managing Diversity and the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman (had to decline due to the demands of the Court schedule), September 6, 2005;

(s) Nominated for the Lowcountry Diversity Leadership Academy (had to decline due to the demands of the Court Schedule), September 21, 2006;

(t) Invited by the National Judicial College to be a group discussion leader for the General Jurisdiction Course (had to decline due to the demands of the Court schedule, however, I have been asked to participate

when the schedule will allow my participation), July 2006;
(u) Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission 2007-2016;
(v) S.C. Liberty Fellow-Class of 2009. 2007-present;
(w) Federal Court, Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges, August 17, 2010;
(x) League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area Women of Distinction Award- August 26, 2010;
(y) Designated by Chief Justice Toal as state liaison to the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, NCSC, 2003-present; Advisory Board 2013-2014; Board of Directors 2014-Present; Nominating Committee February 8, 2016-present;
(z) Supreme Court Docket Management Task Force, Common Pleas Reform Subcommittee, Rule 40/Status Conference Subcommittee, February 17, 2011-present;
(aa) Appointed to the Supreme Court to the General Sessions Docket Committee (Langford Committee), January 7, 2014-present;
(bb) Circuit Court Judges Advisory Committee, June 24, 2014-present; Chairperson 2019-present; Moderator and Presenter New Judges Orientation School 2018-present;
(cc) Converse College "Celebrating Courage and Charting the Future: Commemorating 50 years of Black Women at Converse," Panel, February 9, 2018;
(dd) S.C. Circuit Court Judges Association; Secretary, August 17, 2010-2012; Vice President, August 17, 2012- August 2014; President, August 2014-2016;
(ee) Access to Justice, Language Access Task Force of the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission, March 16, 2016;

Judge Jefferson further reported:
I served as law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields of the Circuit Courts of South Carolina. During my time with him I had the unique opportunity to observe and participate in dozens of trials and hearings and observe a "master jurist." He taught me the importance of "people skills." I learned the role of judge is central to the lawyers and the litigant's perception that the system afforded them a fair trial/hearing. In addition, my legal

research and writing skills were refined during this process. These skills were further refined during my time on the bench. I count myself fortunate to have found my vocation in life and attempt to walk worthy of that vocation. It is a rare privilege to have been allowed to serve the citizens of South Carolina as a Family Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge for the past twenty-eight (28) years. The last twenty-eight (28) years have been enjoyable, rewarding and intellectually challenging. I have learned much about the law and human nature. I was taught that the position of a judge should be a continual growth process. I believe that I have continuously grown in my judicial perspective. I still have the same enjoyment for my work as the day I began twenty-eight (28) years ago. The Circuit Court has one of the largest caseloads within the judicial system with over approximately four thousand (4000) filings per judge. I believe that I have been a productive member of the Court. My potential election to the Supreme Court will create the opportunity for continued intellectual growth while allowing my continued contribution to the court system and the welfare of this state.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Two affidavits were filed against Judge Jefferson by Rev. Msgr. Edward Lofton and William McGuire. Both complainants offered oral and written testimony. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavits, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainant, as well as oral testimony from Judge Jefferson. After careful consideration of the testimonies, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Jefferson in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission commended Judge Jefferson for seeking to decrease the backlog in bond hearings. The members encouraged her to remain diligent in her work and in her efforts to maintain courtesy and respect in the courtroom.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jefferson qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Bryan A. Alfaro
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Alfaro meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Alfaro was born in 1972. He is 52 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Alfaro provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Alfaro.

Mr. Alfaro demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Alfaro testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Alfaro testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Alfaro to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he has taught the following law-related courses: I served as an instructor at the SC Prosecution Commission's Bootcamp Program on multiple occasions (2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, and 2022). This program is designed for Assistant Solicitors with less than two years of prosecutorial experience. The program involves classroom lectures and presentations on a variety of topics, along with practical

performances by the students of opening statements, direct examinations, cross examinations, and closing arguments. These performances are then critiqued by the instructors.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Alfaro did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Alfaro did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Alfaro has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Alfaro was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Mr. Alfaro reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he has never held public office**.**

(6) Physical Health:

Mr. Alfaro appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Mr. Alfaro appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:

Mr. Alfaro was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office

a. Assistant Solicitor, Charleston County Family Court, February 2004 – February 2005

i. Prosecuted juvenile offenders for variety of criminal offenses ranging from status offenses to violent offenses. Represented the State in hearings and bench trials in Family Court.

b. Assistant Solicitor, Charleston County General Sessions, February 2005 – September 2007

i. Prosecuted General Sessions offenses, including but not limited to drug offenses, person crimes, property crimes, white collar crimes, and violent crimes. Represented the State in plea hearings, bond hearings, motion hearings, and jury trials.

c. Deputy Solicitor, Berkeley County Solicitor's Office, September 2007 – April 2021

i. Managed day to day operations of Berkeley Solicitor's Office. Directly supervised office personnel, including General Sessions and Family Court attorneys and support staff. Administrative responsibilities included personnel decisions, such as hiring and employee discipline. Responsible for preparing and managing annual office budgets and expenditures from County Operating Budget, State Funds, and spending accounts. Responsible for compiling and managing trial dockets, plea dockets, and other hearings dockets. Responsible for managing caseload consisting of primarily Murders, Armed Robberies, Trafficking, and other violent and serious offenses. Represented the State in jury trials and other in court hearings. Direct point of contact with Clerk of Court, judiciary, and local law enforcement.

d. Chief Deputy Solicitor, Charleston and Berkeley Counties, April 2021 – February 2023

i. Managed day to day operations of Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office. Supervised office personnel, including General Sessions and Family Court attorneys and support staff. Administrative responsibilities included managing personnel issues, assisting with preparing and managing annual office budgets and expenditures. Responsible for compiling and managing trial dockets. Responsible for managing caseload consisting of primarily Murders, Armed Robberies, Trafficking, and other violent and serious offenses. Represented the State in jury trials and other in-court hearings. Direct point of contact with Clerk of Court.

e. Part-time City Prosecutor, City of Hanahan, February 2023 – Current

i. Prosecutes municipal level criminal offenses for City of Hanahan. Primarily DUIs, Domestic Violence 3rd, Shoplifting and other Municipal Court offenses for the City of Hanahan on a part-time basis.

f. Owner and Operating Attorney, Alfaro Law Firm, LLC, February 2023 – Current

i. Solo law practitioner, with primary focus on criminal defense in Circuit Court, Magistrate Court, and Municipal Court across the state. In addition to criminal defense, practice has handled personal injury cases, school administrative hearings, and probate work involving durable powers of attorney and health care powers of attorney. Solely

responsible for managing the firm's budget and expenditures, along with the firm's operating account and IOLTA trust account.

Mr. Alfaro further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have practiced criminal law since 2004, when I began my career with the Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I was initially assigned to the Family Court division where I prosecuted juvenile offenders for firearms offenses, assaults, drug cases, and status offenses. I conducted court hearings and bench trials. From 2005-2007, I was an Assistant Solicitor in Charleston's General Sessions division, where I conducted jury trials, plea hearings, bond hearings, and motion hearings. I was promoted to Deputy Solicitor for Berkeley County in 2007, where I prosecuted a caseload consisting of various criminal charges, including murders, armed robberies, sexual assaults, felony dui, drug offenses, property crimes, and white-collar crimes. I conducted jury trials, plea hearings, bond hearings, and motion hearings. I was also responsible for compiling and managing General Sessions plea dockets and trial dockets. In 2021, I was promoted to Chief Deputy Solicitor for the circuit. I prosecuted criminal charges including but not limited to murders, arsons, robberies, felony dui, and other violent and/or serious offenses. I also was responsible for managing priority trial dockets. In 2023, I left the Solicitor's Office to begin solo law practice. In private practice, I have represented criminal defendants in General Sessions Court, Summary Court, Family Court, and Administrative Law hearings. I have also been a part time prosecutor for the City of Hanahan since 2023, where I prosecute criminal defendants in Municipal Court.

In the past five years alone, I would conservatively estimate I have appeared in General Sessions Court as a prosecutor or defense attorney on hundreds of occasions for plea hearings, bond hearings, roll call appearances, and multiple jury trials.

Since entering private practice in 2023, in addition to my heavy criminal caseload, I have also handled three civil personal injury cases as a plaintiff's attorney. In one case a lawsuit has been filed that is currently pending in Charleston County Common Pleas Court. In the other two cases, we are still seeking a settlement that makes my clients whole without having to file a suit. In addition to these cases, I have also had multiple opportunities to consult with potential personal injury clients in contemplation of being retained. In each of those instances I researched

the relevant law and issues and sought guidance from other attorneys with more civil experience. I have also participated in depositions and mediation on other civil cases.
While my civil practice experience does lack in comparison to my expansive criminal law experience, I believe the skills, reputation, and attributes I have developed during twenty plus years of handling General Sessions jury trials, bench trials, capital trials, plea hearings, motions hearings, bond hearings, and other courtroom matters, as well as my experience in docket management and case analysis, have more than prepared me to effectively preside over both Commons Pleas and General Sessions Court. While I am aware that I will have to continue to develop my level of knowledge regarding law and procedure specific to Common Pleas matters, I know I have the necessary work ethic to quickly develop in this area. Further, I believe that all candidates, regardless of their primary areas of experience, should be expected to continue to learn and develop knowledge in all areas, so I do not think this makes me less qualified or prepared to serve as a Circuit Court judge than a candidate with more civil experience than me. In addition, I already possess the necessary judicial temperament, demeanor, ethical fitness, professionalism, and willingness to work that is needed to excel on the bench.

Mr. Alfaro reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: N/A
(b) State: During the past five years, while serving as Deputy Solicitor for the Berkeley County Solicitor's Office, General Sessions Court was usually scheduled for an average of two weeks per month. When Court was in session, I appeared in court daily to conduct plea hearings, bond hearings, motion hearings, or trials. In addition, I attended court to manage the docket by setting the order of cases to be called by Assistant Solicitors in my office, and to work directly with judicial and Clerk of Court staff to ensure the dockets ran smoothly. While serving as Chief Deputy Solicitor for the Ninth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, General Sessions Court was usually scheduled in multiple courtrooms for two or three weeks in a row. I would estimate I averaged a few appearances in court each month to conduct plea hearings, bond hearings, and motion hearings for my assigned cases. In addition, I had multiple cases called for trial during this period. As part-time prosecutor for the City of Hanahan since February 2023, I appear in Municipal Court once a week to conduct plea hearings or place other dispositions

on the record. As a solo practitioner since February 2023, I appear in General Sessions, Magistrate, and Municipal Courts across the state on a weekly basis as a criminal defense attorney, often multiple times per week in multiple jurisdictions. I have also appeared in Administrative Law hearings on multiple occasions during this time frame.

Mr. Alfaro reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 2%
(b) Criminal: 96%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 2%

Mr. Alfaro reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 95
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 3
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 1

Mr. Alfaro provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Alfaro's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State of South Carolina v. Michael Slager, 412 S.C. 127, 771 S.E.2d 636 (2015)

I participated as a prosecutor in this extremely high-profile General Sessions jury trial of a North Charleston Police Officer who was charged with Murder for shooting an unarmed black motorist in the back multiple times as he was running away. This case received national media attention and trial coverage. In addition, it had a significant impact on the local community given the dynamics of race and police misconduct involved.

(b) State of South Carolina v. Colin Broughton

This was a General Sessions capital trial I prosecuted in Berkeley County involving a Defendant who murdered and sexually assaulted his aunt and murdered his cousin. He then attempted to burn down the residence where the murders occurred to cover up evidence of his crimes. Given that it was a capital case, the pre-trial hearings and actual trial of the case were very complex. In addition, given the familial relationship of defendant and victims, the case was extremely emotionally charged.

(c) State of South Carolina v. Aaron Capers

This was a General Sessions trial I prosecuted in Berkeley County involving an elderly female victim who was physically and sexually assaulted during a home invasion. This case is significant to me, not only because of the horrendous facts of the case, but because of the inspiring strength and courage of the victim during the pendency of the case and the actual trial. By that point in my career, I had handled thousands of cases, including hundreds of violent crimes, but the facts of this case and the personal history of the victim in this case were so powerful that it reminded me of the stakes involved for everyone that is a victim, defendant, or witness in our system. While judges and attorneys may become numb to the daily grind of the system, for others their individual case may be the most significant thing to ever happen to them or a loved one. As such, I believe we must treat each case with the respect and attention it deserves for the benefit of all involved and the system.

(d) State of South Carolina v. Expunged

This was a General Sessions case I handled as a defense attorney. My client was a young man in the military, with no criminal record, and enrolled in a high-level military training program when he was accused of sexual assault. After my investigation of the evidence and allegations, it was shown that the accusations were false and as a result I was able to meet with the prosecutor and she agreed that the charges should be dismissed. By helping him with this case, the charges were dismissed and expunged and the young man was able to return to full duty and return to the training program. This case is significant in that this young man's entire life could have been ruined if these allegations were not found to be false. As a result, he was able to have his name cleared and return to his career.

(e) State of South Carolina v. Jerald Howard

This was a General Sessions trial I prosecuted involving a defendant who murdered his girlfriend in Spartanburg County. The victim's body was recovered in Berkeley County; therefore, we conducted the trial in Berkeley. The trial itself was extremely complex and difficult. The

amount of time that passed between the victim being reported missing and the recovery of her body, along with the attempts made by defendant to contaminate the crime scene, severely limited the ability of law enforcement and the medical examiner to conduct their investigations. Despite these obstacles, we were able to obtain the conviction after a difficult trial.

Mr. Alfaro reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Alfaro's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Alfaro to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, criminal experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and civil experience. The Committee noted: "Level headed, objective judicial temperament, hard worker, quick study, short on civil experience, solid person, good judgment."

Mr. Alfaro is not married. He does not have any children.

Mr. Alfaro reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Charleston County Bar Association
(c) Berkeley County Bar Association

Mr. Alfaro provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
Etiwan Lodge #95, Mount Pleasant, SC, no offices held

Mr. Alfaro further reported:
Both of my grandfathers immigrated to America from the Philippines in the early 1900s, each served in the military and became US citizens. Despite coming to America without much to their names, they were each able to build a life for themselves and raise families in Berkeley County.

My dad served twenty-six years in the Air Force, and an additional twenty-six years in the civil service, retiring from both. My mom worked as an RN for over 30 years, a substantial portion of that time as a single mom after they divorced. I learned early in life the value of public service, sacrifice, and the benefit of working hard.

My first job after college was serving as a police officer for the Town of Mount Pleasant. There I learned to process information and make decisions while under stress. I also learned the value of exhibiting a command presence, which is a concept similar to what is referred to as judicial temperament when discussing judges. This leadership trait requires one to be consistent in their conduct and maintain their composure and calm demeanor, regardless of what is going on around them. In law enforcement, this is necessary to deescalate situations and perform your duties in an effective way. A judge is the leader of the courtroom. If the judge is dismissive, arrogant, or quick to anger, the attorneys that appear before them, as well as the courthouse staff and the public, can lose faith in the fairness and integrity of the system and the judiciary. It is important that those appearing in court feel they are treated respectfully, while being given the opportunity to be heard and considered. The necessity of maintaining an appropriate judicial temperament is essential to the successful administration of justice.

While working for the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office, I was promoted to Deputy Solicitor and Chief Deputy Solicitor. In both of those management roles I continued to attempt to lead by example and teach new attorneys the correct way to handle their work responsibilities. I always strive to be the most prepared person in any courtroom I enter, and I sought to inspire that same level of preparation and professionalism in the other attorneys and staff in the office.

As a judge I intend to continue to put in as much work as necessary to prepare for court and to fulfill my duties in an efficient and professional manner. I also recognize how important it is for a judge to be respectful of others' time and schedule by being punctual and making every attempt to handle every case docketed before them each court session.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission members commented that Mr. Alfaro has exemplary letters of recommendations from all different sides of the Bar. They noted that while he has mostly prosecutorial experience, his letters of recommendation from defense attorneys shows that he was a fair and impartial solicitor and would be a fair and balanced Circuit Court judge.

In closing, the Commission members noted that they believe Mr. Alfaro has a great judicial temperament and would be an asset to the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Alfaro qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Thomas J. Rode
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Rode meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Rode was born in 1983. He is 41 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Rode provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2008.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Rode.

Mr. Rode demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Rode reported that he has made $141.79 in campaign expenditures for palm cards/stationary and postage.

Mr. Rode testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Rode testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Rode to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Rode reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I taught legal research and writing to first year law students at the Charleston School of Law from 2013 through 2017. This course involved lectures, two or three times per week on topics related to general legal issues and standards of review, formulating arguments, researching legal issues, and composing various legal documents, motions, and appellate briefs. It also included preparing for and delivering oral argument. Dealing with a crowded class of students, all with varying degrees of experience and legal knowledge, was good preparation for dealing with difficult personalities, explaining concepts simply, delivering prompt feedback, and ensuring continued progress toward keeping to a longer-term schedule. These are skills that will translate well in serving as a Circuit Court judge

Mr. Rode reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Rode did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Rode did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Rode has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Rode was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.
(5) Reputation:
Mr. Rode reported that his rating by a legal rating organization as follows: for Super Lawyers, Rising Star; for Best Lawyers, Appellate Practice; and for Lawyers of Distinction, Appellate Practice.

Mr. Rode reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Rode reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Rode appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Rode appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Rode was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2008.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2008-2011: Law Clerk to the Honorable Paula Thomas, South Carolina Court of Appeals.

My primary role as an appellate law clerk was to review and analyze the merits of appeals assigned to Judge Thomas. I made recommendations for disposition, first to Judge Thomas and then later to the other appellate judges reviewing the case. It was my responsibility to research and articulate a comprehensive explanation of the legal basis for those recommendations. This required me to conduct thorough review of the evidence in the record and orders issued by the trial court, prepare for and attend oral arguments, and develop an in-depth understanding of the legal rules implicated. It was also my responsibility to critically analyze the recommendations Judge Thomas received from the other appellate judges on the panel. I also employed a similar analytical process for the many appeals that were initially evaluated by the Staff Attorney's Office of the Court of Appeals.

Once the judges finalized their decision(s) on a particular matter, I was responsible for preparing drafts of the opinions or dissents that would be authored by Judge Thomas for publication. I drafted these opinions in collaboration with Judge Thomas and pursuant to her directives on the proper legal reasoning and outcome.

Finally, to the extent the Court received any petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc, it was my duty to conduct the same type of evaluation and analysis described above. As a result, the number of appeals I handled and the variety of legal issues that I tackled during my three-year clerkship for Judge Thomas was in the hundreds.

(b) 2011-2013: Associate Attorney at Savage and Savage P.A.

The general nature of my practice included criminal defense and personal injury in both State and Federal courts, as well as in various municipal, magistrate, and administrative courts throughout the Charleston area. In this role I made regular and frequent appearances in both State and Federal courts. I tried multiple criminal cases with Andy Savage, a well-seasoned and respected criminal defense attorney and I learned a great deal in the process. I was not involved with the administration or financial management of this firm or management of its trust accounts.

(c) 2013: Associate Attorney at Babb Law Firm.

The general nature of my practice included criminal defense and personal injury. I was only in this position for a very brief period, and I was not involved with the administration or financial management of this firm or management of this firm's trust accounts.

(d) 2013 – 2014: Sole Practitioner at The Rode Law Firm.

In this role, I operated as a general practitioner and the majority of my practice consisted of criminal defense and personal injury. As a sole practitioner, I managed all aspects of administration and financial matters of the firm including the trust account.

(e) 2014 – Present: Attorney/Partner at Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A.

I focus primarily on civil litigation and appellate work. My civil practice is generally described as business litigation, a lot of which is related to the construction and development industries. This includes contract disputes, mechanic's liens and construction defects. However, my practice areas are broad and I have litigated real property disputes, condemnation actions, insurance coverage disputes, homeowner association matters, unfair trade practices, and land use issues. I have also handled a variety of tort matters including bad faith actions, employment claims, and malpractice matters. I routinely represent both plaintiffs and defendants, and my practice has also included insurance defense.

My appellate practice is equally diverse. Since 2015, I have worked on roughly twenty (20) appeals to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The types of appeals I have handled vary widely, and I have represented appellants, respondents, and amici curia parties. In addition to a variety of different civil matters, I have handled appeals from the Court of General Sessions, Family Court, Probate Court, and the Master-in-Equity. I have also handled appeals involving questions related to Worker's Compensation issues. This is in addition to the

innumerable appellate issues I worked on as a law clerk at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

In my current role, I am not heavily involved with the day-to-day administrative or financial management of the firm. While I am informed of these matters, my active role is typically limited to those things in which my involvement is necessary. Similarly, I monitor, review, and approve trust account transactions related to my specific clients, but I am not actively involved in the day-to-day management of the firm's IOLTA account(s) for clients whose matters I am not handling.

Mr. Rode further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Matters:

In the past five years, I have not handled any criminal matters in Circuit Court. However, I have successfully appealed a criminal matter to the Supreme Court of South Carolina in State v. Cain, 419 S.C. 24, 795 S.E.2d 846 (2017). This case concerned the admissibility of expert scientific testimony on the issues of theoretical or hypothetical quantities in drug related prosecutions. Although my practice does not currently include criminal defense, my experience as an appellate law clerk provided me with extensive experience in addressing and analyzing a huge number of criminal appeals. These included a wide array of issues from evidentiary disputes to substantive questions regarding South Carolina's Criminal Code, to sentencing, and everything in between.

My experience in criminal law is not limited only to my work as an appellate law clerk. During my first several years in private practice, between 2011 and 2014, a large majority of my practice included criminal defense in both state and federal court. During this time, I tried multiple criminal cases. Moreover, while in law school I not only received the CALI Award (highest grade) in Criminal Procedure, but I also worked as an intern for both a state and federal prosecutor. I worked as a summer intern in the District Attorney's Office (the equivalent of a circuit solicitor) in my hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina. During the school year, I worked as a legal extern in the United States Attorney's Office in Charleston. Combined, my experience has provided me with a substantive understanding of criminal law as well as a keen insight into the practical realities facing the participants in the criminal justice system. Not only do I have a solid understanding of the direct and collateral effects the criminal justice system has on the people charged and their families, I have also acquired a unique awareness of the burdens that the criminal justice system can place on prosecutors,

defense attorneys, the court's administrative resources, and (most importantly) the people who are victims of crime.

Civil Matters:
During the past five years I have handled a variety of civil matters in Circuit Court for both plaintiffs and defendants. A fair amount of my litigation practice is business related and specifically pertains to businesses in the construction industry. I have represented both builders and homeowners in contract disputes, mechanic's liens, and construction defect claims. I have represented a variety of clients—from individuals and small business owners all the way up to large corporations. My practice also includes real property litigation, including ownership disputes, heirs property matters, and zoning/land use disputes. I have represented property owners as well as local municipalities/governmental entities.
I have also had the opportunity to handle cases in a variety of other practice areas. These have included maritime cases, electronic eavesdropping and wiretapping issues, insurance coverage and bad faith matters, professional malpractice claims, class action suits, claims for unfair trade practices, Section 1983 civil rights actions, defamation, products liability, and employment matters—among others. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as defended clients on behalf of insurance companies. This varied practice, together with my appellate experience, makes me uniquely well qualified to serve as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Rode reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five yearsas follows:
(a) Federal: During the past five years, I have handled twelve (12) matters in U.S. District Court and one (1) appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Thus, my actual appearances in federal court over the past five years have been relatively infrequent, particularly during and since the pandemic;
(b) State: During the past five years, I have handled roughly sixty (60) separate matters in Circuit Court, and roughly twenty-three (23) matters before the Supreme Court of South Carolina and/or the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I make regular court appearances that average approximately once per month. My court appearances were more frequent prior to the pandemic.

Mr. Rode reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 100%;
(b) Criminal: 0% (I handled one criminal appeal in 2017 and have handled many criminal matters in my career— just not in the past five years.);
(c) Domestic: 0% (I handled one Family Court appeal in 2021);
(d) Other: n/a

Mr. Rode reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: During the past five years, roughly 70% of the cases I handled were pending in either state or federal trial court. Roughly 5-10% of my practice involved matters that would otherwise have been in trial court but were either resolved pre-suit or were resolved through alternative dispute resolution. The balance of my practice (roughly 20-25%) involved matters on appeal.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: I have tried one case to verdict in the past five years.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: I have not had any cases meeting this unique description in the last five years.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: In the past five years, I have not had any cases that settled between jury selection and openings, but I had one case that settled hours before jury selection).

Mr. Rode provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel and/or co-counsel with one or more attorneys in his firm.

The following is Mr. Rode's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) In re Mt. Hawley Ins. Co., 427 S.C. 159, 161, 829 S.E.2d 707, 709 (2019).
This matter came before the Supreme Court of South Carolina on a certified question from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The question was significant because it involved a matter of first impression in South Carolina concerning attorney-client privilege in the context of an insurance bad faith action—a scenario that places the

policy considerations of attorney-client privilege in conflict. Specifically, the case dealt with what is known as the "at issue" exception to attorney-client privilege. This case sought to resolve the extent to which a party could rely on the substance of attorney-client communication, either explicitly or implicitly, before the attorney-client privilege would be considered waived. The arguments, as well as the Supreme Court's analysis, explored the extent to which the laws and public policy of this State embrace the various interpretations of this rule that had been observed around the country. Ultimately the Supreme Court developed its own analytical framework to evaluate this issue that is instructive in bad faith matters.

(b) State v. Cain, 419 S.C. 24, 795 S.E.2d 846 (2017).

In this criminal appeal, the Supreme Court of South Carolina confronted the novel question of whether a defendant could be convicted of possession with the intent to distribute drugs where the only evidence offered to satisfy the quantity element of the crime was expert testimony about "theoretical yield." The evidence offered was an expert's opinion as to the theoretical quantity of drugs or contraband the defendant might have been able to manufacture, possess, or distribute. The Court ultimately rejected the use of "theoretical yield" evidence in the manner it was used in this case. Not only did this case involve a matter of first impression, but it was also legally significant because it demonstrated how evidentiary rules—particularly those concerning expert testimony—overlap with the substantive requirements of the criminal code. The matter was also significant because it implicated unique questions of issue preservation that arose post-trial. These preservation issues—while seemingly mundane—are exceptionally important to appellate procedure and appellate practitioners.

(c) Cavanaugh v. Cavanaugh: 2017-CP-10-03376.

This matter dealt with civil claims and private rights of action brought for alleged electronic wiretapping and eavesdropping under both South Carolina and federal law. This case presented several technical and seemingly novel issues that had not previously been litigated in our state courts. As a result, the case presented an exciting and stimulating academic challenge to research and develop the necessary legal arguments on behalf of my client. Over years of contentious litigation, the case was a great opportunity to hone the skills necessary to synthesize and present hyper-technical arguments to the Circuit Court. While the case likely would have presented several novel issues for our appellate courts, the matter settled before trial.

(d) Brown v. VSHZ; Traxxas, LP & Amazon.com Inc., 4:15-4684-BHH

This case dealt with an alleged product defect and failure to warn, stemming from the explosion of a lithium-ion battery. Although this is a well-known risk with these batteries now, it was less widely known at the time. While the subject matter was interesting and presented intriguing legal issues concerning the extent to which liability flows to attenuated sellers in the stream of commerce, this case was significant to me for a different reason. I represented one of many large corporate defendants and it presented one of the first and most notable matters in which I was able to observe how the relationships and interactions between corporate in-house counsel, litigation counsel, and local counsel can converge to have a significant impact on the volume and type of issues, motions, and arguments that come before the Circuit Court. In learning to marshal these competing interests I developed an ability to efficiently cut through the complicated and voluminous legal theories and proposed strategies to get to the heart of the issues that are relevant under South Carolina law and local practice.

I strongly believe that all parties are entitled to their day in court and the opportunity to have their grievances resolved as efficiently as possible. A Circuit Court judge set to tackle a lengthy motions roster may be presented with one motion on a complicated $10 million dollar dispute, and another case that is a simple and small-value dispute. Both cases are deserving of the Court's time and attention, but a Circuit Court judge must be able to strike a balance that ensures a singular matter does not syphon away all the Court's time. This necessarily requires a Circuit Court judge be able to effectively synthesize complicated matters to the more manageable core issues, but also requires the ability to appreciate how one case could negatively impact another. While no silver bullet exists, having the ability to predict and appreciate how some cases might be made overly complicated is an important tool that could help me strike this balance. That is the reason I include this case among the significant cases I have handled.

(e) Hollinshead v. Medical University of South Carolina; 2:19-cv-2517-RMG-BM

This case is significant primarily for personal reasons. Many lawyers have "that one case" that sticks with them as the years go on. This is that case for me. It was the perfect combination of a deserving client who suffered a terrible event and a result that actually set the wrong right and felt like true justice. This was a wrongful termination matter in which the plaintiff, an African American, alleged that shortly after receiving a

promotion, her new boss, who was white, initiated an escalating course of sexual and racial harassment. The plaintiff claimed she reported the conduct to Human Resources—which investigated and confirmed the claims to be true—but instead of taking any steps to address the matter, the plaintiff was summarily terminated. Ultimately, with my help, the parties reached a settlement that not only compensated the plaintiff for her losses, but also afforded her the opportunity to return to employment—a very rare occurrence.

This matter is not significant for any prestige or monetary award. Instead, this matter is significant to me because of the justice that was obtained. The plaintiff, who suffered atrocious mistreatment because of her race, was able to reclaim her dignity in a way that money alone could never have done for her. The ability to help facilitate that result gave me a sense of accomplishment that struck at the very heart of why I became a lawyer. For that reason, this case will remain one of the most significant cases I've handled.

The following is Mr. Rode's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) In re Mt. Hawley Ins. Co., 427 S.C. 159, 829 S.E.2d 707 (2019) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(b) United Servs. Auto. Ass'n v. Pickens, 434 S.C. 60, 862 S.E.2d 442 (2021) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(c) Mims v. USAA Cas. Ins. Co., No. 21-1654, 2023 U.S. App. LEXIS 6727, (4th Cir. Mar. 21, 2023) – U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

(d) Simmons v. Simmons, No. 2024-UP-194, 2024 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 204 (Ct. App. May 29, 2024).

(e) Lorenzo v. Port City Elevators, Inc., et. al, No. 2024-UP-111, 2024 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 105 (Ct. App. Mar. 27, 2024).

The following is Mr. Rode's account of the criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) State v. Cain, 419 S.C. 24, 26, 795 S.E.2d 846, 847 (2017) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(b) This list does not include the numerous criminal appeals I worked on while a law clerk at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

Mr. Rode further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for Circuit Court—Ninth Circuit, Seat #4—during the 2023/2024 cycle. I was found qualified and nominated by the JMSC. I withdrew prior to the election. The seat is now held by the Hon. Dale VanSlambrook.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Rode's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Rode to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee commented "very well qualified, well spoken, committed trial and appellate experience, intellectual, diplomatic."

Mr. Rode is married to Julie L. Moore. He has two children.

Mr. Rode reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Charleston County Bar Association

Mr. Rode provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Old Windermere Neighborhood Association – Board Member.
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Committee Chair, Star of the Quarter.
(c) South Carolina Bar Foundation – Ambassador Board Member.

Mr. Rode further reported:
In candor, I went to law school without a full understanding of what it truly meant to be a lawyer. However, through some great fortune, I discovered the law is something I am passionate about and my passion made me good at it. I became a dedicated student of the law and was constantly curious to understand it better. Through hard work I graduated near the top of my law school class. This gave me the opportunity to

become an appellate law clerk which super-charged my ability to study the law and provided me with substantive experience on a wide array of legal issues and cases. No other job could have given me this foundation and appreciation for the law of our state. Through this experience, I learned how to identify and evaluate issues, how to recognize potential pitfalls, and how to avoid problems that could result in unnecessary appeals that delay the resolution of cases for litigants.

As important as the academic experience, my appellate clerkship provided me with the opportunity to work closely with many exceptional judges at the Court of Appeals. No better mentors could possibly exist for a future judge. Of the many and most lasting lessons I learned from these judges was how imperative it is for a judge to approach every case with an open mind and without assuming you know everything there is to know about the law. At first, I was surprised, but then inspired by the humility of the jurists I worked with. I came to appreciate how necessary this trait is for a judge, who cannot let preconceived ideas or assumptions about the law guide his analysis or impact his ruling. I learned that to serve the law, a judge must remain open to changing his mind when a studied analysis demonstrates his assumptions about the law were wrong. The humility to acknowledge the limitations of your knowledge, the willingness to discover those limitations, and the academic courage to admit you might be wrong, are all indispensable to serving as a judge. This is something I learned firsthand from the very start of my career.

My time in private practice has also informed my knowledge of a judge's role. Having handled all types of matters—criminal, civil, trials, and appeals—I am familiar with the legal and practical issues facing practitioners. I know, firsthand, the passion, stress, hard work, unpaid hours, and soul that trial lawyers (on both sides) put into their work for their clients. A Circuit Court judge sits precisely at the intersection of where the academics of the law meet the practical and administrative realities of a crowded docket. While it always hurts to lose, a judge cannot take the efforts of litigants for granted. A judge must be willing to rule and to do so in a way the law requires and do so efficiently. I believe this requires a judge to strike a very difficult balance that ensures the highest fidelity to the law as well as administrative efficiency. My unique set of experiences have allowed me to develop a keen ability to navigate both of those competing duties. If I were elected Circuit Court judge, I believe I could provide a true benefit to the judiciary and the people of my community.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Rode has all the credentials required to be an outstanding jurist. They noted that his work ethic, analytical ability, humility, and broad-based experience make him very well-suited to serve as a Circuit Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Rode qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

R. Bruce Wallace
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Wallace meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Wallace was born in 1971. He is 54 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Wallace provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Wallace demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has made $43.89 in campaign expenditures for postage and name tag expenses.

Mr. Wallace testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Wallace testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Wallace to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Wallace reported the following about teaching law-related courses:
I have taught continuing legal education courses for National Business Institute in the past, but it has been more than 15 years since I last taught a course.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has published the following:

(a) Co-Author, Roadmap to Collection – How to Navigate Debtor Exemptions in South Carolina, approved for publication, S.C. Lawyer, September 2018
(b) Co-Author, Show Me the Money – Collecting Judgments Against the Savvy Judgment Debtor, S.C. Lawyer, September 2016
(c) Author, Serving the Master: Challenging the Authority Power or Jurisdiction of the Master-in-Equity, S.C. Lawyer, January 2015
(d) Contributing Author, Federal Consumer Credit Protection Statutes (DRI 2015)
(e) Co-author, Strategies to Obtain Early Settlement of General Aviation Claims, Skywritings (DRI 2014)
(f) Author, With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Getting Out of Default is Never Easy, S.C. Lawyer, November 2013
(g) Author, SC Chapter, The Collateral Source Rule: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
(h) Author, SC Chapter, Professional Liability Insurance: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
(i)Co-author, Using Non-reliance Clauses in Defense of Fraud Claims, The Business Suit (DRI March 2006).

(j)Regional Editor, Unfair Trade Practices: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2005).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Wallace did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Wallace did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Wallace has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Wallace was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Wallace reported the following regarding his rating by legal rating organizations: Martindale-Hubbell, as AV preeminent; listed in Best Lawyers in America for Commercial litigation (since 2015) and Litigation – Insurance (since 2016), named Lawyer of the Year in Litigation – Insurance, for 2017, 2020, and 2025; listed in SuperLawyers 2008-2009, and 2026-2022.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Wallace appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Wallace appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Wallace was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1996-1998. Law Clerk, the Honorable C. Weston Houck, United States District Court. Served as a judicial law clerk, assisting the court with orders, trials, motions, and other administrative tasks.
(b) 1998-2002. Wallace and Wallace (formerly Wallace and Tinkler). I was an associate attorney then a partner in a personal injury law firm. We handled domestic cases, criminal defense cases, personal injury, legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation. I was not involved in the financial management of this entity, nor did I manage trust accounts.
(c) 2002-present. Maynard Nexsen PC (formerly Nexsen Pruet, LLC). I am a shareholder in the law firm. I handle matters involving commercial litigation (plaintiff and defense), insurance coverage (mostly defense), legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation (plaintiff and defense), and real estate disputes (plaintiff and defense). I have been a signatory on several trust accounts, but have no involvement in the management of the firm.

Mr. Wallace further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:
During my 28-year career, I have actively appeared before the Circuit Court in all sixteen judicial circuits at least twenty-four (24) counties in South Carolina. In the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court judge on a regular basis.
(a) I have limited experience in criminal matters in the Circuit Court during the past five years. However, I practiced criminal law from 1998 to approximately 2011 in all courts, including the Circuit Court. I studied criminal procedure and substantive criminal law during those years, and I plan to draw on that experience to preside over criminal matters in Circuit Court. Additionally, I plan to study each case and each matter as they come before me, researching the statutes, case law, and applicable Rules of Criminal Procedure.
(b) I have extensive experience in civil matters before the Circuit Court in the past five years. I have served as lead counsel or sole counsel in all of those matters. I regularly file and argue motions, and I have tried cases in Circuit Court, both bench and jury trials. I represent individuals and companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation claims. I have handled insurance coverage disputes, mostly representing insurance companies, but several times I have represented the insureds. I have

handled numerous real estate matters in Circuit Court, involving Homeowner Association rules, boundary disputes, and restrictive covenants. I have defended lawyers in legal malpractice actions. I have handled other general civil matters, including litigation involving financial institutions, where I mostly represent the financial institutions. I have represented landowners in condemnation proceedings, both in the proceedings to fix the award and proceedings to challenge the condemnation. I have handled personal injury matters, both large and small, usually representing defendants.

Mr. Wallace reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 30%;
(b) State: 70%.

Mr. Wallace reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 90%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 10% (probate).

Mr. Wallace reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: About 10% involve appeals.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: In the last 5 years, three (3) cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: None.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Mr. Wallace provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years: I most often served as sole counsel or chief counsel in the past five years.

The following is Mr. Wallace's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Christina Jones v. Mary P. Miles, Case No. 2022-CP-32-00867 (Eleventh Judicial Circuit). I defended a lawyer in a legal malpractice action. After a jury trial, the jury found the plaintiff to be forty percent (40%) comparatively negligent.

(b) MAC Coastal Properties, Inc. v. Shoestring Retreat, LLC, Case No. 2020-CP-22-0072 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a restrictive covenant enforcement action that involved complex legal principles and significant equitable defenses. The court ruled against my client, and my client appealed the final order. The Court of Appeals issued an unpublished decision mentioned below.

(c) SM Charleston, LLC v. Daniel Island Riverside Developers, LLC, Case No. 2020-CP-08-00914 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a developer in a contract dispute with another developer, involving complex contractual issues, development ordinances, and equitable defenses.

(d) City of Folly Beach, et al. v. State, et al., Case No. 2019-CP-10-00717 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a civil action where the municipality offered a novel legal theory to prevent development of the homeowner's lot. The trial court dismissed the complaint and the municipality appealed the dismissal. The Court of Appeals issued a decision mentioned below.

(e) Brown, et al. v. Richardson, et al., Case no. 2018-CP-26-3173 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented several members of the board of directors for a homeowners' association. We obtained partial summary judgment on plaintiffs' main cause of action for declaratory relief. The case is highly contested and involved the complex interplay of recorded homeowner documents, statutes, and case law. Plaintiffs appealed the Order granting summary judgment, and then unilaterally withdrew their appeal.

The following is Mr. Wallace's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) City of Folly Beach, et al. v. State, et al., 2023-UP-284, August 2, 2023 (S.C. Ct. App.)

(b) MAC Coastal Properties, Inc. v. Shoestring Retreat, LLC, 2024-UP-285, July 31, 2024 (S.C. Ct. App.)
(c) Accident, Injury & Rehab., PC v. Azar, 943 F.3d 195 (4th Cir. 2019).
(d) Regions Bank v. Owens, 402 S.C. 642, 741 S.E.2d 51 (Ct. App. 2013).
(e) Charleston Trident Home Builders, Inc. v. Town Council of Town of Summerville, 369 S.C. 498, 632 S.E.2d 864 (2006).

Mr. Wallace reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Wallace further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) I withdrew from consideration for Circuit Court, At Large Seat No. 9 in 2014.
(b) I was an unsuccessful candidate for a United States Magistrate Judge position in 2015.
(c) I was found qualified but not nominated for Circuit Court, At Large Seat 8 in 2023.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Wallace's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Wallace to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted, "Extensive trial experience, compassionate, smart, very good judgment, integrity—impressed by his intense immersion in criminal law over last year."

Mr. Wallace is married to Sally McClary Wallace. He has four children.

Mr. Wallace reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) S.C. Bar Association, 1996 to present

(1) Board of Governors, 2017-2020.
(2) House of Delegates, 2004-2017.
(3) Chair-Elect, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council, 2016.
(b) Federal Bar Association, SC Chapter, Board of Directors, 2008-2012.
(c) Defense Research Institute (DRI), Program Chair, Professional Liability Committee, 2019.

Mr. Wallace provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Member, St. Andrews Church, Mt. Pleasant.
(b) Secretary and Director, North Charleston Dental Outreach, 2020-present.
(c) Standing Committee, Diocese of the Carolinas, 2019-2022.
(d) Mentor, USC School of Law 1L Professionalism Series, 2020.
(e) Mentor, Supreme Court Lawyer Mentoring Program, 2022-present.
(f) Recipient, Compleat Lawyer, USC School of Law, Gold, 2020.
(g) Legal Elite of the Lowcountry, Charleston Business Magazine
Insurance, 2018-2019.
Estate and Trust – Litigation, 2022.
Mr. Wallace further reported:
My grandfather, O. T. Wallace, served as master-in-equity in Charleston County. My father, Robert Wallace, served as the Ninth Circuit Solicitor from 1968 to 1976. I learned from both of these men the value of the rule of law, the integrity of the judicial system, and the effort it takes to maintain both. I hope to serve as a Circuit Court judge consistent with the highest principles embraced and demonstrated by these two men.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Mr. Wallace has an outstanding reputation as a trial attorney. While he has extensive civil experience, he has followed the advice of the Commission and has been immersing himself in the criminal arena over the last year. They noted his great intellect and demeanor which would ably serve him on the circuit court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Wallace qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The Honorable Lawton McIntosh
Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McIntosh meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge McIntosh was born in 1960. He is 64 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Judge McIntosh provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McIntosh.

Judge McIntosh demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McIntosh reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McIntosh testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McIntosh testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McIntosh to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McIntosh reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I made a presentation on Canine Search and Seizure to the South Carolina Association of Justice at the August 2012 Conference.

(b) I made a presentation on What does a Circuit Court Judge Look for in a Return Field on Appeal? And Ethics to the upstate Summary Court Judges at the annual meeting in May 2012.

(c) I made a presentation on E-Discovery at the NBI Seminar in Columbia, South Carolina January 2015.

(d) I sat as a panel member in the following continuing legal education programs:

a. Ethics with the Judges- South Carolina Bar Sporting Clays Seminar-Colleton County- (October 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018. Boiling Springs- spring 2017. Edgefield 2023

b. What Criminal Judges Want You to Know- NBI Seminar, Columbia, South Carolina (February 2012)

c. Annual Solicitor's Conference: 2015 and 2016

(e) I also served as a judge in Furman's Mock Trial Competition (March 2015, 2017, 2023, 2024)

(f) I spoke to the T.L. Hanna High School Law Class (February 2014, 2015)

(g) I served as a judge in NCFCA Moot Court National Championship Tournament-Anderson University- May 2024

Judge McIntosh reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge McIntosh did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McIntosh did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McIntosh has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McIntosh was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McIntosh reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization was BV.

Judge McIntosh reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McIntosh reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McIntosh appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.
(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McIntosh appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McIntosh was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Law Clerk: Honorable Luke N. Brown (1986-1987)
(b) Associate: McIntosh and Sherard (1987-1990)
(c) Partner: McIntosh, Sherard & Sullivan (1990-2009)
(d) Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat One (1) (2009 to present)

Judge McIntosh reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): Elected to Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit Seat1, 2009 and Serving continuously since. Currently running for re-election to same seat. The Circuit Court is a court of general jurisdiction.

Judge McIntosh provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Smith v. Tiffany, 419 SC 548, 799, SE2nd (2017)

(b) William H. Bell Jr. v. State of South Carolina, Case Number: 2003-CP-04-01859
(c) Encore v. Keone Trask, et, al. Case Number: 2015-CP-23-05757
(d) Stevens Aviation Inc. v. Dyna Corp. International, 407 SC 407, 756 SE2nd 148 (2014)
(e) McMillan Pazdan Smith, LLC v. Donza H. Mattison et, al. (Ct App Op #6079, filed August 7, 2024:

Judge McIntosh reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McIntosh's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge McIntosh to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had neither related nor summary comments.

Judge McIntosh is married to Anna Louise Gallant McIntosh. He has one step-child.

Judge McIntosh reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Anderson County Bar Association (no offices held)
(b) South Carolina Bar Association (no offices held)
(c) American Bar Association (no offices held)
(d) South Carolina Circuit Court Judges Association (no offices held)

Judge McIntosh provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

Judge McIntosh further reported:
I was born and raised in Anderson County. My father was an attorney and my mother a homemaker. My parents instilled fiscal conservatism

and a strong work ethic in my siblings and me. My parents taught us to treat people with respect and dignity regardless of their origin, color or station in life.
During high school and college, I was involved with organized sports which required me to budget my time and to be physically disciplined. I have tried to continue these traits and to incorporate them in my career.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge McIntosh has ably served as a circuit court judge since 2009. He has a reputation of being a firm, yet fair judge. The Commission appreciates that Judge McIntosh continues to mentor young lawyers.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McIntosh qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable David Shawn Graham
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Graham meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Graham was born in 1967. He is 57 years old and a resident of Lexington, South Carolina. Judge Graham provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Graham.

Judge Graham demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Graham reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Graham testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Graham testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Graham to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Graham reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) Author/Instructor - "Survive and Thrive: A Guide To Winning at Trial."Qualifies for 6 hours approved credit by the Criminal Justice Academy.
(b) Invited instructor at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy – Basic Detective's Class. Taught six (6) times.
(c) "From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom." Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
(d) "Investigations: A Prosecutor's Perspective." Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
(e) "Responding Officers: A Prosecutor's Perspective." Co-author of materials and presenter at trainings to law enforcement.
(f) Bond Estreatment." Author of material and presenter at CLE sponsored by the South Carolina's Solicitors' Conference.
(g) "Presentation of the State's Case: Questioning Witnesses and Presenting Evidence." Co-author of material and presenter at Prosecution Bootcamp – CLE sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.
(h) "Pre-Trial Practice" - Co-author of material and presenter at CLE sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

(i)"Case Management for Victim Advocates." Co-author of material and presenter for Victim Advocate Training sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination.

Judge Graham reported that he has published the following:
"The State's Case in Chief: Direct Examination." Author of material and published in the Prosecution Bootcamp Manual; provided to new South Carolina Assistant Solicitors by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Graham did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Graham did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Graham has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Graham was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Graham reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Graham reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Graham reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office**.**

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Graham appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Graham appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Graham was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Barnwell, Whaley, Patterson & Helms; Associate; Insurance defense practice;
1996 – 1997

(b) Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions;
1997-1998

(c) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions
1998 -2001

(d) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Senior Assistant Solicitor; General Sessions; mentoring younger attorneys and helping them develop judgment and trial skills.
2001 – 2005

(e) Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Deputy Solicitor; General Sessions; mentoring younger attorneys and helping them develop judgment and trial skills; prosecuting the most serious violent crimes and other complex cases; some administrative responsibilities; assist law enforcement as needed; reviewing active SLED Investigations, including officer involved shootings.
2006 – 2022

(f) Graham Law LLC – sole practitioner, focusing primarily on personal injury and guardian and conservator work in Probate court.
2022 – Present.

(g) City of Cayce – Prosecutor (P/T)
2023

(h) Associate Judge for the Town of Lexington (P/T)
2023 – Present.

(i)Assisting Judge Eleventh Circuit Adult Drug Court Program
2023 - Present

Judge Graham further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

(a) Criminal – In the past five (5) years, I have been involved in numerous bond hearings, guilty pleas, and motions in General Sessions. During that time, I have tried five (5) jury trials to verdict, including three (3) murders; an involuntary manslaughter; and a Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st, Kidnapping, and Strong Armed Robbery. Over the course of my career, I have tried over seventy (70) jury trials to verdict. Of those, over thirty (30) were murder or manslaughter trials. I have also prosecuted seven (7) death penalty trials. In 2017, I was presented with the Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution (Given to the prosecutor in South Carolina whose performance best exemplifies excellence in the court of General Session). I have over fifteen (15) reported opinions and over twenty-five (25) unpublished opinions.
(b) Civil – Since leaving the Solicitor's office in 2022, my Civil experience has been mainly in a plaintiff's personal injury practice, including auto mobile accidents and slip and fall. I am also serving as gal in a partition action. I previously worked in insurance defense at the beginning of my legal career. I will continue to increase my knowledge and experience by reading the advance sheets, attending appropriate CLEs, and consult with more experienced attorneys..

Judge Graham reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: monthly (average).

Judge Graham reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) civil: 15%
(b) criminal: 50%
(c) domestic: 5%
(d) other: 30%

Judge Graham reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Five (5)
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0.

(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0

Judge Graham provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel.

The following is Judge Graham's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Jones, __ S.E.2d __ Op No 28145 (SC 2023). I was co-counsel at trial. Tim Jones was convicted of murdering his five (5) children and sentenced to death. This was a direct appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Court affirmed the trial court's rulings on juror qualification, voir dire, and jury instructions. While finding error by the trial court in certain evidentiary rulings, the Supreme Court ultimately found the errors harmless and affirmed Jones's conviction and death sentence. The case is significant and will be cited as to the admission or exclusion of expert testimony. Additionally, the case will be used to require a closer scrutiny on the admission of autopsy photos

(b) State v, Brockmeyer, 406 S.C. 324, 751 S.E.2d 645 (2013). I was co-counsel at trial. Brockmeyer was convicted of murdering his friend, outside a nightclub. The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the conviction and held that the chain of custody log maintained by SLED and testified to by a records custodian adequately proved the chain of custody on items submitted for testing and analysis. Previously, some trial court judges required each and every person from the time of collection to testing and back to the submitting agency to testify before an item would be admitted into evidence.

(c) State v. Walker, 844 S.E.2d 405 (SC Ct App 2020). I was lead counsel at trial. Walker was convicted of murdering Catherine Banty, the mother of his child. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction and the admission of the defendant's statements. The court continued to clarify the law and provide guidance on custodial interrogation. The court held that defendant's subjective belief was insufficient to rise to the level of custody; and that the question of whether a reasonable person would have considered himself in custody was debatable and supported by the record. Upholding the trial court's ruling, that defendant was not in custody.

(d) State v. Prather, 840 S.E.2d 551 (SC 2020). I was co-counsel at trial. Prather was convicted at trial of the murder of Gerald Stewart. At trial, SLED agent Paul LaRosa testified in reply over objection of defense counsel. LaRosa was qualified as an expert in crime scene

analysis opining on "staging," directed anger, and covering. LaRosa testified that based on the evidence and the time frame involved that "there were specifically two people in there after the crime." A divided Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and remanded for a new trial. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals finding the trial court did not err in admitting the reply testimony. A first of its kind, this case provided needed guidance regarding proper reply testimony in the area of crime scene analysis.
(e) State v. Ballington, 551 S.E.2d 280 (SC Ct App 2001). I was co-counsel at trial. Ballington was convicted of the murder of his wife, Edna Lynn Ballington. The Court discusses malice and analyzes the types of evidence in this case that could have supported the jury's verdict. The Court citing previous cases pointed that malice may be implied by brute force and that at times a hand could be a deadly weapon. The Court discussed the specific facts of the case finding that the evidence permitted the conclusions that the victim was severely beaten and strangled for an extended period of time. Additionally, the Court discusses Ballington's attempt to cover up how his wife died suggesting a wicked or depraved spirit also supporting the finding of malice.

Judge Graham reported that he has not personally handled any civil appeals or any criminal appeals.

Judge Graham reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
(a) I am currently an Associate Judge for the Town of Lexington (P/T). I was appointed September 5, 2023. Municipal court have jurisdiction over town ordinances and criminal offenses that do not exceed thirty (30) days in jail and/or a fine not exceeding $500. Also, cases which meet the requirements of South Carolina Code Section 22-3-545 may be transferred from General Sessions.
(b) I am currently an Assisting Drug Court Judge for the Eleventh Circuit Adult Drug Treatment Program. I was appointed November 30, 2023 by Chief Justice Beatty. By that Order, I "may impose sanctions for violations of the conditions of the Adult Drug Treatment Court Program. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, public service work, additional treatment, or termination of participation in the Program."

Judge Graham provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
(a) None

Judge Graham reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:
Graham Law, LLC – Sole proprietor, 2022 to present.

Judge Graham further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) Lexington County Master-in-Equity; 2005; found qualified to serve.
(b) Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2; 2017; found qualified but not nominated.
(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Graham's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Graham to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated. "Civil experience lacking but he's working on it. Big improvement in judicial temperament."

Judge Graham is not married. He has two children.

Judge Graham reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Lexington County Bar

Judge Graham provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Graham further reported:
I was a prosecuting trial attorney for over twenty five (25) years. A prosecutor represents the people and has a duty to seek justice and not win at any cost. I have been fortunate, that in my career, I used my discretion and was able to do what I thought was appropriate, just and fair. I have always treated victims, witnesses, opposing counsel and defendants with respect as is evident by my letters of recommendation.

I have had to manage a docket. I have dismissed cases when there has been a lack of evidence to prosecute. I have sent first time offenders to Pre Trial Intervention. I have reduced charges when the facts haven't supported the charge. I have recommended probation when it was appropriate. I have also negotiated pleas that resulted in prison sentences. I have tried cases when the facts and law have convinced me of the defendant's guilt and the defendant wouldn't accept responsibility. In my career as a prosecutor, I have had the discretion and responsibility to do justice.

I have also worked as an appointed guardian ad litem in several guardianship and conservatorship actions in probate court. Just like criminal defendants, these individuals are also in a position where they may lose their rights and liberties. Accordingly, I take my duty as guardian ad litem seriously.

In my first bench trial as a municipal judge, I found the defendant not guilty for failure of the officer to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The state must prove their case and my prior experience as a prosecutor made it clear that they had not done so.

My entire legal profession has been shaped by my steadfast belief in the rule of law, the rights of individuals, and the protection of society.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission made distinguishing comments of Judge Graham's reference letters. Specifically, they noted that he had letter from criminal defense attorneys commending his temperament as a prosecutor. They also noted Judge Graham's service as a judge of the Lexington County drug court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Graham qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Derrick E. Mobley
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Mobley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Mobley was born in 1977. He is 47 years old and a resident of Gilbert, South Carolina. Mr. Mobley provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Mobley.

Mr. Mobley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Mobley testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Mobley testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Mobley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

> (a) As an Assistant Solicitor, I was a frequent speaker for the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Commission on matters involving DUI arrests, pre-trial motions, evidence and trial strategies. The courses were

made available to and attended by law enforcement officers, prosecutors and Summary Court Judges.
(b) Additionally, as an Assistant Solicitor, I assisted instructors from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy with teaching accident reconstruction and testifying as accident reconstruction experts during Felony DUI prosecutions.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Mobley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission noted that the state tax lien for individual income taxes filed against Mr. Mobley and his former wife in 2012 has been satisfied.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Mobley was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Mobley reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is 4.4 out of 5 stars, and his Google Reviews were 4.9 out of 5 stars.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Mobley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Mobley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:

Mr. Mobley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

August 2006 – November 2006: Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Alison Lee

- Perform stator and case law research
- Draft memorandums of law
- Analyze legal issues
- Liaison between the Judge and interested parties
- Interpret relevant statutes and case law
- Was not involved in any financial matters.

December 2006 – October 2007: South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations

- Perform statutory and case law research
- Draft memorandums of law.
- Analyze legal issues.
- Draft formal complaints.
- Investigate alleged regulatory and stator violations.
- Was not involved in any financial matters.

October 2007 – November 2010: Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Lexington)

- Prosecuted defendants that were arrested in Lexington County for charges ranging from Driving Under the Influence, Felony DUI, Drug Trafficking, Hit & Run, Armed Robbery, Assault and Battery with the Intent to Kill, and Murder.
- Issue legal opinions regarding pending cases.
- Correspond and meet with victims regarding pending cases.
- Presenter for the Prosecution Commission (D.U.I.)
- Drug prosecutor for the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team (N.E.T. Team)
- Disposed of at least 908 active warrants during tenure.
- Trials to jury verdict included Driving Under the Influence, Felony D.U.I. – Death, Drug Trafficking, Armed Robbery, Murder.
- Was not involved in any financial matters.

November 2010 – June 2012: Law Office of Richard J. Breibart, LLC

- Defend clients against criminal arrest warrants and/or accusations.
- Perform legal research.
- Draft memorandum of law.
- Advise and counsel clients of the legal process.
- New Business Development.
- Was not involved with financial matters of the firm. I was only responsible for signing the new clients up with a retainer agreement, then the retainer fees were accepted and handled by the firm's intake specialist and in-house accountant through the completion of said matter.

June 2012 – Present: Law Office of Derrick E. Mobley, LLC (Founder/Owner)

- Criminal Defense and Plaintiff Attorney.
- Perform legal research
- Draft memorandums of law
- Advise clients of the legal process and protection of their Constitutional rights.
- Managed all day-to-day operations of office.
- Managed and completed all administrative tasks until 2018.
- Calendared and managed daily calendar.
- Completely control and manage all financial matters of the office including Operating and Trust/IOLTA accounts.
- Manage payroll, expenditures, distributions, operation expenses, etc…

June 2014 – December 2021: Municipal Court Judge (part-time)

- Conduct administrative functions of the court, as needed.
- Preside over bond settings.
- Review, accept/deny arrest and/or search warrants.
- Conduct research, and issue rulings in compliance with Federal, State and local laws.
- Was not involved with any financial matters.

Mr. Mobley further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

(1). Prior to even graduating from law school, I had the privilege of working at the South Carolina Court Administration, Judicial Department, as a law intern. Me and a co-law intern were assigned the task of correcting, updating and interpreting every CDR code (approximately 3000) that existed within the South Carolina judicial system. Although the work was tedious and labor intensive, it provided me with direct knowledge of every active criminal statute that allows General Sessions court to function. This began the foundation of my criminal law experience, and it was a project ordered by Chief Justice Toal for a statewide launch under the new case management system.

After graduating from law school, I had the opportunity to work as a law clerk to the Honorable Alison Lee, as an Assistant Solicitor to the Honorable Donald V. Myers at the Eleventh Circuit Solicitors Office, as an associate in private practice, as an owner/founder of the Law Office of Derrick E. Mobley and 7 ½ years as a Municipal Court Judge in the City of Mauldin. As a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Alison Lee, I had the opportunity to observe both civil and criminal matters from the bench. I would assist with drafting orders, scheduling motions hearings, and conducting research regarding legal issues. As an Assistant Solicitor, I disposed of at least 908 warrants that that ranged from Driving Under the Influence to Murder. During my tenure as an Assistant Solicitor, I was able to secure guilty verdicts at trial that included the following: State v. Adrian Eaglin (murder; life without parole); State v. Christopher Manning (Felony D.U.I. Death; 18 years); State v. Andre Jamison (Felony D.U.I. Death; 15 years; "Jesse's Way" bike lane on the Blossome Street bridge is dedicated to the victim). My tenure at the Solicitors Office is by far the most important legal experience of my career. I had the opportunity to understand the admission of evidence, expert witness testimony, evidentiary issues and trial dynamics. The position taught me how to be a trial attorney.

Upon entering private practice, I had the opportunity to understand the dynamics of business development, managing client expectations, time management, and the day-to-day functions of private practice. It helped me understand the urgency, or lack thereof, of private attorneys as they represented their clients while I was an Assistant Solicitor. I appreciated their efforts and understood their plight and/or strategies now as an attorney in private practice.

In June 2012, I opened the Law Office of Derrick E. Mobley, LLC. The office immediately began accepting criminal defense and personal injury clients. In 2014, I was chosen as a Rule 608 Contract Attorney and have had the contract renewed every year since. Over the course of the 12

years that this office has been open, I've represented individuals in both federal and state courts at all stages of both criminal and civil proceedings as either lead counsel or co-counsel. According to my records, I've opened 1,222 new criminal files (unknown number of total warrants) and handled and closed at least 30 personal injury files (total gross settlements exceed $2 million; lead counsel and co-counsel cases included).

In June 2014, I had the privilege of being appointed as a part-time Municipal Court Judge at the City of Mauldin. My chief responsibilities were reviewing search warrant request, probable cause inquiries from law enforcement, issuance of arrest warrants, bond setting hearings, judicial administrative duties and presided over several guilty plea hearings, and bench trials. I resigned from the judgeship in December 2021 as I was elected to be President of the Lexington County Bar Association. Thus, my resignation was to conform with the requirements as stated under Judicial Canon 4(C)(3)(B)(iii) which forbids a judiciary member from "personally participate in membership solicitation if the solicitation might be reasonably be perceived or, except as permitted in Section 4C(3)(b)(i), if the membership solicitation is essentially a fund-raising mechanism;" As President of the Lexington Bar Association, not only are you tasked with leading the organization, but you are also expected to promote membership growth through solicitation of prospective new membership which increases the organizations bottom line revenue growth. Therefore, I could not retain the Municipal Court Judgeship while acting as the President of the LCBA. Therefore, I resigned to avoid any violation of Judicial Canon 4(C).

Focusing on the last five years of my criminal legal practice, I have represented individuals in various criminal matters in state and federal court. My criminal practice includes representing individuals that are charged with everything from Driving Under the Influence to Murder. I've attended preliminary hearings, bond hearings, motions to reconsider bond, motions to reconsider sentence, motions to vacate bench warrants, plea hearings, interrogations, and jury trials. Most recently this year, I had a 3 co-defendant "Stand Your Ground" murder hearing that did not result in a ruling of immunity from the bench, but it did result in the hearing being suspended, murder warrant dismissed and the client accepting a negotiated Accessory After the Fact of Murder plea. In 2021, a "Stand Your Ground" hearing was held after my client was arrested, along with two co-defendants, for murder. There were issues of legal theory of mutual combat and the protection of others under the "Stand

Your Ground" statute. In this case, my client was granted immunity under the "Stand Your Ground" statute and released. I have 3 more "Stand Your Ground" hearings that are currently being scheduled over the next few months. In short, it is common for me to appear before multiple Circuit Court judges daily in multiple counties throughout each week.

Civilly, my practice focuses more on being the plaintiff attorney of personal injury cases. Almost all my Court of Common Pleas matters result in settlement as opposed to trial. I mainly focus on securing a personal injury settlement through negotiations with the adjuster of the at-fault's insurance company. I've had the opportunity to settle cases for individuals involved with motor vehicle accidents, slip-and-fall, and premise liability. However, I have been involved with several filed lawsuits, as co-counsel, that have resulted in significant six figure settlements on both the federal and state level. Those specific cases involved depositions, motions to compel, pretrial hearings, mediations, scheduling orders and confidential settlement agreements. There are several pending personal injury matters that have yet to be resolved through mediation or trial, if necessary.

Over the course of my legal career, I have been fortunate to be able to experience litigating matters from both sides of the courtroom aisle while also ruling upon matters of law from the middle: Personal Injury Plaintiff Attorney, Criminal Defense Attorney and Municipal Court Judge. I believe these experiences uniquely qualify me as a candidate for the Circuit Court bench.

Mr. Mobley reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Approximately 3 – 5 times total;

(b) State: Almost daily. I have a statewide practice that requires me to represent individuals in multiple Municipal, Magistrate and Circuit Courts throughout the state in multiple counties almost daily.

Mr. Mobley reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 10-14%;

(b) Criminal: 85-90%;

(c) Domestic: 0%;

(d) Other: 1%.

Mr. Mobley reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 90-95%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict:
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: Approximately 5.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Mr. Mobley provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Mobley's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) State v. Adrian Eaglin: In this matter, I was the assigned Assistant Solicitor. As 1st chair prosecutor, I was tasked with trying this case as a circumstantial evidence strangulation murder case in Lexington County General Sessions. The was three years old (arrest to trial) and relied heavily upon reluctant witness testimony and forensic blood analysis. This case was significant to me, because the family of the victim was not encouraged that justice could be achieved for their loved one after 3 years of the case pending. I wasn't assigned to the case until approximately 2 years after initial arrest. After being assigned the case, my intent was to assure the family that justice would be sought swiftly and efficiently. After thoroughly examining the evidence and trial preparation, my co-counsel and I proceeded to trial and obtained a guilty verdict. The defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment.
(b) State v. Kevin Holland: In this matter, Jack Swerling and I represented the client as his Criminal Defense Attorneys. This criminal matter was litigated in Newberry County General Sessions Court. This matter involved a shooting at a Halloween Party which ultimately resulted in a 3rd party bystander death. Our client, along with two other defendants, were arrested for murder of the bystander. The State's theory was that all three co-defendants were equally responsible for the death of the bystander, because they were engaging in "mutual combat." Our position was that our client was protecting his twin brother by returning gun fire at the person who was firing gunshots at his brother. Furthermore, we were able to forensically determine that our client's gunshots were not the cause of the bystander's death. Unable to come to a mutual agreement regarding the legal implications of their legal

theory and our evidentiary analysis, we proceeded to a "Stand Your Ground" hearing. The Court granted immunity under the "Stand Your Ground" statute after hearing all witnesses, analyzing all evidence and expert witnesses. This case was important to me, because it allowed me to utilize the law, and case law, as written for a just and proper outcome.

(c) State v. Christopher Manning: In this matter, I was the assigned Assistant Solicitor. The case was litigated in Lexington County. The case involved the Defendant being charged with Felony DUI resulting in Death because of his friend (front seat passenger) being killed during a dramatic single car wreck. Testimony revealed that both the defendant and his friend were impaired (blood alcohol levels of .173 and .169, respectively). At issue was who was the driver as both occupants had been ejected into a field from the overturned vehicle. Testimony, forensic expert witness testimony of blood splatter on the steering wheel, and expert witness testimony about accident reconstruction by the South Carolina Highway Patrol's M.A.I.T. Team identified the Defendant as the driver of said vehicle. A jury subsequently returned a verdict of guilty. The Defendant was sentenced to the South Carolina Department of Corrections for a term of 18 years. This case is significant to me, because the verdict was appealed to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and upheld. Furthermore, the case provided guidance regarding the failure to produce an affidavit in compliance with the video taping statute. State v. Manning, 400 S.C. 257, 264, 734 S.E.2d 314, 317–18 (Ct.App.2012)

(d) State v. Andra Jamison: In this matter, I was the assigned Assistant Solicitor. This matter was litigated in Lexington County. The Defendant was charged with Felony D.U.I. resulting in Death of a bicyclist. This case involved allegations that the Defendant was "materially and appreciably impaired" to the point that his faculties to drive were not safe. The matter proceeded to jury trial where the defendant was found guilty and sentenced to 18 years at the South Carolina Department of Corrections. The bicyclist, who was riding his bike home after leaving work, was subsequently memorialized by the City of Cayce with a bike lane over the Blossom Street bridge appropriately dedicated as "Jesse's Way" Bike Lane. This case is important to me, because it allowed me to weave common sense, legal theory and creative arguments together for a just outcome.

(e) State v. Max Gantt: In this matter, I was appointed as the Criminal Defense Attorney through S.C. App. Ct. R. 608. The case was litigated in Richland County Court as a State Grand Jury case. The South Carolina Attorney General Office was the prosecuting agency. Mr.

Gantt was charged with Trafficking Marijuana (more than 100 lbs.). It was alleged that he knowingly assisted and helped further, in conspiracy with a targeted co-conspirator, the trafficking of marijuana from Texas to South Carolina. At some point, a heavy-duty truck was dropped off at the Richland Count Mall by a 3rd party. My client was instructed by his employer to go pick up the truck and bring it back to his work location. My client then proceeded to the mall area parking lot, and began the process of cranking the truck and leaving the parking lot; at which point, numerous law enforcement officers surrounded the truck and arrested my client. 100+ lbs. of packaged marijuana was subsequently located in the truck's gas tank. The State's theory was that my client knew what was in the truck's gas tank and was a co-conspirator with the targeted co-conspirator, and he was guilty of constructive possession of the marijuana. My theory was that he had no knowledge of said contents, was not conspiring with the co-conspirator, only following the directions of his employer and the State could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that my client had knowledge of said marijuana in the gas tank. The case proceeded to trial and resulted in a Not Guilty verdict. This case is significant to me, because it shows that I treat all private and appointed clients the same while vigorously defending their rights and advocating the law on their behalf.

Mr. Mobley reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals. He reported that: As a trial attorney, I've only lost 6 jury trials in my entire career as either an Assistant Solicitor or Criminal Defense Attorney. Therefore, the need to file criminal appeals has been quite limited. However, I have filed several Notice of Intent to Appeals for some of those trial losses to preserve their right to appeal, but the appeals were ultimately handled by the South Carolina Indigent Defense (Appellate Counsel) or other private attorneys.

Mr. Mobley reported that he has held the following judicial office: I was appointed as a Municipal Court Judge (part-time) in the City of Mauldin (June 2014 – December 2021). The Mauldin Municipal Court has jurisdiction over cases arising under ordinances of the municipality, and over all offenses (criminal and traffic) which are subject to a fine not exceeding $500.00 or up to 30 days imprisonment, or both. The Municipal Court Judges' jurisdiction does not extend to misdemeanor or felony offenses where the possible fine is in excess of $500.00 or more than 30 days imprisonment. Furthermore, Municipal Court Judges do

not have jurisdiction over civil matters. It is a court of limited jurisdiction.

Mr. Mobley provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions: As a Municipal Court Judge, I mainly presided over misdemeanor offenses. As such, I never had the opportunity to issue an order as most matters were resolved without a need or desire by the parties to have an order or opinion issued.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Mobley's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Mobley to be "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Midlands Citizens Committee also stated: "No comment. Well-qualified."

Mr. Mobley is not married. He has one child.

Mr. Mobley reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Lexington County Bar Association – Past President (2021 – 2022)
(b) Richland County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association – 11th Circuit Representative

Mr. Mobley provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Farmers Enterprise Lodge #280 – PHA F&AM

Mr. Mobley further reported:
The Widow's Son

As a teenager (17 years old), my mother told me something that I will never forget…

She stated, "…you can't be protected by the law if you don't know the law…"

This was on the heels of us finding out that my father (her husband) 17 years earlier died because of possible workplace negligence, instead of personal safety lapses as told to her by the company. I'll never forget those words or the day we found out about what allegedly happened to cause my father to fall 180 ft to his death while working on a railroad trestle in Toccoa, GA on May 11, 1977.

I was filled with confusion that filled my thoughts, heart, and spirit during that conversation.

Me: "How could this be?"
"What can we do?"
"Who can we call?"

Mom: "I don't know…"
"I don't know any attorneys to call."

Thus, at the tender age of 17 years old, entering my senior year of high school, I had decided that I wanted to become an attorney. I never wanted to hear any other person in my family or community feel as if they did not personally know an attorney or what to do when a legal situation arises. It was at this point I would embark upon a lifelong journey to acquire as much legal knowledge and experience as possible to simply help others.

During my efforts to acquire as much legal knowledge as possible, I had the opportunity to continue helping others during some of their most difficult moments in life. As a young Assistant Solicitor, I learned essential trial skills to help provide a sense of justice to communities, families and victims. As a Criminal Defense Attorney, I was able to protect the constitutional rights of the accused while requiring the State to meet their burdens of proof when proceeding with prosecuting someone for an accusation. As a Personal Injury Plaintiff's Attorney, I've utilized case preparation skills to address individual's injuries while skillful negotiation, preparation and case law analysis. As a Municipal Court Judge, I've been able to combine my experience as a prosecutor, criminal defense attorney and plaintiff's attorney to apply the law as written in a fair, impartial and just manner. While in each position, I

remembered that each defendant, victim, juror, witness, clerk of court, bailiff, law enforcement agent, observer and/or custodial staff member deserved to be treated with the utmost respect and courtesy as this may be the first time that either one of them has ever met an attorney in real life. I've had the benefit of acquiring vast amounts of knowledge across a wide range of legal fields, and plan to utilize that knowledge to serve the best interests of the citizens of South Carolina for many years to come regardless of which position that I continue to serve.
I am very confident that I know the duties required to fulfill the duties of the office due to my legal knowledge, legal experience and life lessons along the way. If appointed, I would dedicate my efforts to ensure that everyone in the courtroom is treated with respect, courtesy and even temperament. The administration of justice does not have to seem so foreign and distant to all that enters its orbit. The doors of the courthouse will be open, public and without mystery to all whom seek justice.

"…you can't be protected by the law if you don't know the law…" Bernice Jeter Mobley Land (Sunrise: 10/01/43 - Sunset: 01/13/2014)

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Mobley is regarded as highly ethical and a skilled trial attorney. They noted that he has a reputation for always going the extra mile.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Mobley qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Christian Giresi Spradley
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Spradley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Spradley was born in 1969. He is 55 years old and a resident of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina. Mr. Spradley provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the

immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1997.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Spradley.

Mr. Spradley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has made $1,419.72 in campaign expenditures for name tags, business cards, resumes, note cards, hand cards, thank you cards, and stamps.

Mr. Spradley testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Spradley testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Spradley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I lectured at the March 18, 2002 DUI Trial Advocacy From Arrest to Verdict presented by the South Carolina Prosecution Commission, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association.
(b) I lectured at the March 17, 2008 Magistrate Orientation School.
(c) I lectured at the July 21, 2008 Magistrate Orientation School.

(d) I lectured at the March 16, 2009 Magistrate Orientation School.
(e) I lectured at the July 20, 2009 Magistrate Orientation School.
(f) I lectured at the August 17, 2009 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges.
(g) I lectured at the August 16, 2010 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges.
(h) I lectured at the May 1, 2012 Criminal Litigation from A to Z CLE.
(i) I lectured at the February 20, 2014 "May it Please the Court" Effective Case Presentation at Trial CLE.
(j) I lectured for SDDOR in 2015 to County Auditors, Treasurers, and Tax Collectors on FOIA issues.
(k) I lectured at the August 15, 2016 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges.
(l) I lectured at the August 4, 2019 SCACA Annual Conference.
(m) I lectured at the March 6, 2020 Sex Crimes: Getting Serious about Sex Crime Defense.
(n) I lectured at the October 13, 2021 SCMA Conference.
(o) I have lectured at the SCFFA Leadership Institute for multiple year on legal issues.
(p) I have lectured at the SCFFA Officer's Academy for multiple years on legal issues.
(q) I have lectured at multiple fire departments throughout the state for years on legal issues.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Spradley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Spradley did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Spradley has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Spradley was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's

investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Spradley reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Spradley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Spradley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Spradley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) 1997 Law Office of John Harte – Only employed for a period of weeks
(b) 1998-1999 Aiken County Public Defenders' Office – Defense of Indigents on matters ranging from DUI to Murder.
(c) 1999-2002 Lexington County Solicitors' Office – Prosecution of Criminal Cases from DUI to Murder. First Prosecutor for the LCMANET.
(d) 2002-Present Moore Bradley Myers Law Firm P.A. (with pn investigated for uded). – Hired as an Associate, became Partner in 2005 and became Managing Partner in 2021. My practice is a General Practice covering many areas of the law. In operating the Saluda office, I personally have been responsible for the day to day operation, administrative operation and financial management of the office since it opened. Since becoming Managing Partner, I am responsible for the overall operation of the firm. All attorneys are responsible for the

management of trust accounts. In Saluda, I have a trust account for which I am responsible.

Mr. Spradley further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience: During my employment with the Aiken County Public Defenders' Office and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitors' Office I both prosecuted and defended cases ranging from DUI to Murder. I learned valuable lessons from both positions.

As a Public Defender I learned how to deal with large caseloads while ensuring that each client received both the legal and personal time needed for their cases. It was driven home that every case is important to ensure that rights are not infringed upon. The time management skills that I learned have been a great help to me in my practice.

As an Assistant Solicitor I was hired to originally run Transfer Court. This entailed setting a docket and running the Court. I was later moved to General Sessions where I eventually became the prosecutor for the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team. I spent time with law enforcement and directed them as to what was expected from them from a prosecution standpoint. I learned how to determine which cases were worthy of prosecution and which defendants were worthy of second chances. In essence, dispensing justice does not equate to obtaining a conviction in every case. I learned that certain cases required rehabilitation, while others called for housing a defendant.

In private practice I have solely defended accused individuals. I handle cases in both city/magistrate courts as well as General Sessions. I have handled cases ranging from traffic tickets to Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor and Murder.

Civil Experience: Once I entered private practice I began obtaining experience in the civil realm. Most of my civil practice has revolved around Plaintiffs' cases, but I have also had a few cases on the defense side as well as appearing often in Family Court. I have also served as County Attorney for a number of years as well as representing municipalities and a Special Purpose District. I have handled probate matters as well as cases before Masters-In-Equity/Special Referees.

From a Plaintiff's standpoint, I have dealt with wreck cases, property cases, contractual disputes, fiduciary issues, election issues, as well as others. My defense practice has been limited to auto and civil issues over property.

Mr. Spradley reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: Very infrequently. Once in total
(b) State: Frequently. Depending on time of year, weekly.

Mr. Spradley reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 33%
(b) Criminal: 33%
(c) Domestic: 25%
(d) Other: 8%

Mr. Spradley reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 90%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 3%
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 6%
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 1%

Mr. Spradley provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) State v. James Michael Lucas – As an Assistant Solicitor I was assigned this case which was originally charged as Involuntary Manslaughter by another Assistant Solicitor. When I received the case to prosecute, the fact pattern led me to believe that something other than an accident took place. I requested that a SLED Crime Scene team perform a blood spatter analysis nearly a year after the incident. Based on newly discovered evidence I was able to prove that Mr. Lucas shouldered his weapon and fired it killing a 13 year old mentally

handicapped girl. Mr. Lucas was Straight Indicted for and convicted of Murder. He received a Life Sentence.

(b) State v. Johnny West – Mr. West was charged with Driving with an Unlawful Alcohol Concentration when the law was first adopted. A ticket was never written for the original DUI which negated law enforcement's ability to request a breath sample. The order that I obtained dismissing my client's charges and the theory I used has been utilized by numerous defense attorneys in the State.

(c) State v. Donnie Brown – As a Public Defender I represented Mr. Brown who was charged with Murder in Aiken County. His defense was self-defense. At the end of the State's case, Mr. Brown was offered a plea to involuntary manslaughter with a negotiated sentence which would have resulted in time served. Mr. Brown declined the offer and was later convicted of Murder. This case is significant in that though my vigorous defense was able to obtain an offer which would have afforded Mr. Brown a life outside of prison.

(d) Durst v. Koontz – This case involved property on Lake Murray where the Defendant claimed ownership of portions of land deed to Plaintiff. In representing Plaintiff I was able to establish ownership in my client and defeat Defendant's claim of acquiescence in the property line.

(e) Wiszowati v. Republican Party – Client was a candidate for a South Carolina House seat and was removed from the ballot on the Saturday before the primary. I was able to have my client remain on the ballot.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Lambries v. Saluda County Council, 760 S.E.2d 785 (S.C. 2014) – June 18, 2014. This case dealt with the Freedom of Information Act issue as to whether it was proper for a County Council to amend its agenda during a regular meeting. I was successful in having the Circuit Court uphold the amendment as proper and Plaintiff appealed. In a split decision the Court of Appeals held that it was not proper. The case was argued before the Supreme Court of South Carolina which overturned the Court of Appeals and affirmed the Circuit Court.

(b) Perry v. Perry, Unpublished – January 5, 2009. Family Court post-divorce custody action. Representing the Mother/Plaintiff we requested the Court name a primary custodian in a split custody situation due to significant discord in the decision making process between the parents. We argued that no change in circumstance was necessary because we were not changing the custodial situation, only clarifying it. Trial Court

ruled that a change in circumstance was necessary and refused to make any changes. We appealed and the Court of Appeals upheld the Trial Court's ruling.

(c) Clark v. Irving et al – September 26, 2013. This is a partition action in which I represent the Plaintiff. Several different people own smaller shares of a large tract of land. After obtaining the results desired by my client, one of the defendants appealed. The Appeal was dismissed.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:

State v. Fayth Leeann Dickson – September 15, 2010. Client was convicted of DUI in Magistrates Court. We appealed based on eight separate grounds. In the case the proper advising of Miranda, chain of custody, proper foundation for admission of evidence, and Rule 5 of the Criminal Rules of Procedure were major issues. The Circuit Court granted the appeal and dismissed the charges against the Defendant.

Mr. Spradley further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

Yes. I ran in 2023 for Circuit Court At Large Seat 16. I was found Qualified but was not screened out by JMSC.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Spradley's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Spradley to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, processional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Well rounded candidate – will be an asset to the circuit court bench."

Mr. Spradley is married to Christina Reece Spradley. He has two children.

Mr. Spradley reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Tri-County Bar
(c) Saluda County Bar- President 2019-Present
(d) Lexington County Bar
(e) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers- Board Member 2016-2018
(f) SC Bar Ethics Advisory Committee 2022-2023
(g) SC Bar Convention Committee 2022-Present
(h) SC Association of Justice
(i) 11th Circuit Fee Dispute Board Member

Mr. Spradley provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) B-L Rotary Club- Member 2017-Present, President 2019-2020, Board of Directors 2020-2021
(b) Town of Saluda Fire Department- Firefighter 2012-Present
(c) F3 Nation- F3 Lexington- F3 Smokehouse

Mr. Spradley further reported:

I have learned that attorneys that work in trial courts deal with people who are at the lowest point of their lives. They have either lost someone, been injured, been victimized, accused of a crime, going through a divorce, or some other life altering event. Most of the time, if these individuals feel that they have been heard and have been treated fairly, they may not like it but will accept the result. In many cases, how the result is delivered can make all the difference in how it is perceived. Harsh results can be handed down with a velvet glove. I would aspire to be the kind of judge that may not rule a way that everyone likes, but in a way that everyone understands and hopefully can live with.

I have been blessed with a great family. My father instilled in me the belief that public service and giving back to my fellow man are cornerstones of society. My wife has been very supportive of my desire to serve our State as a Circuit Court Judge. I am offering myself out of pure desire to continue a lifelong commitment to my fellow man.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
One affidavit was filed against Mr. Spradley by Ralph Kennedy. The Commission dismissed two of the three matters raised in the complaint

due to lack of personal knowledge of the matters by the complainant. Ralph Kennedy provided oral testimony before the Commission on the remaining issue. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavit, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainant, as well as a written response and oral testimony from Mr. Spradley. After careful consideration of the testimonies, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Mr. Spradley in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission commented that Mr. Spradley is a well-rounded candidate and that his breadth and depth of experience qualifies him to be a Circuit Court judge. The Committee noted that while there were many hard issues to discuss, Mr. Spradley handled himself in the right way—answering the Commission's questions truthfully and respectfully.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Spradley qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Melissa A. Inzerillo
Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, two candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew before the Commission voted. Accordingly, the name and qualification of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.
(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Inzerillo meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Inzerillo was born in 1976. She is 48 years old and a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Ms. Inzerillo provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Inzerillo.

Ms. Inzerillo demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has made $142.04 in campaign expenditures for postcards and name badges.

Ms. Inzerillo testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Inzerillo testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Inzerillo to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

> (a) I have taught at the PD 103 course for new public defenders. This course teaches hands-on trial skills.
> (b) I assisted with a local CLE put on by the York County Bar entitled "Back in the Swing of Things (A courtroom refresher, information session, and practice opportunity)." This CLE taught courtroom skills through lecture and demonstrations, and I assisted as a witness for some demonstrations.

(c) I am a volunteer judge for the Middle School Mock Trial Competition program through the South Carolina Bar.
(d) I have volunteered as a juror for a Mock Trial final for a homeschooling program.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Inzerillo did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Inzerillo did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Inzerillo has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Inzerillo was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Inzerillo reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Inzerillo appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Inzerillo appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Inzerillo was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Haynsworth Baldwin Johnson and Greaves LLC, Associate. 2001-2002. Handled defense of employment discrimination claims on behalf of corporate clients and handled all phases of obtaining visas for various corporate employers. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of this entity.

(b) Orangeburg County Public Defender Office, Assistant Public Defender. Approx. 2003-2004. Handled all aspects of criminal defense of indigent clients at trial level, including investigation, negotiation of cases, motions, trials and pleas. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of this entity.

(c) Charleston County Public Defender Office, Assistant Public Defender. Approx. 2004-2005. Handled all aspects of criminal defense of indigent clients at trial level, including investigation, negotiation of cases, motions, trials and pleas. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of this entity.

(d) Sixteenth Circuit Public Defender Office, Deputy Public Defender (formerly York County Public Defender Office). I began as an assistant public defender in 2005 in York County, handling aspects of criminal defense of indigent clients at the trial level, including investigation, negotiation of cases, motions, trials and pleas. In 2020, I became Deputy Public Defender. In addition to the tasks of representing clients, I also handle the administration of three offices in our circuit. These duties include handling personnel matters, effectuating administrative policies, and overseeing (along with the Circuit Public Defender) the allocation of the monies budgeted to the office.

Ms. Inzerillo further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have handled criminal cases for the bulk of my career. I have represented clients charged with everything from magistrate offenses to murders in trial court. For the past five years, my practice has been a mix of lower-level felonies, murders, sex crimes, and drug offenses. The issues generally ranged from suppression issues to sufficiency of proof in the State's case, including motions under Jackson v. Denno (admission of statements), admission of evidence pursuant to State v. Lyle, evidentiary issues arising from forensic interviews in sex cases,

and motions to exclude evidence for violations of the Fourth Amendment. I have also prepared and/or argued some State v. Duncan motions (stand your ground motions). A few years ago, York County began serving notice of intent to waive juveniles to General Sessions court, and I have worked on the more serious of those cases that our office has been appointed to. I sought this out to expand my knowledge of issues outside of the trial work I typically do. Several years back, I asked to also work on clients who were allowed to have their sentences reconsidered under Aiken v. Byars. This also expanded my skill set outside of the trial work I usually did. I also worked with the solicitors, judges and probate judge to start York County's Mental Health Court and worked with the solicitor's office to resume a modified Transfer Court in York County.

I have not done any civil work in the last five years. My first job was working in a civil firm, and so I am familiar with the requirements of civil work and private practice. I have a basic familiarity with the civil rules, and I am fully prepared to put in the work it will take to reacquaint myself with this area of the law. I have watched Common Pleas non-jury to refamiliarize myself with the issues and rules. I understand that regaining this knowledge will involve a steep learning curve, and I fully intend to put in the work it would take to fairly and competently judge these cases, including independent study and taking CLEs.

I have appeared daily and/or weekly in front of circuit court for the past five years.

Ms. Inzerillo reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: none;
(b) State: weekly.

Ms. Inzerillo reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: none;
(b) Criminal: 100% (including criminal matters in family and probate courts);
(c) Domestic: none;
(d) Other: none.

Ms. Inzerillo reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 8.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: none. I had one or two trials end after the judge granted a mistrial after testimony began but before the end of the State's case.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: four.

Ms. Inzerillo provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel but has also served as co-counsel for coworkers and to younger attorneys in her office.

The following is Ms. Inzerillo's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Frederick Floyd: Mr. Floyd was charged as a juvenile with murder after shooting a marijuana dealer in the parking lot of a homeless shelter. This was the first waiver case in York County. Although I had handled juvenile criminal matters in Family Court throughout my career, I quickly learned that waiver cases require a merging of considerations in Family Court and General Sessions that don't always align, and one must become adept at handling those considerations in the best interests of the client. We had a waiver hearing in Mr. Floyd's case but before a ruling could be made, we reached an agreement to consent to waive Mr. Floyd to General Sessions court in exchange for a fifteen-year sentence.

(b) State v. James Brandon Smith: Mr. Smith pled guilty to 2 counts of murder when he was 17 years old. He killed two men and he and a friend burned down the house where the men were. Mr. Smith was given a life sentence in 2001. I began representing Mr. Smith after the Supreme Court allowed his case to be reheard pursuant to Aiken v. Byars. Because Aiken (and related cases) require the court to consider several factors regarding rehabilitation, I was able to really get to know Mr. Smith. Not only was he extensively evaluated, but I spent a lot of time of time with him

preparing his case. Ultimately, Mr. Smith agreed to a 35-year sentence in 2017. This case was important to me because it showed what life was like for defendants after sentencing- how they adapt to living the rest of their lives in jail, the compromises they make and "new normal" they create. Often my job ends at sentencing and I never really saw a deep dive into what life is like after the sentence is handed down. This case was a fantastic education of what life is like after the sentence for those incarcerated, and has been helpful to me when advising and counseling clients who may receive long sentences in the Department of Corrections.

(c) State v. Christina Oliver: Ms. Oliver was arrested for murder in 2013 in Union County. She was in an abusive relationship and killed her boyfriend. Although Ms. Oliver pled to 14 years, I successfully argued for her to get parole eligibility under Section 16-25-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. Further, I went to Ms. Oliver's parole hearings and learned how the parole process works.

(d) State v. Cleveland Ford: Mr. Ford was charged with Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature for beating up a man, resulting in traumatic brain injury. Mr. Ford was arrested in 2017. I tried this case twice and hung the jury twice. Mr. Ford ultimately pled under N.C. vs. Alford and got probation.

(e) State v. Donta Reid: Mr. Reid was a seventeen-year-old charged with murder, armed robbery and conspiracy in 2009. Mr. Reid went to trial on his charges, and I was able to convince the judge that the hand of one, hand of all theory of accomplice liability did not apply in Mr. Reid's case because the murder of the victim was not a foreseen consequence of the conspiracy to rob him. Mr. Reid was convicted of all charges except for murder.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has not personally handled any civil appeals.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals, however she has written or co-authored amicus briefs on behalf of the S.C. Public Defender Association in two cases that were filed in the Supreme Court.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Inzerillo's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Inzerillo to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented, "Ms. Inzerillo is a talented and experienced criminal defense lawyer who exhibits a strong work ethic and a commitment to public service. The Committee considers her 'qualified' (rather than 'well-qualified') in terms of experience only because she has not practiced as a civil lawyer, though she certainly has the aptitude to learn what she needs to learn to serve as a Circuit Court Judge."

Ms. Inzerillo is not married. She does not have any children.

Ms. Inzerillo reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) York County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Public Defender Association: President, (2022-current); Sixteenth Circuit representative to the PDA Board (2022)
(d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
(e) South Carolina Women's Lawyers Association
(f) Gregory-Hayes Inn of Court

Ms. Inzerillo provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) American Red Cross, Disaster Services/ Government Operations
(b) Habitat for Humanity of York County- Restore volunteer
(c) Miracle League Softball buddy
(d) St. Philip Neri Catholic Church: Italian Festival Entertainment co-chair; Finance Committee member.

(e) NATAS Regional Emmy, "Television Programming Excellence, Interview/Discussion Program" as Producer of The Zone, a weekly teen show on S.C. Educational Television. June 1995. Also nominated June 1994.

Ms. Inzerillo further reported:
My parents instilled in me three core tenets: education, hard work, and service to others. I was the first in my family to attend college and law school. I constantly apply these tenets in my job as an attorney in the public defender office, which I see as a service to my community. I also see serving as a judge as a continuation of serving my community and would apply those same tenets.

I believe many will assume because I am an attorney in a public defender office, that I only see the world one way. I have been involved in the criminal justice system for over twenty years and understand how it all should work. I am not anti-law enforcement, anti-victim, or in favor of letting criminals go free. In my years in the courtroom, I have seen and acknowledged very good officers, I have spoken to victims and understand the hurt, confusion and anger they may have, and I believe that if a person commits a crime they should be punished. I also see the effect poverty, drugs and domestic violence have on my clients, and how various sentences affect their lives and the lives of their families. I do believe the system should be fair and equitable, and the judge should be a neutral arbiter within the system. I believe that if a person is charged with a crime or has a civil dispute they should have a fair system that judges the evidence in the case. The judge is an integral part of that system. Many of my clients (and many victims) want to be heard and feel like they were listened to. Some of the best judges I have been in front of made defendants and victims feel like this was their day in court (regardless of how the case turned out), and that made a difference to them. This left an indelible mark on me, and I would strive to emulate that. Although I work on one side of the system, I would be fair and impartial to any litigant who is before me because I understand everyone in front of a court is hoping for a neutral, detached person to hear the case and judge it fairly.

Almost 25 years ago, a tragedy in my family showed me the hurt that can come through a violent act, and how important closure can be for families if they can get it. I carry these lessons with me every day in my current job, and I would also bring those lessons with me to the bench.

I have practiced in York and Union Counties for most of my career. I understand the docket system York and Union Counties have, and have worked within that system for several years, doing my part to make it more efficient. I have striven to make our courts better by working with various parties to start programs that will either help divert clients out of the system or streamline cases more efficiently.

I grew up in Rock Hill, and I came back to be closer to family. I am a member of this community and feel it would be a great honor to represent it as a resident judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. Inzerillo enjoys a reputation as a hard-working attorney. The Commission highlighted Ms. Inzerillo's willingness to help others and her commitment to work toward bettering the justice system in South Carolina.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Inzerillo qualified and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

De Grant Gibbons
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Gibbons meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Gibbons was born in 1963. He is 61 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Gibbons provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Gibbons.

Mr. Gibbons demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has made $777 in campaign expenditures for printing, postage, and a web page.

Mr. Gibbons testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Gibbons testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Gibbons to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
The South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense created the South Carolina Indigent Defense Academy in 2014. I am a founding member of the faculty. The courses include PD 101, PD 102, and PD 103. Each course lasts for two and a half days. This training is done over three chambers weeks each year and is mandatory for new defenders.
My instruction assignments are:

(a) PD 101 – Holistic Defense, Client and Family Relationships, and Initial Contact with Clients.
(b) PD 102 – Cross-Examination Planning and Techniques, I also serve as a group leader to review and critique the students on all PD 102 exercises. This session includes Case Theme and Strategy, Opening Argument, Direct Examination, Cross-Examination, and Closings.
(c) PD 103 – Group leader for reviewing critiquing and coaching the students on all topics covered in PD 103. This session includes Advanced Cross-Examination, Exhibits, Experts, Evidence, Impeachment, and Pre-Trial Motions.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibbons did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibbons did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Gibbons has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Gibbons was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Gibbons reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Gibbons reported the following regarding a public office held:
I do not believe Circuit Public Defender is considered a public office. However, if it is one, I have served in that capacity from July 9, 2008 until present.
(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Gibbons appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Gibbons appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Gibbons was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1991-1993: Assistant Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, assigned to Barnwell and Bamberg Counties.

(b) 1993-1995: Deputy Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, violent crime, and sex crime prosecutor for the entire circuit.
(c) 1995-2008: Deputy Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, teaching, hiring, and training of attorneys, above caseload in the entire circuit, co-counsel on seven capital prosecutions.
(d) 2008-Present: Circuit Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit. Manage and negotiate office budgets on state, county, and city levels. These routinely involve over 3 million dollars per year. I also serve as personnel manager for an office of thirteen attorneys along with thirteen support staff. I oversee and review financial audits of the operation yearly. I maintain a caseload of violent crimes, and I have defended one capital case.

Mr. Gibbons further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have been involved in the General Sessions Court in the entire Second Judicial Circuit continuously for over thirty years. I have been a prosecutor, defender, or supervising attorney for nearly every term of court. As Deputy Solicitor I was responsible for creating trial rosters and dockets and supervising and assisting other attorneys on their cases. I did this while also carrying a full caseload myself. I have worked closely with violent crime victims and helped them navigate the criminal process. I have cultivated and maintained close working relationships with law enforcement and court personnel. As a young prosecutor, I routinely tried ten to twelve jury trials per year. These cases ranged from minor offenses up to death penalty cases. In 2008 I was approached by local attorneys and encouraged to seek the position of Circuit Public Defender. I have now held this position for over fifteen years. I have carried a caseload my entire tenure. I handle at least five matters during each term of court. Our circuit has at least twenty terms of General Sessions Court per year. I have defended everything from minor offenses up to a death penalty defense. I routinely serve as co-counsel with new attorneys when they try serious cases.

State v. Dahkir Anderson, murder trial July 10, 2023; (2022-GS-02-00569)

Mr. Anderson was tried for murder, trafficking meth, kidnapping, and other charges. He was alleged to have abducted the victim along with four co-defendants. Evidence was produced that indicated they took him at gunpoint, tied his hands, and drove around Aiken County looking for a dog he stole from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson admitted to assaulting the victim but denied the murder. He went to trial as the sole defendant in the case. The medical examiner testified that death was the result of homicidal beating. The body was burned at some point, but the examiner could not testify if it was before or after death. There were several issues associated with this trial. There was a horrendous seven-second video of the victim gasping for breath on the ground with a pistol stuck to his chin. There were also gruesome photos of the burned body being taken from a shallow grave. The jury returned a guilty verdict on Murder and Kidnapping, but was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the drug and weapon charges. Mr. Anderson was given a life sentence.

State v. Marcus Turner, murder trial December 5, 2018; (2018-GS-02-00440)

This case involved a charge of Murder and Robbery. Mr. Turner, along with two co-defendants, called a cab for a ride home. The cab driver and his girlfriend responded to the request. Upon arriving the passengers exited the vehicle and refused to pay the fare. An argument ensued and the elderly cab driver was struck in the head by the defendant. The other two men then reached in and took items from the driver and the passenger. The cab driver then fled the scene. The following day, the victim had some issues and sought medical attention. He was found to have a subdural hematoma and was rushed into surgery. After surgery, he lapsed into a coma. Approximately a month later he died in the hospital. This case was complicated by the fact that the victim suffered a fall shortly before this incident and did injure his head. Medical experts were consulted, and the proximate cause of death was somewhat unclear. We proceeded to trial and during the course of the trial, the state approached me with a plea offer. Mr. Turner elected to plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter. This case was a prime example of so many legal disputes. As attorneys we must learn, study, and come to understand a wide variety of information. I had to give myself a crash course on brain injuries and the associated medical terms and processes. I believe this will be similar to my experiences as a judge in dealing with the myriad of legal issues associated with civil and criminal matters.

State v. Denzil Jordan, burglary 1st, kidnapping, armed robbery, A&B 1st August 9, 2018; (2018GS0200083)
Mr. Jordan was tried on the above charges. The allegations were that he, along with co-defendants, entered the victim's residence, tied him up, pistol-whipped him, and forced him to turn over his debit cards and PINs. They then held him there while a co-defendant went and withdrew funds and made purchases ensuring that they had been given the correct PIN. Entry was made into his residence after a female co-defendant, who went to school with the victim, convinced the victim that she was romantically interested in him. The female let her compatriots into the residence when the victim was out of the room. There were the usual technicalities associated with a multiple-defendant trial. The female defendant became a witness for the state. The defendant was convicted and received a sentence of twenty-five years to run concurrently.

In the civil realm, my experience consists of civil matters ancillary to the criminal system. I have dealt with PCR issues and have always reviewed the civil process and paperwork associated with these cases. As a young prosecutor, I argued appeals to the circuit court which had civil procedure aspects. During that time, I spent a short stint doing civil drug forfeiture actions and bond estreatments which have civil components. Our circuit jurists have always scheduled civil motions and hearings during criminal court. I have watched hundreds of these matters over my three decades in court. I am sure I will have much to learn and adapt to as I deal with civil cases. However, part of being a trial lawyer is being a fast study of new and unfamiliar material. I am confident that with hard work and determination, I can get up to speed quickly. I will also try to cultivate relationships with more experienced judges who can act as mentors when I need them. I plan on utilizing civil CLE courses whenever possible to further my assimilation.

Mr. Gibbons reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 0%;
(b) State: Over twenty terms every year, approximately five matters per term.

Mr. Gibbons reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 0%;

(b) Criminal: 100%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Gibbons reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 85 %.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 5 %.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 5 % (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 5 %.

Mr. Gibbons provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
In my office we don't try cases solo. Most often I was co-counsel training younger attorneys. I was often chief counsel on cases but selected less experienced attorneys to serve as co-counsel as a means of helping them learn.

The following is Mr.'s account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Joshua Jones, 2012-GS-02-01854 (no appeal or PCR action was filed)

This was a capital murder case. The defendant killed his pregnant girlfriend in her bed in Georgia, he then took his father's car and fled to Aiken, South Carolina. He was parked in a parking space in a neighborhood park in the middle of the night. A neighbor reported a suspicious vehicle to law enforcement. An officer responded to check on the vehicle. When the officer approached Mr. Jones, he shot and killed her. A high-speed chase ensued when her backup officers responded. Mr. Jones eluded the officers but was arrested without incident when he was located at a relative's home. At the bond hearing on this case, Mr. Jones entered the courtroom gnashing his teeth and growling. He was somewhat unresponsive to the court's questions. This hearing was aired by local television stations and quickly went viral. I was appointed to represent Mr. Jones. We immediately arranged for a private mental evaluation to be performed by a renowned psychiatric expert. We also performed an exhaustive social, mental, and family background.

Although this was clearly the murder of a law enforcement officer, we were able to establish that Mr. Jones was suffering from acute schizophrenia at the time of the offense. We found a family history of mental conditions going back generations. Based on these findings the state agreed not to seek a death sentence and Mr. Jones was found guilty but mentally ill and was given a life sentence. This case confirmed my belief that it is extremely important to actively work on every case as soon as possible.

(b) State v. Marcus Turner, 2018-GS-02-00440

This case involved a charge of Murder and Robbery. Mr. Turner, along with two co-defendants, called a cab for a ride home. The cab driver and his girlfriend responded to the request. Upon arriving the passengers exited the vehicle and refused to pay the fare. An argument ensued and the elderly cab driver was struck in the head by the defendant. The other two men then reached in and took items from the driver and the passenger. The cab driver then fled the scene. The following day the victim was having some issues and decided to seek medical attention. He was found to have a subdural hematoma and was rushed into surgery. After surgery, he lapsed into a coma. Approximately a month later he died in the hospital. This case was complicated by the fact that the victim suffered a fall shortly before this incident and did injure his head. Medical experts were consulted, and the proximate cause of death was somewhat unclear. We proceeded to trial and during the trial, the state approached me with a plea offer. Mr. Turner elected to plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter. This case was a prime example of so many legal disputes. As attorneys we must learn, study, and come to understand a wide variety of information. I had to give myself a crash course on brain injuries and the associated medical terms and processes. I believe this will be similar to my experiences as a judge in dealing with the myriad of legal issues associated with civil and criminal matters.

(c) State v. Clarence Ashby, 1979-GS-02-00268

On May 6, 1979, Clarence Ashby, who was seventeen years of age at the time, robbed an elderly gentleman. His co-defendant, who was nineteen years of age, shot and killed the victim. On July 11, 1979, the pair entered a plea of guilty and were sentenced to life for the murder and a consecutive twenty-five years for armed robbery. At the time of sentencing, murder convictions allowed for parole eligibility after the service of twenty years. If parole was granted it would remain for the defendant's remaining life. Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (SC 2014), was decided and provided a possible resentencing for any defendant who received a life without parole sentence while under

the age of eighteen. Mr. Ashby filed for relief. I was appointed to address his motion. The law was clear that he could not obtain relief under the current case law. I joined other attorneys who were attempting to argue that Mr. Ashby, along with similarly precluded persons, had received a de facto life without parole sentence, and should be granted similar relief. This was not a probable remedy. As an alternative, I also started creating a history of Mr. Ashby's situation. I was very surprised to see that this case was pled to a life sentence barely over two months after the incident in question. Mr. Ashby was sent to maximum security prison at the age of seventeen. He described the horrors associated with the early years of his incarceration. He also informed me that he had contracted AIDS. I was able to track down the victim's daughter. I called and spoke with her by phone. She told me that their family had never been contacted when the case went to court. They found out about the sentence much later. They never heard any details of the crime, nor any details about the sentence itself. Nor had they ever been contacted about prior parole requests or hearings. When I shared the details of Mr. Ashby's involvement, and the details of his life while serving the thirty-seven years of his incarceration, the daughter was graciously in agreement that he should be paroled. I filed the appropriate documents and was able to get Mr. Ashby released on parole. This was one of the most satisfying cases of my career. Had Mr. Ashby not filed his ineffective motion, we never would have met, and he would likely still be incarcerated.

(d) State v. Scott Merkerison, 2011-GS-02-01651

Mr. Merkerison went to trial for the offenses of kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct first degree, and attempted murder. He was accused of kidnapping, raping, and assaulting his girlfriend's daughter. The daughter was an adult. On the night in question, the victim alleged that she went to the defendant's house and was watching a movie with him. She claimed he forced her to perform oral sex. She indicated that she bit his penis causing a cut and also lodging some of his skin in her teeth. She then said he vaginally raped her twice immediately after the bite. She showed broken blood vessels in her eyes and bruising on her neck. Before trial, I met with the investigating officer and reviewed some glaring problems with the victim's statement. I shared my investigator's findings about a huge fight going on between the victim's mother and the defendant. It appeared this may have been a planned event to harm the defendant. He felt that he needed to interview her again due to issues he had with the allegations. He decided to re-interview the victim. Before he could meet with her, he got a call from the prosecutor on the case

forbidding him from having any contact with the victim. These facts came out during cross-examination. Other facts caused serious doubts about the prior statement. I strongly urged my client not to testify. I told him that I thought her credibility had been thoroughly shredded. He insisted on testifying. He described the event and indicated that he did grab the woman around the neck when she refused to let go of his penis. He also said after she finally let go, he restrained her for a few seconds. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the kidnapping charge, and not guilty of the other offenses. I argued at sentencing that the jury had found that this was not a sexually related kidnapping event. The judge agreed and gave the defendant seven years and did not require sex offender registration. Jurors were approached after the trial and indicated that they only found him guilty of the kidnapping because he said he did not immediately release the woman after she let go of him. My client said he was at peace because he just wanted the truth to be told.

(e) State v. Wise, 359 S.C. 14, 596 S.E.2d 475, 2004 S.C. LEXIS 112

This was a death penalty trial after Hastings Wise, a disgruntled employee, entered a manufacturing plant and opened fire on employees and security personnel. Hastings Arthur Wise was convicted of four counts of murder, three counts of assault and battery with intent to kill, one count of second-degree burglary, and four counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The jury found two aggravating circumstances: a murder was committed during the commission of a burglary, and two or more persons were murdered by one act or pursuant to one scheme or course of conduct. The appellant was sentenced to death on the jury's recommendation for each count of murder, twenty years consecutive on each count of assault and battery with intent to kill, fifteen years concurrent for burglary, and five years concurrent on each weapon possession conviction. I was co-counsel to the elected solicitor on this trial. Mr. Wise was represented by two very capable attorneys who made every effort to defend him. Venue was changed from Aiken, SC to Beaufort, SC, numerous motions were filed and argued, and the case went to trial. Throughout the process, Mr. Wise refused to allow his counsel to use defenses or arguments they desired to employ. He refused to allow them to speak with his family, or to address any mental issues. Following his conviction, Mr. Wise attempted to waive all appeals and proceed with execution. What impressed me about this case was the example I saw of defense attorneys continuing to ably defend and represent a client in a horrible situation, who was continuously working against their efforts. These attorneys remained

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Gibbons further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Yes, Circuit Judge 2023. I was found Well Qualified, and I withdrew on the day of the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Gibbons's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Gibbons "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience. The Committee noted: "Civil experience '0'. Concerned!"

Mr. Gibbons is married to Bonnie Carol Bass Gibbons. He has four children.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
((a) South Carolina Bar - member
(b) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – member
(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers - member
(d) South Carolina Association of Justice – member
(e) Aiken County Bar Association - member

Mr. Gibbons provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
Southern Wolves Wrestling Club – Volunteer Assistant Coach 2020 to present.

Mr. Gibbons further reported:

I began my legal career as a young husband and father. I took a position with the Second Judicial Circuit Solicitors Office and was asked to work

in Bamberg and Barnwell counties. I was determined to give this position every effort. There had never been a prosecutor who actually lived in Barnwell or Bamberg, so I decided that I would move my small family to Barnwell County and live in the community that I was going to serve.

I cherish the eight years that I lived and worked in Barnwell. I was a one-man operation, so I learned every facet of the criminal system. I formed lasting relationships with law enforcement and the local community that continue to this day. I had the opportunity to prepare and try a very large number of serious cases early in my career. In the first few years of my tenure, I tried several murder cases.

After a few years of being the sole attorney, another prosecutor was assigned to the Barnwell office. There had been some turnover in the Aiken office, and I was asked to assume responsibilities in all three counties. I had successfully prosecuted a number of child sexual abuse cases in the satellite counties, and I was asked to be the sex crime prosecutor for the circuit in addition to my violent crime caseload. At that time, I was promoted to Deputy Solicitor.

During the 1990s our Circuit had a string of death penalty crimes. I assisted our elected Solicitor as co-counsel on seven capital cases. As more and more of my responsibilities moved to Aiken, I decided to relocate my family. However, I continued to run the satellite office and carry caseloads in all three counties.

Another opportunity presented itself during this time. A horrific murder and robbery occurred in Denmark, South Carolina. Investigation revealed that the persons responsible had ties to a drug ring the federal government was pursuing. I was designated as a Special Assistant United States attorney. I was co-counsel in the federal murder trial of the four defendants involved in the murder. This gave me a chance to experience how different the federal court system is regarding resources and caseloads.

In 2007 the Circuit Public Defender legislation was enacted. I was approached by local bar members about applying for this position. I enjoyed my job as a prosecutor, and I enjoyed working with everyone in the system. After much contemplation and many prayers, I decided to apply for Circuit Public Defender.

I felt that the existing system was severely broken and that I could organize the office and bring a higher sense of professionalism to the operation. Some of the accomplishments that I have made in my current position are:

(a) I created teams within the office so most conflict cases could stay in the office, rather than being assigned to private attorneys;
(b) I designated an attorney to work solely in the juvenile court, alleviating the conflict of being required to be in two courts at once;
(c) I worked closely with county officials to bring public defender salaries more in line with solicitor salaries;
(d) I was eventually able to convert our case management system to a nearly paperless operation;
(e) My office has one of the lowest attorney turnover rates in the state;
(f) My office has one of the best county funding ratios in the state.

Work has always been a very important part of my life. My parents encouraged me to work in many different fields starting at a very young age. I learned how to work hard and how to work with people from all walks of life. These jobs included the following:

(a) Surveyor's Assistant for a Mining Engineer - We surveyed property borders for uranium mining claims.
(b) Lab Assistant at a Medical Clinic - Developed X-rays, prepared specimens for testing, and assembled and sterilized medical instruments.
(c) Laborer for a Fence Building Company - Prepared sites and built residential fences.
(d) Rig Worker for a Commercial Drilling Company - We drilled test holes to map uranium deposits for miners.
(e) Explosives Crew Member for Uranium Processing Mill - I set explosive charges used to excavate a 10-acre retaining reservoir for liquid waste.

Integrity:

There are also things that I have not experienced. I think they are important considerations regarding my career.

(a) I have never been sued in state or federal court by either a defendant I was prosecuting or a client.

(b) I have never had a case overturned on Post Conviction Relief.

(c) I had cases overturned on appeal due to evolving legal issues, but never for inappropriate actions, words, or conduct on my part.

(d) I have never been censured or admonished by any court. My conduct has never been questioned.

(e) My conduct has never been questioned by any legal watchdog groups such as the ACLU or NAACP.

Demeanor:

As Deputy Solicitor and as Circuit Public Defender, I worked with many past and present judges. I quickly learned that they all do things a little differently. I gained a unique perspective on their different policies and personalities. I learned by observation what techniques worked best and what practices created problems.

I have observed judges who were respectful yet firm, and judges who did what needed to be done, even when it was not easy. I have also witnessed judges who were fair and courteous to everyone in the system and yet upheld the decorum and respect their courtroom deserved while meting out justice accordingly. Unfortunately, I have experienced opposite behaviors as well.

I believe that my work history, my life experience, and my personal demeanor would make me an effective, efficient, and productive jurist.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Gibbons has a great amount of experience with criminal law and would make a good Circuit Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Gibbons qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

William Vickery "Vick" Meetze
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Meetze meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Meetze was born in 1968. He is 56 years old and a resident of Marion, South Carolina. Mr. Meetze provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1999.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Meetze.

Mr. Meetze demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has made $220.99 in campaign expenditures for a name badge, cards, stamps, envelopes and copy paper.

Mr. Meetze testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Meetze testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Meetze to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
I have taught the Law School at Palmetto Boys State for the past twenty-one years.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Meetze did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Meetze did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Meetze has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Meetze was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Meetze reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Meetze appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Meetze appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Meetze was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable James E. Brogdon, Jr.

During the year that I clerked for Judge Brogdon, he was Chief Administrative Judge in both the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and the Third Judicial Circuit. I was able to research many issues involving both General Sessions and Common Pleas. I was able to see many trials from each branch. Also, Judge Brogdon was assigned two complex litigation civil cases while I clerked for him and that provided valuable experience in dealing with pre-trial matters such as discovery issues and summary judgment motions.

(b) Assistant Solicitor Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, York County

I prosecuted a variety of criminal cases for just under three years. I handled both felony and misdemeanor cases. Began trying cases early on and served as lead attorney from the start.

(c) Assistant Public Defender Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, York County

I began my career as a criminal defense lawyer in June of 2002. I worked in that office for a little more than four years. In that job I represented criminal defendants charged with all manner of offenses from misdemeanors to murder cases. I served as lead counsel in many cases and I also helped other lawyers with their cases when necessary. During my time in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Public defender Office, we were fortunate to have many experienced attorneys to work with and gain experience from.

(d) Assistant Public Defender Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Florence County

My job responsibilities were the same in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit as they had been in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

(e) Assistant Public Defender Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Florence & Marion County

In the fall of 2011 my responsibilities expanded to where I worked as a public defender in both counties of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. That meant more cases, more trials and more time in court in general. It was at that time that was appointed lead counsel on a death penalty case.

(f) Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit

In August of 2014 I was promoted to Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I still have the same kind of case load but have also taken on some administrative duties and working with and advising younger attorneys in our office.

Mr. Meetze further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have been practicing criminal law in General Sessions Court since August of 1999. I was a prosecutor in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for a little under three years and during that time I prosecuted individuals charged with non-drug related criminal offenses that carried a penalty of up to fifteen years in prison. In June of 2002 I began work as an Assistant Public Defender in York County. As an Assistant Public Defender I represent indigent defendants charged with anything from lower level misdemeanors all the way up to armed robbery, burglary first degree and murder. In 2006, I was given an opportunity to come back home and work in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I accepted a position in the Florence County Public Defender's. In 2011 I expanded my responsibilities by also serving as a public defender for Marion County and I have served both Florence and Marion Counties in that capacity since that time. In 2014 I was promoted to the position of Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and I have served continuously in that capacity for the past six years. I have continued defending indigent defendants charged with all types of offenses; however; I have a much larger concentration of A, B, and C felonies at this point. I have defended people in cases involving all levels of criminal activity including major drug trafficking, criminal sexual conduct and murder.

My civil experience from a practical standpoint has been through my involvement in post-conviction relief matters. As a criminal defense lawyer in a public defender’s office I have been involved in a number of those hearings in the past five years. As a Judicial Law Clerk, I helped my judge with a number of civil cases including complex litigation cases and observed a number of jury trials. I Also, as a trial attorney I am very familiar with the rules of evidence which are applicable to both branches of Circuit Court. Other than that I have taken two viewed two CLE’s, one on E-Discovery and the other being the 2016 Tort Law Update. I have also viewed a civil trial from start to finish and have worked hard studying the Rules of Civil Procedure. I have also served as Co-Dean of the law school at Palmetto Boys State for the past eighteen years where the instruction includes civil court matters.

I have appeared in front of a Circuit Court Judge for every term of General Sessions Court held in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit for the past

five years. The only exception would be times where I had a vacation scheduled during a term of court.

Mr. Meetze reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: federal: I have not appeared in Federal Court any during the past five years.
(b) State: I have appeared in General Sessions Court at least twenty-six weeks a year for the past five years.

Mr. Meetze reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) civil: Zero percent
(b) criminal: One hundred percent
(c) domestic: Zero percent
(d) other: Zero percent

Mr. Meetze reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
During the past five years
I have handled over one thousand cases during that time frame. Our office case management system won't let you look cases up by disposition so these numbers may not be exact but should be close.
(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? Ninety-five percent
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? Five percent
(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc) None
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? Two

Mr. Meetze provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Meetze's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Syllester D. Taylor (736 S.E. 2d 663, 2013): I handled this case at the trial level. It was trial in absence where

I preserved all motions and eventually the conviction was reversed by the Court of Appeals. (694 S.E. 2d 60, 2010) The Supreme Court subsequently reversed the Court of Appeals in the above referenced site. However, even though Mr. Taylor eventually lost his appeal in the Supreme Court by a 3-2 decision, this case is an example of our legal system at work and even though Mr. Taylor was absent from his trial he was represented effectively and was not denied any opportunity or due process of law in spite of his absence.

(b) State v. Tavario Brunson: This was a very high profile case in Florence County that I tried along with another attorney. The evidence against Mr. Brunson was quite overwhelming to include a recorded confession and a positive DNA match. Mr. Brunson was convicted of murder and that result was never really in question. I believe this is an important case because it is an example of our Constitution at work. Mr. Brunson exercised his right to a Jury trial and even though the evidence was overwhelming he was provided an excellent defense and to this day I believe it is one of the most well tried cases that I have had the opportunity to be involved.

(c) State v. Montez Barker : This is a death penalty case in which I was appointed lead counsel. It is important by the nature of the offense and the fact that a man's life was literally on the line. Death Penalty cases take an extreme amount of work and dedication. You are working as a team with another attorney that has been appointed as second chair as well as fact and mitigation investigators not to mention my client's family was heavily involved as well. We were able to work hard and in the end were able to spare Mr. Barker's life by negotiating a plea for him where he would not face the death penalty. It takes a lot of work and relationship building to get a capital client to trust you enough to eventually agree that pleading guilty where you will be receiving a life sentence is in his best interest. That is what happened in this case and it is one of the most satisfying results I have ever had in a case.

(d) State v. Tyquan Jamar Johnson: This was a case in Florence County that was tried in December of 2018. Mr. Johnson was charged with murder. This was a case where my client maintained his innocence throughout this process. The State had made what I considered a very favorable offer to Mr. Johnson and I advised him that it would be in his best interest to take the

offer. He stood his ground and said he didn't do it and he wouldn't plead guilty to something he didn't do. At trial another attorney in my office made our opening statement and I examined all of the witnesses, did the closing argument and made all motions. Mr. Johnson was found not guilty in the face of an eye witness who identified Mr. Johnson as the shooter. Mr. Johnson's cell phone was recovered within a few feet of the deceased. I knew that I had worked hard on the case and that I was prepared and could try a great case; however, in our humbling business that doesn't guarantee a favorable result. There were no lessor included offenses charged to the jury so it was all or nothing once the jury got the case. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. I believe this case is significant because it is an example why it is the client's decision as to whether or not to plead or go to trial. Had Mr. Johnson taken my advice, he would be in prison for a considerable length of time. Even when I was advising him that he should take his deal, I also made sure I reiterated that it is his decision and not mine. Many times clients don't stand their ground. Mr. Johnson did and it worked in his favor.

(e) State v. Calvin Jermaine Pompey Unpublished Opinion Number 2015-UP-280:

This was a case where Mr. Pompey was charged with murder in a shooting outside of a night club in Marion, SC. There had been an altercation inside he club and Mr. Pompey and the people he came with left and went to their car. An individual from the club who was involved in the altercation ran towards Mr. Pompey's vehicle and appeared to be reaching under his shirt giving the appearance of reaching for a weapon. Mr. Pompey was sitting in the passenger seat but had not had the opportunity to close the door. The deceased began entering the car to attack Mr. Pompey. Mr. Pompey got a hand gun out of the glove compartment of the car and fired one shot, killing the individual. I made a motion to dismiss based under the Protection of Persons and Property Act. A hearing was held before The Honorable D. Craig Brown and Judge Brown found that Mr. Pompey was justified in his actions and that the state was barred from prosecuting him pursuant to the act. The state appealed and the Court of Appeals upheld Judge Brown's ruling in the above referenced unpublished opinion.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Meetze further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Candidate for Twelfth Judicial Circuit Public Defender, January 2008

I was not nominated for the position.

(b) Candidate for Twelfth Judicial Circuit Public Defender, December 2011

I was not nominated for the position

(c) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 16, fall of 2012

Qualified but not nominated.

(d) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, fall of 2014

Qualified but not nominated.

(e) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 10, fall of 2015

Withdrew.

(f) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 1, fall of 2016

Qualified but not nominated.

(g) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 13, fall of 2019

Qualified but not nominated.

(h) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 12, fall of 2020

Qualified but not nominated.

(i)Candidate for Judge, Family Court Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, fall of 2021

Withdrew.

(j)Candidate for Judge, Family Court Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, fall of 2022

Withdrew.

(k) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, fall of 2023 Qualified and nominated

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Meetze's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Meetze to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary remarks.

Mr. Meetze is married to Anna Braddock Meetze. He does not have any children.

Mr. Meetze reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
(c) Public Defenders Association Board

Mr. Meetze provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) President: United Methodist Men, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(b) Member: Finance Committee, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(c) Member of the Trustees, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(d) Member of the Church Counsel, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.

Mr. Meetze further reported:
I grew up in a very supportive family and was fortunate to associate myself with friends that served as very positive influences. These influences from my friends and family played a significant role in shaping me as a person. They have taught me patience, respect and have instilled in me a tremendous work ethic. Most important, these influences and role models from my parents and family as well as friends both inside and out of the legal profession, taught me how to treat people and have instilled in me a tremendous sense of fairness. I have always believed that the best judges are the ones that treat people with respect and display the proper temperament for the job. I truly believe that these are the qualities that best lend themselves to effective judicial service. If I were to be elected, I would be the kind of judge that worked hard, made

decisions on a timely basis and treat everyone that either appeared before me or worked in the court system with the respect they all deserve.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Meetze is a very respected attorney and that his judicial temperament was noteworthy. When discussing his civil experience, the Commission noted that he has taken steps to help increase his knowledge in civil matters.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Meetze qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7.

Jane H. Merrill
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Merrill meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Merrill was born in 1980. She is 44 years old and a resident of Greenwood, South Carolina. Ms. Merrill provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Merrill.

Ms. Merrill demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has made $1,144.07 in campaign expenditures for name badges, envelopes and mailing labels, stationery, and postage.

Ms. Merrill testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Merrill testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Merrill to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) On March 3, 2011, the Anderson County Sherriff's Department offered a training class for law enforcement officers about Large Animal Cruelty Investigations. I taught the section about criminal investigations and statutes.
(b) On January 10, 2014, I taught a section of a probate CLE presented by the Greenwood County Bar.
(c) On November 10, 2014, I taught the Criminal Law and Torts section for the South Carolina Bar's program, Legal Lessons: A Series for the Public.
(d) On March 10, 2020, I spoke to the Clemson University Prelaw Society about balancing life, work, and other obligations.
(e) On February 10, 2023, D. Nichole Davis and I presented "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure: Utilizing Mentoring to Elevate Professionalism" for the ethics hour of the Greenville County End of Year CLE.
I taught the following 300-level courses at Lander University.
(f) From August to December 2018, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists.
(g) From January to May 2019, I taught Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, students present oral arguments of pending US Supreme Court cases.

(h) From August to December 2019, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists.
(i)From January to May 2020, I taught Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, the students present oral arguments of pending US Supreme Court cases.
(j)From August to December 2020, I taught Constitutional Law at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. The students wrote opinion essays and made presentations about recent legal events, including recent US Supreme Court opinions.
(k) From January to May 2021, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists, including a South Carolina Court of Appeals Judge.
(l)From August to December 2021, I taught Constitutional Law at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. The students wrote opinion essays and made presentations about recent legal events, including recent US Supreme Court opinions.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has published the following:
(a) Jane Hawthorne Merrill, Comment, Multijurisdictional Practice of Law Under the Revised South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, 57 S.C. L. Rev. 549 (2006).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Merrill did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Merrill did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Merrill has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Merrill was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's

investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Merrill reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, Avvo, is 7.8.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Merrill appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Merrill appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Merrill was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From November 2007 until December 2007, I served as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the Greenwood office. I managed all aspects of cases, including case review, theory development, case strategy, plea negotiations, presenting guilty pleas in court, motions hearings, jury selections, and trials.

(b) From January 2008 to August 2008, I served as a Judicial Law Clerk for The (Late) Honorable Wyatt T. Saunders, Jr., a Circuit Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Being a judicial law clerk provided invaluable experience in developing and honing my legal skills.

(c) From August 2008 until June 2010, I served as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the Greenwood office. I managed all aspects of cases, including case review, theory development, case strategy, plea negotiations, presenting guilty pleas in court, motions hearings, jury selections, and trials.

(d) From July 2010 until February 2013, I worked as an associate attorney on the litigation team at McDonald Patrick Poston Hemphill & Roper, LLC. Most of my practice involved civil litigation matters, including drafting pleadings, engaging in discovery, preparing motions and memoranda, and trying cases to juries. A small portion of my practice involved domestic and criminal matters. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management at this firm.

(e) From March 2013 to the present, I have practiced law as a solo practitioner in my own firm, Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC. I manage all aspects of cases and claims, from intake and case evaluation to resolution, in civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters. In 2016, I became certified as a Circuit Court Mediator by The South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification. I mediate cases that are pending in the circuit court, as well as some family court cases with the consent of the parties. I represented veterans before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Since September 2020, I have represented indigent clients in Abbeville County through a contract with the Eighth Circuit Public Defender's office. I am solely responsible for the administrative and financial management of the firm. I comply with the rules requiring attorneys to maintain monthly trial balances and reconciliations of client trust accounts.

Ms. Merrill further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I am uniquely qualified to be a Circuit Court judge. I have tried cases to juries as a criminal prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and a civil litigator representing both plaintiffs and defendants. The depth, breadth, and variety of my experience in the courtroom provides a strong foundation for the role of Circuit Court Judge. I regularly appear before Circuit Court Judges, including every day on numerous matters during Abbeville County general sessions terms.

In addition to my litigation experience, I was honored to serve as a judicial law clerk for The (Late) Honorable Wyatt T. Saunders from January 2008 to August 2008. My clerkship with Circuit Court Judge Saunders offered yet another perspective from which to learn and gain experience. While my primary responsibilities included researching and

writing, I also observed numerous criminal and civil court proceedings. A summary of my experience in criminal and civil matters follows.

Criminal Experience

I had the good fortune to begin my legal career as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. In that position, I was involved in all aspects of managing a large caseload, including case and discovery review, theory development, case strategy, plea negotiations, presenting guilty pleas in court, motions hearings, jury selections, and trials as lead counsel and second chair. I worked on a variety of misdemeanor and felony charges, including armed robberies, kidnappings, burglaries, drug trafficking, child abuse, and animal abuse. Additionally, I communicated with victims, law enforcement officers, and witnesses. I found working with victims particularly meaningful. Even though each victim of a crime reacts and responds differently to their own experience, every victim needs the chance to be heard. Listening is an important part of being an effective attorney. Being a prosecutor provided significant and meaningful opportunities to gain courtroom experience.

Although I found it rewarding to serve as an assistant solicitor, I wanted to practice in other areas. In July 2010, I began working for a law firm as an associate attorney on the litigation team which primarily focused on civil litigation which is described in the Civil Experience section below.

In March 2013, I opened Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC. At various times since opening my firm, I have participated in the Rule 608 Contract program and represented defendants on both appointed and retained cases. Defending a criminal case presents different challenges than prosecuting one. It is imperative to communicate effectively with your client and earn your client's trust. Discovery is also reviewed from a different perspective as a defense attorney. For example, I analyze reports, warrants, indictments, statements, and evidence to develop issues affecting my client's constitutional rights, such as search and seizure, exigent circumstances, voluntariness of client's statement, Miranda protocol, immunity and privilege, and hearsay.

I have tried several serious criminal cases to juries, including murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, drug trafficking, and burglary. I tried a murder case as lead counsel in 2015 when the jury acquitted my client and tried another murder case as sole counsel in 2016 when the jury convicted my client of the lesser included offense of involuntary manslaughter. In August 2021, a jury found my client guilty of domestic violence, third degree after acquitting her of domestic violence, high and

aggravated. In February 2024, a jury acquitted my client of a larceny, which carried up to ten years had he been convicted.
Knowing, understanding, and applying procedural and substantive criminal law is essential to effectively trying criminal cases. I understand the obligations of a solicitor being a minister of justice and the obligations of the defense attorney zealously advocating for the client. Being on both sides of the courtroom provides a unique and informative perspective for a Circuit Court Judge.

Civil Experience
In July 2010, I began working for McDonald Patrick Poston Hemphill & Roper, LLC, as an associate attorney on the litigation team. I litigated civil matters in both state and federal courts, primarily representing defendants. After opening Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC in March 2013, I've represented plaintiffs more often than defendants, and most of my caseload is in state court, though I do some work in federal courts. I also represented veterans and appeared by filings before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
As part of my civil litigation duties, I manage complex civil cases from intake and case evaluation to resolution. I draft and answer complaints, engage in discovery, depose parties and witnesses, prepare, and argue motions, settle suits through mediation, and try cases to juries. I collaborate effectively with expert witnesses, and assist with the preparation of expert affidavits, reports, and testimony contesting causation. I have tried several civil cases to juries, including two civil jury trials in 2024.
Since 2016, I have been certified as a Circuit Court Mediator by The South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification. I mediate cases pursuant to court appointments and parties' selection. During mediation, I analyze the facts and law, apply knowledge of wide range of substantive and procedural law, and assist litigating parties during settlement negotiations through the mediation process.

Ms. Merrill reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: I am admitted to the federal bar and appear by way of motions and filings in the District of South Carolina, and in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.
(b) State: I appear in state court at least four times per week. Because the counties in the Eighth Judicial Circuit where I primarily practice do not have court every week of the year, this number is an

average. Additionally, I appear before Circuit Court Judges every day on numerous matters during Abbeville County general sessions terms. This is an average for motion hearings and guilty pleas. Trials are detailed below).

Ms. Merrill reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 15)%;
(b) Criminal: 55%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 5%.

Ms. Merrill reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: Approximately 95% of my work is litigation in trial courts. This includes criminal cases in General Sessions and Family Court and civil cases in Common Pleas and Family Court.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict:
In the past five years, approximately 32 cases have gone to trial and resulted in a verdict. This includes criminal jury trials in General Sessions and civil jury and bench trials in Common Pleas and Family Court.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
Approximately four cases resolved after (or during) the Plaintiff's or state's case. In the first matter, a judge in General Sessions in Abbeville County declared a mistrial during the State's case when several jurors recognized the crime scene and/or a testifying witness leaving less than twelve jurors. In the second matter, the parties settled a family court case on the third day of trial after the Plaintiff rested. In the third matter, the court dismissed the case upon a defense motion after the State called its first witness. In the fourth matter, the court granted a directed verdict motion in favor of my client, the Defendant in a civil suit, after the Plaintiff rested.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements:
One case settled after the jury was selected before opening statements in Greenwood County General Sessions. The Defendant pleaded guilty

after jury selection and a full day of pretrial motions, outside the jury's presence, in which the court ruled the evidence admissible.

Ms. Merrill provided the following regarding her role as counsel during the past five years:
There were several trials in which I served as chief counsel with another attorney who served as second chair.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Corey Brown, 441 S.C. 464, 894 S.E.2d 525 (2023); Indictments 2013-GS-24-1262, 1873, 1874, Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial August 2014); I represented Corey Brown in a trial in which a jury convicted him of Conspiracy, Armed Robbery, and Kidnapping. After trial, I discovered recordings of phone calls from a testifying co-defendant, Evans, regarding the State's plea offers and negotiations with Evans. The State did not disclose these negotiations to Mr. Brown and did not correct Evans' false testimony during the trial. The trial court granted a new trial, and the Court of Appeals reversed. Acknowledging "the trial judge's shock" in discovering the State failed to disclose their offer and negotiations with Evans, our state's Supreme Court unanimously reversed the Court of Appeals, holding the State's failure to disclose material evidence deprived Mr. Brown of a fair trial. 441 S.C. at 476-77, 894 S.E.2d at 531. This case was significant because our Supreme Court ensured Mr. Brown's right to a fair trial was protected and emphasized the importance of the State disclosing material evidence in criminal prosecutions.

(b) Richard Wilson, et al. v. Laura B. Willis et al., 426 S.C. 326, 827 S.E.2d 167 (2019); I represented Laurie Williams in Circuit Court (Common Pleas), the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court. Ms. Williams was seriously injured in 2012 when a driver operating an SUV struck my client who was walking for exercise. The case has numerous parties and a complicated procedural history, and Ms. Williams became involved in the larger case when the SUV's driver's insurance

company sued Ms. Williams in federal court. The federal case was dismissed, and the insurance company then sued her in state court. Months after filing suit against Ms. Williams in state court, the insurance company moved to compel arbitration based on an arbitration clause in a contract between the insurance company and an insurance agency. The trial court denied the motion to compel, and the insurance company appealed. The Court of Appeals reversed. Wilson v. Willis, 416 S.C. 395, 786 S.E.2d 571 (Ct. App. 2016). The Supreme Court granted certiorari, heard oral arguments (my co-counsel and I argued separately) on December 13, 2018, and reversed the Court of Appeals in its decision issued April 10, 2019. This case is significant personally because it is the first case I argued before the Supreme Court and because it addressed a unique issue related to arbitration and insurance policies that provides guidance for the wider legal community.

(c) State v. Zanquirious Hurley, Indictments 2014-GS-24-0972, 2014-GS-24-0973; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial September 2015); Mr. Hurley, at age 17, was accused of robbing and murdering his father. I represented Mr. Hurley and served as sole counsel throughout the case except trial. For the trial, I hired another attorney to sit second chair because this was the first murder case I tried as defense counsel. I conducted the opening statement, cross examined all witnesses except one, direct examined all defense witnesses, and presented the closing argument. The jury acquitted Mr. Hurley on all charges. This case was significant because after conducting an extensive investigation, including interviewing numerous witnesses no one else interviewed, I was firmly convinced of my client's innocence. As such, the jury's verdict was the proper result. Mr. Hurley and his family appreciated my dedication and diligence in representing him.

(d) State v. Jerome Chisholm, 395 S.C. 259, 717 S.E.2d 614 (Ct. App. 2011); Indictment 2005-GS-24-01386; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County

(Trial June 2009); I tried this case as an Assistant Solicitor. The state indicted the defendant for criminal sexual conduct with a minor. The defendant sexually abused the minor child and infected the minor child with the HIV virus. I assisted in preparing the entire case for trial. I served as second chair for trial and had the delicate and challenging task of direct examining the minor child victim. I also direct examined the physician who served as the state's expert witness. During her testimony, the doctor inadvertently testified to hearsay regarding the child's identification of Defendant as the perpetrator. Recognizing the error, I immediately stopped her testimony. Outside the jury's presence, Defendant moved for a mistrial, which the court denied. The jury found the defendant guilty, and the court imposed the maximum sentence. Though I only handled the case at the trial level, it was affirmed on appeal. The Court of Appeals found the doctor's comment about the Defendant's identity "fleeting, with both the solicitor and defense counsel immediately stopping the testimony from going any further." State v. Chisholm, 395 S.C. 259, 274, 717 S.E.2d 614, 622 (Ct. App. 2011). This case is significant because it was humbling to meet, interact with, and prepare the minor child for trial. Working with this child and trying this case significantly impacted and guided how I work on cases with children.

(e) State v. John Gregory Barnes, Indictments 2006-GS-24-00153, 2006-GS-24-00154, 2007-GS-24-02020; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial December 2007); I was sworn into the South Carolina Bar on November 13, 2007, and less than a month later I tried this case before the Honorable D. Garrison Hill. I was lead counsel with another attorney as second chair. I presented the opening statement, direct examined all witnesses, and argued the closing. The jury returned a guilty verdict for Unlawful Neglect of a Child and Possession of Methamphetamine. This case was significant because it was the first case I tried, and the defendant's attorney was, and still is, a seasoned and well-respected criminal defense attorney.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) Wilson v. Willis, 426 S.C. 326, 827 S.E.2d 167 (2019). The Supreme Court decided that insureds were not required to arbitrate their claims, which was favorable to my client. More details about this case are included in the response to Question 15 (b) above.

(b) Thompson v. Shulkin, Vet. App. No. 16-3503, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2018). After the prebriefing conference, the VA Secretary agreed to vacate and remand Mr. Thompson's case because the VA failed to provide adequate examinations in April 2008, August 2009, December 2010, and January 2015, and the Board of Veterans' Appeals relied upon the inadequate examinations in its decision. A consent joint motion for remand was filed, and the Court issued its order remanding the matter to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

(c) King v. McDonald, Vet. App. No. 15-1983, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2016). The Court affirmed the decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals denying Mr. King's initial evaluation in excess of 10% for service-connected mechanical low back pain, and for a total disability evaluation based on individual unemployability (TDIU).

(d) Carroll v. Shinseki, Vet. App. No. 12-2696, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2014). Mr. Carroll was a Vietnam era Veteran who sought service connection for Hepatitis C. By the time I began representing him before the Court, his claim had been pending for twelve years. I represented Mr. Carroll for his entire case before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Secretary would not agree to a consent joint remand, so I argued his position in a brief and reply brief. In an unpublished memorandum decision, the Court ruled favorably for Mr. Carroll and vacated the Board of Veterans' Appeals decision and remanded the matter for further proceedings consistent with its opinion. About a year later, the Department of Veterans Affairs granted service connection to Mr. Carroll for his Hepatitis C.

(e) Singleton v. Shinseki, Vet. App. No. 12-1084, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2013). After the prebriefing conference, the VA Secretary conceded the Board of Veterans' Appeals erred because it did not provide an adequate statement of reasons or bases to support its finding that the Veteran "has not been shown to have a prostate disorder that is related to his military service." A joint motion for remand was filed, and the Court issued an Order remanding the case to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of the criminal appeal she has personally handled:
State v. Green, Court of Appeals, May 11, 2016; I represented Mr. Green in this appeal pursuant to an appointment through the Appellate Practice Project. The Court of Appeals affirmed in an unpublished decision filed May 11, 2016.

Ms. Merrill further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In the Fall of 2019, I ran for Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 13. I was found qualified though not nominated. In the Fall of 2022, I ran for Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 3. I was found qualified though not nominated. In the Fall of 2023, I ran for Circuit Court Jude, At-Large, Seat 16. I was found qualified and nominated. I withdrew before the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Merrill's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Merrill to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Ms. Merrill's breadth of experience, devotion to her profession and her community, and doggedness as a talented legal practitioner are unmatched, in the Committee's view. We commend her highly as a candidate for elevation to the Circuit bench."

Ms. Merrill is married to Albert L. Merrill. She has two children.

Ms. Merrill reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar, since 2007
(b) Greenwood County Bar Association, since 2007
(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, since 2013
(d) South Carolina Association for Justice, since 2023
(e) National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, former member

Ms. Merrill provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations, and was recognized with the following awards:
(a) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy Graduate (2022)
(b) G. Dewey Oxner, Jr. Mentor of the Year Award, South Carolina Bar (2019)
(c) Greenwood Leadership Graduate (2018)
(d) Star Under 40 Award, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (2015)
(e) Legislative Appointee, Board of Directors, Greenwood County First Steps (since March 2022); awarded Board Member of the Year 2023
(f) Confirmed Communicant, Church of the Resurrection; Lay Reader (since 2005); Choir Member (since 2007); Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2021 to 2023 and 2013 to 2015); Member of Rector Search Committee (2018 to 2019); Senior Warden (2012); Vestry Member (2010 to 2012)
(g) Immediate Past Chair, Chair, Vice Chair, and Member, Board of Directors, Greenwood Community Theatre (Immediate Past Chair 2023; Chair 2020 to 2022; Vice Chair 2019; Member 2015-2018; Member 2007-2009)
(h) Board of Directors, Greenwood County Community Foundation (2015 to 2021)
(i) Member, Greenwood Women Care (2018 to 2022)
(j) Volunteer Attorney Coach, High School Mock Trial Team (since 2013)
(k) Member, Kiwanis International (2010 - 2022)
(l) Phi Beta Kappa (inducted 2001)

Ms. Merrill further reported:

"Ladies and Gentlemen of the jury." I've said this phrase in courtrooms representing plaintiffs and defendants in civil trials and representing defendants and the state as an assistant solicitor in criminal trials. The depth, breadth, and variety of my courtroom experience make me uniquely qualified to be a Circuit Court Judge, and my supportive family provided the foundation on which I built professional experience and success.

As the daughter of a social worker and truck driver, I had little exposure to the legal world growing up. Nevertheless, my life experiences have prepared me in immeasurable ways to be a dedicated, diligent, and discerning judge.

"Hard work never killed anyone." "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right." "Can't never could." These are some of my mother's favorite phrases. My brother and I heard them all the time. Fortunately for us, my mother embodied these words in her own life, and we learned by her example.

My brother, older than me by only six months thanks to the gift of adoption, and I started kindergarten and graduated high school together. Our single mother working for DSS and our father, who was totally disabled by the time of our high school graduation, simply did not have the means to fund our college educations. So, I earned my degree through hard work and determination.

In high school I worked as a clerk at the local library and saved my minimum wage earnings. The summer before college, I kept my library job and added another waiting tables. Throughout college, I always worked at least one job, and most summers, I worked three. My jobs ran the gamut. I waited tables at three different restaurants, ran errands for two law firms, babysat, tutored student athletes, interned at an advertising agency, completed administrative tasks for a professor, and worked third shift at a radio station. When I walked across the stage at graduation, I had no student loan debt and a 3.95 GPA.

My mother learned the value of hard work from her parents. My grandfather worked multiple jobs to provide for his wife and five children. After starting his own business, he steadily built a successful trucking company. My grandmother took care of their home and children and worked in her husband's business as it grew. Neither of my grandparents had a college degree, but I am grateful that at least my grandmother lived long enough to be there when I earned mine.

My parents divorced when I was twelve, but even before they separated, my father worked late hours, and my mother was the primary parent. I am blessed to have an extended family that love and care about me. A

few of my fond memories include winning "best presentation board" in fifth grade because my uncle cut an interesting shape from wood onto which I glued facts and figures; learning from another uncle how to drive a manual transmission car on back country roads; and, moving in and out of every college apartment with help from yet another uncle. Two aunts worked as school librarians, and they introduced me to new worlds, adventures, and ideas through books. Another aunt embraced technology and taught me to use a computer. Another aunt and uncle beautifully play the piano and organ and inspired my love of music. And yet another aunt and uncle who met at a Mensa convention challenged me to critically analyze important issues. Finally, my two sets of aunts and uncles who lost their sons, one in 1984 and one in 2012, exemplified compassion and strength of character.

Although my family did not work in the legal field, events along the way sparked my interest in the law. A junior high school field trip to the Greenwood County Courthouse fascinated me. Writing a paper in high school about Sandra Day O'Connor and her ascension to the United States Supreme Court inspired me. Working for lawyers in college demonstrated a variety of areas in which a lawyer could serve others. Helping my father, who had Multiple Sclerosis and was wheelchair bound the last ten years of his life, navigate legal, long-term care, and medical decisions taught me patience and further ingrained in me that all people, no matter their circumstances, deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.

My family supported my dream to become a lawyer. They encouraged me, prayed for me, and kept my infant child while I commuted daily between Greenwood and Columbia during my last year of law school. Though I can never repay my family for all they have given me, I can pay it forward to the next generation. I give back to our community and the legal profession in various ways. For more than eleven years, I have served as a volunteer coach for Greenwood High School's mock trial team. I serve on the board of Greenwood County First Steps and have served on other community boards since 2007. I was honored to serve as a mentor to Daenayia Hudson through the South Carolina Bar's mentoring program and humbled to receive a 2019 Mentor of the Year award. There to celebrate the moment with me was my mother, sitting beside the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

By example, my family taught me to be dedicated, diligent, and discerning. Just like an excellent judge, they paid attention and listened. They were patient, kept an open mind when I shared ideas and dreams, and encouraged my success. They taught me to serve others by example

and knew that work worth doing was worth doing right. The life lessons I learned from them guided me through childhood, college, law school, and my career. I am grateful for them. All I learned from them, coupled with my broad, deep, and varied legal experiences, will serve me well as a Circuit Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented on Ms. Merrill's diligence, dedication, and advocacy for her clients, and praised her for her professional and academic achievements.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Merrill qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7.

The Honorable R. Keith Kelly
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Kelly meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Kelly was born in 1958. He is 66 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Judge Kelly provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Kelly.

Judge Kelly demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Kelly reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Kelly testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Kelly testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Kelly to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Kelly reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have made a presentation on Ethics to the SC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as a Circuit Judge.
(b) I have made a presentation on Access to Justice as a Circuit Judge.
(c) I have participated as a Circuit Judge on panels answering questions from lawyers.
(d) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Solicitor's Conference Conference while serving as a member of the SC House Judiciary Committee.
(e) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Public Defender's Conference while serving as a member of the SC House Judiciary Committee.
(f) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Public Defender's Conference while serving as a member of the SC Sentencing Oversight Committee.
(g) I have spoken to school students on career days about law in general and described our court system, both state and federal.
(h) I taught a class to law enforcement officers on prosecuting DUI cases while I was a lawyer.

Judge Kelly reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Kelly did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Kelly did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Kelly has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Kelly was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Kelly did not report any rating by any legal rating organization.

Judge Kelly reported the following military service:
16 May 1981 to 16 May 1984, US Army active duty, Honorable Discharge. 17 May to 29 August 1994 US Army Reserve, Honorable Discharge. Captain, no longer serving.

Judge Kelly reported that he has held the following public office:
2006-2010, SC House of Representatives, House District 35, elected.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Kelly appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Kelly appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Kelly was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Brooks Law Associates, Spartanburg, SC 1988-1999; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. No administrative or financial duties.

(b) R. Keith Kelly Law Firm, Spartanburg, SC 1999-2001; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. Solo practice with administrative and financial duties.
(c) Lister, Flynn and Kelly, PA, Spartanburg, SC 2001-2013; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. No administrative or financial duties.
(d) The South Carolina Judicial Department, Circuit Court Judge, 2013 to present. Preside over Common Pleas and General Sessions matters.

Judge Kelly reported that he has held the following judicial office:
SC Circuit Court Judge, 2013-present. Elected by the General Assembly.

Judge Kelly provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Catawba Indian Nation v. State of South Carolina, 407 S.C. 526, 765 SE2d 900 (2014). The Indian tribe brought a declaratory judgment action against the state to determine the effect of the Gambling Cruise Act on certain gambling rights. The Supreme Court held declaratory judgment action was not precluded by collateral estoppel; the action was not precluded by res judicata; but the Gambling Cruise Act did not authorize the tribe to offer video poker gambling on its reservation. I concurred in the opinion as an Acting Associate Justice.
(b) Garrard v. Charleston County School District, LLC, 439 S.C. 596 (2023). Members and coach of high school football team brought defamation action against newspaper that had published series of articles that included statements about members and coach in connection with controversial post-game ritual performed by team. The Supreme Court, Kittredge, Acting C.J., held that common law presumption of general damages did not apply, requiring members and coach to demonstrate actual injury. The members and coach were required to demonstrate actual injury attributable to articles; allegedly libelous statement involved issue of public controversy or concern and was published by a media defendant. Petitioners fell short on the element of damages. Because the allegedly libelous statement involved an issue of public controversy or concern and was published by a media defendant, the common law presumption of general

damages did not apply, and it was incumbent on Petitioners to show actual injury attributable to Respondent's publications. I concurred in the opinion as an Acting Associate Justice.

(c) Garrison v. Target, 435 S.C. 566 (2022). Customers sued store for negligence, violation of Unfair Trade Practices Act, and loss of consortium after daughter picked up and was pricked by needle and syringe in store parking lot. The jury returned a verdict for Plaintiffs. The Court of Appeals held the statutory cap on punitive damages pursuant to section 15-32-530 constituted an affirmative defense that must be pled or else waived, and because Target failed to plead the cap, the Court held its application was waived in this case. Target contended the Court of Appeals erred in holding it was required to plead the statutory cap on punitive damages pursuant to section 15-32-530 as an affirmative defense, and because Target did not do so, application of the damages cap was waived in this case. The Supreme Court agreed finding the statutory cap on punitive damages is neither an affirmative defense nor an avoidance because it does not affect liability or require new matter to be asserted but instead limits the amount of damages a plaintiff can recover.

(d) State v. Daniel Spade, 2016WL3670561, (2016). Defendant was charged with CriminalSexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree for forcing his then seven year old daughter to perform oral sex on him during non-custodial visitation. Defendant improperly struck juror 199 because she was a grandmother and later alleged due to her age. I ruled the strike unconstitutional based on gender because only females can be grandmothers and the "dual motivation doctrine did not cure the constitutional defect. Affirmed.

(e) West Anderson Water v. City of Anderson, 417 S.C. 496, 790 SE2d 204 (2016). The Water District brought a declaratory action against the City to determine the proper service provider to supply water to Michelin's newly constructed facility. The Court affirmed my ruling determining the Water Sale and Purchase Agreement allowed the City to provide service to Michelin, enabling legislation authorized the local governing body to execute

contracts extending past its members terms of office and there was no delegation of power by the district. Affirmed.

Judge Kelly reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Kelly further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) 1991 SC Senate special election to fill unexpired term of Senator Horace Smith. I lost in the primary to a challenger.
(b) 2010 SC House of Representatives, District 35. I lost in the primary to a challenger.
(c) 1995 Family Court Judgeship. I withdrew from consideration.
(d) 1998 Family Court Judgeship. I withdrew from consideration.
(e) 2010 US Magistrate. I was not selected.
(f) 2016 Supreme Court. I withdrew from consideration.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Kelly's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Kelly to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Kelly is married to Cynthia Gail Jackson Kelly. He has three children.

Judge Kelly reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association
(b) SC Circuit Court Judges Association
(c) Cherokee County Bar Association
(d) Spartanburg County Bar Association
(e) SC Supreme Court Historical Society

Judge Kelly provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Trinity United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC
(b) The Supreme Court Historical Society
(c) Spartanburg Downtown Rotary Club (Paul Harris Plus Eight)
(d) Rotary Paul Harris Society
(e) Spartanburg Pilots Association, former board member
(f) Woodruff Investment Club
(g) The Peachtree Project (former member)

Judge Kelly further reported:
I respectfully submit that my work ethic is one of my strong suits. I worked to pay my way through college and law school. I repaid all student loans timely, and I applied myself to the practice of law and representing clients with the same work ethic. I applied myself and that same work ethic while serving our state as a Circuit Court Judge. And, I will continue to apply that same work ethic to cases before me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Judge Kelly enjoys a sterling reputation amongst his fellow judges and in the wider legal community. They complimented his judicial temperament and collegiality.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Kelly qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14.

The Honorable Maite D. Murphy
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Murphy meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Murphy was born in 1969. She is 55 years old and a resident of North Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Murphy provided in her

application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Murphy.

Judge Murphy demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Murphy reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Murphy testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Murphy testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Murphy to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Murphy reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I taught business law courses at Midlands Technical College in Columbia in 1996 and 1997.
(b) I taught the Ethical Issues portion of the Children's Law Center CLS in Orangeburg entitled Training for Attorney Appointed in Abuse and Neglect Cases on April 30, 2010.
(c) I taught Courtroom Procedure Training at the Dorchester County Sheriff's Department. January – May, 2010.
(d) I taught Courtroom Case Presentation to the South Carolina Litter Control Association on February 24, 2011.

(e) I have been a presenter during the Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges on two occasions.
(f) I served on a teaching panel for the National Business Institute CLE that was titled "What Civil Court Judges Want You to Know" on 05/4/14.
(g) On several occasions through the years I spoke at my children's school on the topic of our court system and the Judiciary.
(f) I spoke at The Citadel on Leadership Day in 2018 to cadets focused on pursuing legal careers on the importance of mentorship and how leaders in our field helped shape my own career.

Judge Murphy reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Murphy did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Murphy did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Murphy has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Murphy was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Murphy reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Murphy reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Murphy reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Murphy appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Judge Murphy appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Murphy was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

I began practicing law in Columbia as a partner with the law firm of Holler, Dennis, Corbett & Garner. I began working there in January of 1996 and my practice was a general practice. I handled all types of cases in Common Pleas, General Sessions, Family Court, Magistrate Court and Municipal Court. As a partner in that firm, I was responsible for managing trust and firm accounts. My husband and I then moved from Richland County to Dorchester County in March of 1998 and I was employed as an associate for Richard Wern in North Charleston where I handled civil litigation matters in State and Federal Court until I obtained a position at the First Circuit Solicitor's Office in October of 1998.

During my tenure at the Solicitor's Office I rose to the rank of Chief Deputy Solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit. I was second in command to the Solicitor for the entire circuit which is comprised of Calhoun, Dorchester and Orangeburg Counties. I was hired to operate under a grant dedicated to prosecuting crimes of violence against women. I was in charge of prosecuting all violent crimes against women and children. I successfully tried cases of murder, arson, armed robbery, burglary, criminal sexual conduct (all degrees), lewd act upon a child, unlawful conduct towards a child, felony child abuse, sexual exploitation of minors, all levels of assaults, drug and alcohol offenses and criminal domestic violence. I also assisted Solicitor Walter Bailey with the trials of four capital murder cases.

I left the Solicitor's Office in 2005 to join the practice of Quattlebaum & Murphy, L.L.P. as a partner. My husband and I then formed our own law firm in January of 2009 which was the Murphy Law Firm, L.L.C. Both firms were general practice firms and during my time there I specialized in criminal and civil litigation matters in all courts and also handled domestic litigation. As a partner in both firms, I was responsible for the administration and reconciliation of financial accounts, trust accounts and personnel matters.

I was confirmed by the Senate as a Magistrate Court Judge for Dorchester County on April 30, 2009. Chief Justice Jean H. Toal appointed me as Associate Chief Magistrate for Dorchester County on June 17, 2009. I served in that capacity until I was appointed as Chief Magistrate by Chief Justice Toal on July 1, 2010. I served as Chief Magistrate part-time and continued my general practice until I was appointed a Master-in-Equity for Dorchester County in May of 2011.

I began my term as Master-in-Equity on June 1, 2011. As Master-in-Equity I heard cases referred by the Circuit Court. I presided over matters that dealt with real property disputes, business cases, injunctions, default cases with unliquidated damages and supplementary proceedings. The real property cases included mortgage foreclosures, quiet title actions, partitions, boundary disputes and mechanic's liens. On December 22, 2011 Chief Justice Toal appointed me as a Special Circuit Court Judge which allowed me the ability to try non-jury matters in Common Pleas Court. As Master-in-Equity I was responsible for the administration of the office, all personnel matters and financial accounting requirements of the office.

I was elected to my current position on the Circuit Court in January of 2013. My duties as a Circuit Court judge include presiding over terms of Common Pleas Court and General Sessions Court. I dispose of motions, pretrial proceedings and perform administrative duties. I hear appeals from Magistrate, Municipal and Probate Courts and approve or disapprove settlements of minor's interests and all other people with an incapacity, and wrongful death and survivor action settlements. I was appointed to the Business Court in August of 2014 and I continue to serve in that capacity. As a Business Court Judge I preside over complex matters that include the following: South Carolina Business Corporation Act; South Carolina Uniform Securities Act; South Carolina Uniform Commercial Code; and, cases involving Trade and Commerce to include Trade Secrets Act, Trusts, Monopolies and Restraints of Trade and Trademarks or other business matters as determined by the Chief Justice. I have served as Chief Administrative Judge for Common Pleas and for General Sessions Court. I also served on a state-wide docketing committee led by Justice James to address the backlog of cases in General Sessions Courts due to the pandemic. I also serve on the Commission of Judicial Conduct since 2023. I did serve as an "Acting Associate Justice" to the South Carolina Supreme Court in April of 2018.

Judge Murphy reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

I served as Chief Magistrate for Dorchester County. I was appointed as a Magistrate by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. My appointment was confirmed on April 30, 2009. As a Magistrate Court Judge I had jurisdiction to hear civil actions within the County where the amount in controversy did not exceed $7,500. I had limited jurisdiction of mechanics' liens, agricultural liens, repair or storage liens and animal owner's liens. My Magistrate jurisdiction also included handling of criminal and traffic offenses which are subject to a fine or forfeiture not exceeding five hundred dollars or imprisonment not to exceed thirty days or both. I also heard cases transferred from General Sessions Court where the penalty did not exceed one year of imprisonment or a fine of $5,000 or both. These cases were transferred to the Magistrate's Court upon petition from the Solicitor and with the consent of the defendant.

I served as the Dorchester County Master-in-Equity and my term of service began on June 1, 2011. I was appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the General Assembly on May 19,2011. As Master-in-Equity I heard cases referred to me by the Circuit Court. I presided over matters that dealt with real property disputes, business cases, injunctions, default cases with unliquidated damages, and quiet title actions, partitions, boundary disputes and mechanic's liens. I conducted public judicial auctions of real property pursuant to mortgage foreclosure actions. I further executed and delivered Master's Deeds conveying title to real property to successful bidders at the public auctions. If appropriate, I also executed and delivered Master's Deeds to parties to suits that established their legal interest in real property. This jurisdiction was limited to Dorchester County. During my tenure as Master-in-Equity I was also appointed by the Chief Justice on December 22, 2011 to serve as a Special Circuit Court Judge. As a Special Circuit Court Judge I was able to try non-jury matters in Common Pleas and General Sessions Court. I also disposed of motions and pretrial proceedings.

I was elected to my current position of Circuit Court, At-Large seat #15 on January 30, 2013 by the South Carolina General Assembly. As a Circuit Court Judge I preside over cases in Common Pleas and General Sessions Court. I have served as Chief Administrative Judge of both

Common Pleas and General Sessions Court and also serve as a Business Court Judge handling complex business litigation matters. I was appointed to the Business Court by the Chief Justice on August 8, 2014. As a Circuit Court Judge I dispose of motions, pretrial proceedings, perform administrative duties necessary to prepare cases for trial and other dispositions, including the sounding of the trial roster and docket. I hear appeals from Magistrate, Municipal and Probate Courts and approve or disapprove settlement of minor's interest and all other people with an incapacity, and wrongful death and survivor action settlements. In General Sessions Court I accept Grand Jury returns, preside over guilty pleas, bond hearings, probation revocations and jury trials and also issue search warrants.

Judge Murphy provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Shannon Shaw v. Amazon.com Inc.; Amazon Logistics, Inc.; MJV Logistics, LLC and Kevin Anthony Blekicki 2021-CP-18-02173. This was a personal injury trial where agency was the central issue at trial and the extent of control exerted by Amazon over the logistics company and the driver of an Amazon delivery vehicle. Plaintiffs were able to establish actual control and the right and authority to control the work of MJV Logistics and the driver Blekicki. Another important issue in this trial was the untimely disclosure of proposed expert witnesses which were excluded by the Court. The jury in this case deliberated for just under four hours and returned a verdict for $44.6 million Dollars. Punitive damages against Amazon were $30 million Dollars. Defense counsel for Amazon failed to make timely post trial motions and I ruled that the failure to submit the post-trial motions in compliance with Rules precluded them from relief for later filed motions for new trial absolute, new trial nisi remittitur, and new trial pursuant to the Thirteenth Juror Doctrine. The Order denying this relief was appealed, however the parties were able to reach a settlement of all issues prior to the matter being heard by the Court of Appeals.

(b) Shem Creek v. Development Group, LLC v. The Town of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, 2017-CP-10-05493. This was a Business Court case where the Plaintiff initiated an action against the Town of Mount Pleasant for the breach of a parking license agreement to build a parking garage in Shem Creek. This was a significant order in that it dealt with complex issues as to discretionary acts of government, duty of good faith, breach of contract, and substantial performance. This case was a bench trial and I found that the town breached the parking license

agreement by a preponderance of the evidence, and concluded that the damages in the amount of $2,604,316 were proven.

(c) The State v. Shannon Scott Appellate Case No. 2017-001607. This Order was significant in that it granted immunity from prosecution to the defendant. This was a unique circumstance in that the victim that was shot and killed by the defendant was not the person which attacked the defendant and his family, but he was in a car at the incident location. The Supreme Court ruled that there was evidence in the record to support Scott's use of deadly force under the doctrine of self-defense. He was entitled to immunity pursuant to Subsection 16-11-450(A) of the Protection of Persons and Property Act.

(d) CPM Federal Credit Union v. George W. Lockwood and Sarah Thackson, 2014-CP-10-7597. This was an Order which addressed the Plaintiff's Rule 59(e) Motion to Reconsider, Defendant's Second Motion for Summary Judgment and Defendant's Motion for Discovery Sanctions. This matter was before me in the Business Court and dealt with numerous claims which included breach of fiduciary duties by former members of the board of directors of the credit union as well as conduct of the officers of the corporation. The most significant portion of this order dealt with sanctions issued by the court pursuant to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 37. The plaintiff engaged in a pattern of discovery abuses. The plaintiff failed to disclose evidence in a timely manner during the discovery process and at one point in the litigation dumped hundreds of thousands of pages of documents on the defendants days prior to trial causing a significant delay in the litigation. I felt as this order was important in that it demonstrated that discovery abuses are not to be tolerated as the parties are charged with participating in discovery as an enhancement to the truth-seeking process to properly prepare for trial and promote a timely determination of the matters at hand.

(e) Erica Butts v. State of South Carolina, 2014-CP-10-2518. This was an Order of Dismissal in a post-conviction relief matter filed by Erica Butts. Ms. Butts had been sentenced to life in prison subsequent to an Alford plea to homicide by child abuse in Charleston County Court of General Sessions on November 3, 2011. Ms. Butts asserted that her counsel was ineffective for failing to prepare an adequate defense based on battered spouse syndrome. The defendant claimed that her co-defendant, Shanita Cunningham, a person she had a romantic relationship with was physically abusive, controlling and aggressive toward her. Both were charged with the homicide by child abuse after a toddler in their care was brutally beaten to death over a period of time.

I found that the defendant was not entitled to relief as her counsel presented testimony of the co-defendant's alleged abuse as a mitigating factor in sentencing. This was done by trial counsel even though the defendant failed to cooperate in counsel's investigation of her alleged abuse. Further, battered spouse syndrome was not applicable in that the toddler victim who was killed was a third party, and was not the abuser, as contemplated by the syndrome. The alleged abuse of the defendant by the co-defendant could not justify the murder of the child. The defendant did not passively observe the victim's abuse, but actively participated in it and there was no justification or excuse for her actions in the killing of an innocent child.

Judge Murphy reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:
The only employment I have had while serving as a judge was when I served as Dorchester County Magistrate on a part-time basis and was still employed as a partner in Murphy Law Firm, LLC.

Judge Murphy further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was a candidate for Circuit Court Judge of the First Judicial Circuit in 2008. I was found qualified to serve, but I was not nominated to the office. I was a candidate for the Circuit Court Judge, At-Large seat #8 position in 2009. I was found qualified to serve and nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission but was not elected to the position by the General Assembly. I was a candidate for Circuit Court Judge, At-Large Seat # 9 position in 2010. I was found qualified to serve, but was not nominated to be elected. I submitted an application for the Supreme Court, seat 4 in 2022, but withdrew my candidacy prior to screening.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Murphy's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Murphy to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Superb judge—integrity, smarts,

personality, strength to make right decisions under difficult circumstances".

Judge Murphy is married to Christopher J. Murphy. She has two children.

Judge Murphy reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association-1995 to present.
(b) Richland County Bar Association-1995-1998.
(c) South Carolina Women's Bar Association 1995 to present.
(d) Dorchester County Bar Association- 1998 to present. Served as President 2006-2010; Vice-President 2005; Treasurer 2003-2004.
(e) South Carolina Judicial Invitational- 2013 to present. I serve as Vice President & Membership Chair.

Judge Murphy provided that she was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations.

Judge Murphy further reported:
I have had the unique opportunity throughout my career to serve on all sides of the bench. I have the opportunity to learn much from other attorneys, judges, litigants and victims of crimes or circumstances. I continually strive to be, and will continue to strive to be, the kind of judge that is above all fair, well-versed in the law, and one that treats all witnesses, jurors, litigants and their counsel respectfully.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission thanked Judge Murphy for her hard work and service to the state.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Murphy qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15.

The Honorable Charles J. McCutchen
Circuit Court, At Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McCutchen meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a circuit court justice.

Judge McCutchen was born in 1977. He is 47 years old and a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Judge McCutchen provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2002.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McCutchen.

Judge McCutchen demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has made no campaign expenditures.

Judge McCutchen testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McCutchen testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McCutchen to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has not taught any law-related courses.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge McCutchen did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McCutchen did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McCutchen has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McCutchen was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McCutchen reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McCutchen appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McCutchen appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McCutchen was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2002.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) Hood Law Firm, LLC, Charleston, SC. Associate. September 2002 – January 2004. My primary area of practice was general civil litigation defense, beginning with initial pleadings and conducting discovery, all the way through mediation, as well as trial preparation/trial. I was

not involved in any management position in this role, including management of trust accounts.
(b) Lanier & Burroughs, LLC, Orangeburg, SC. Non-equity member. February 2004 – Present. My areas of practice have always included personal injury litigation practice, including pretrial, trial preparation and trial, domestic litigation, criminal defense, workers compensation, as well as Social Security disability appeals and magistrate's Court civil and criminal litigation practice. Although I never managed the firm nor the trust accounts, I do oversee the trust account disbursements in cases that I personally handle.

Judge McCutchen reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected by the General Assembly to the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat Sixteen position; however as of the date of this application, I have not been sworn in and assumed the role of Circuit Court Judge as my term does not begin until January 2, 2025 and the unexpired term I am filling will expire June 30, 2025.

Judge McCutchen reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McCutchen's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge McCutchen to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Good experience (not as much criminal side), highly relational and likeable, compassionate, great disposition – would make a great Circuit Court Judge."

Judge McCutchen is married to Tara Lovelace McCutchen. He has two children.

Judge McCutchen reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Orangeburg County Bar Association, Treasurer 2008-April 2024
(c) First Judicial Circuit Fee Dispute Resolutions Board
(d) South Carolina Association of Justice, member

Judge McCutchen provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Orangeburg County Community of Character, Board of Directors, 2014 – April 2024

(b) 2018 Lawyer of the Year, as voted on by readers of the Times & Democrat Newspaper
(c) City of Orangeburg Dixie Youth Baseball Coach, 2012-2020

Judge McCutchen further reported:

I was born and raised in a small community a few miles north of Kingstree, South Carolina. Growing up, my parents and grandparents taught me the importance of diligence and hard work. More importantly, they taught me how to be a person of good character, which includes how to treat people. I never once witnessed my parents mistreat another human being, not so much as to raise their voice at them. The opposite was more true: my parents would inconvenience themselves and go out of their way to help their peers and their community, indiscriminately. At age twelve, my father passed away, and I watched my mother work tirelessly to ensure our needs were met. Growing up, I held every job a teenager in rural Williamsburg County could possibly have: from country store clerk to farming or working the tobacco and gladiola fields, I did it all. I consider myself fortunate to have met so many people from various walks of life at such a young age. It keeps me grounded to this day. I have walked many miles in many different persons' shoes, and I believe this is extremely important when one day I may be asked to adjudicate matters involving those same people.

My humble beginnings in life have stayed with me throughout my career, and I believe that is partially what has prepared me to be a Judge. I pray that as long as I am fortunate enough to wear a black robe, I will be no different of a man then as I am today. No person is bigger than the system in which they operate, including the law. I have realized over my twenty years of practice that any case I have handled, although all important regardless of size and type, is the most important case to 1

person: the client that hired you. When an individual places that much trust in another individual, it is a very humbling experience. It is even more humbling to fathom that one day I will preside over matters where there are two sides having their most important, and sometimes only experience, within the judicial system. That is a responsibility that I do not, and will not take lightly. Having to preside and render judgment over an individual's life or livelihood is a sobering, serious responsibility, and that is a responsibility that I will gladly and humbly assume.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted the excellent reputation Judge McCutcheon enjoys as a member of the Bar, as reflected in specific feedback from his colleagues about his temperament and intellect.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McCutchen qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, At Large, Seat 16.

FAMILY COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Anne Guè Jones
Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jones meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Jones was born in 1965. She is 59 years old and a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Judge Jones provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1990.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jones.

Judge Jones demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Jones reported that she has made less than $40 in campaign expenditures for postage and copying costs.

Judge Jones testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jones testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jones to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jones reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Lectured on "Judicial Pet Peeves on Order Drafting", SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 3, 2010
(b) Lectured on "Motions for Reconsideration Under Rule 59(e)", SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 2, 2011
(c) Lectured at Orientation School for Family Court Judges each year from 2011 through 2020 on the topics of custody, contempt and evidence
(d) Lectured on "Updates in Family Court", SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE on December 5, 2014
(e) Lectured at SC Bar 2016 Annual Guardian ad Litem Training and Update on January 29, 2016
(f) Course planner and moderator for the SC Bar Family Law Bench/Bar JCLE in December each year for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018

(g) Speaker at Orangeburg Community Education Forum, "Envisioning the Future of Education in Orangeburg County", February 7, 2019

Judge Jones reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Jones did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jones did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jones has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jones was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jones reported that she is unable to locate her last rating by any legal rating organization.

Judge Jones reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Jones reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jones appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jones appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jones was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1990.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Staff Attorney, South Carolina Supreme Court, August 1990-June 1991. Responsibilities included researching and preparing memorandum opinions for the Court in the areas of criminal law, domestic law, civil law and appellate practice.
(b) Partner, Bryant, Fanning & Shuler, Orangeburg, South Carolina, July 1991-June 2001. Primary responsibilities included handling all domestic cases for the firm including divorce, separate maintenance, custody, visitation, child support, adoptions, DSS appointed cases and all other types of cases heard in Family Court. I also served as guardian ad litem in numerous private custody cases. Other responsibilities included handling personal injury cases, some insurance defense cases, conducting title searches and real estate closings, preparing wills, probating wills and writing appellate briefs. Ninety percent of my work in the last five years was in the area of domestic and family law. Administrative management responsibilities included supervising my personal assistant. Financial management responsibilities included managing my clients' funds placed in the firm trust account.
(c) Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, July 2001-present.

Judge Jones reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
I have held judicial office as Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, July 2001-present, elected February 2001. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships. The unified statewide Family Court system was established by statute in 1976. Pursuant to this provision, the Family Court is the sole forum for the hearing of all cases concerning marriage, divorce, separate maintenance, custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, adoption, alimony, child support, division of marital assets and debts and change of name. South Carolina Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over any actions concerning children living within its jurisdiction as outlined in SC Code Annotated Section 63-3-530. This includes exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen alleged to have violated state or municipal laws.

Judge Jones provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Ryan Campbell Dennis v. Holly Camille Yates, issued on December 19, 2006, in Richland County Family Court, Case No. 2005-DR-40-4139, reversed as Doe v. Roe, 379 S.C. 291, 665 S.E.2d 182 (Ct. App. 2008), reversed as Doe v. Roe, 386 S.C. 624, 690 S.E.2d 573 (2010). This was a termination of parental rights case in which I ordered that Father's parental rights be terminated. The Court of Appeals reversed my decision, finding that termination of Father's parental rights was premature and was, therefore, not in the child's best interest. The Supreme Court reversed the Court of Appeals, affirming the Family Court decision that terminating Father's parental rights was in the best interest of the child.

(b) Melissa Leaphart Hagood v. James Buckner Hagood and Melody "Suzie" Hagood Sharpe, issued on July 5, 2016, in Richland County Family Court, Case No. 2014-DR-40-1541, affirmed as Hagood v. Hagood and Sharpe, 2018-UP-471 (Ct. App. 2018). This divorce case involved a substantial dispute over custody between biological parents and a third party relative. I found the biological parents unfit to parent and awarded custody to the third party relative. The Court of Appeals, in an unpublished opinion, affirmed the award of custody to a third party relative.

(c) Mitchell Goldman v. Jane Goldman, issued on April 16, 2018, in Dorchester County Family Court, Case No. 2016-DR-18-1859, affirmed as Goldman v. Goldman, 2021-UP-014 (Ct. App. 2021). This was a termination/reduction in alimony case where I ordered a reduction in Husband's alimony payments to Wife but did not terminate his alimony payments completely. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision, in an unpublished opinion, regarding the award of attorney's fees to Wife, the denial of a retroactive alimony reduction to Husband, and the decision not to completely terminate or further reduce Husband's alimony obligation.

(d) State of South Carolina v. Kemondre Glover, issued on May 3, 2022, in Orangeburg County Family Court, Case No. 2021-JU-38-126, 127, 128, 129 & 130. This is a Final Order in which I waived jurisdiction of a juvenile to General Sessions Court after review of the factors established by Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. 541 (1966). The juvenile in

this case fired a gun into a crowd of students as school was being released, severely injuring three students.

(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Donna Bolin and Maurice Evans, Order on Rule to Show Cause, issued on November 17, 2023, in Orangeburg County Family Court, Case No. 2023-DR-38-548. I issued this Order as a result of a Sua Sponte Rule to Show Cause issued against Orangeburg County Department of Social Services for failing to comply with an Order to conduct expedited paternity testing. The Orangeburg County Department of Social Services was found in contempt of court and ordered to pay a fine to the Orangeburg Clerk of Court, which fine could be suspended upon the filing of the paternity test results by a specified date.

Judge Jones reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jones's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Jones to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Excellent candidate—smart, fair, motivated and caring. Willing to make the tough calls."

Judge Jones is not married. She has three children.

Judge Jones reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association

(b) SC Conference of Family Court Judges - Secretary/Treasurer 2012; Vice President 2013; President 2014; Family Court Judges' Advisory Committee Member 2012-2014.

(c) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association

(d) Orangeburg County Bar Association

Judge Jones provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Commission on Judicial Conduct, Member of Panel No. 4.

(b) Recipient of the 2024 Buchan, Brown, Jacobs Award, April 2024, given by the SC Conference of Family Court Judges to a Family Court Judge who demonstrates the characteristics of integrity, professionalism, skill, compassion, spirit, optimism and courage.

(c) Safe Babies Court Judge, Orangeburg County. In late 2021, I was contacted by national and state representatives of the Zero to Three National Infant Toddler Court Program about my interest in serving as the Judge for Safe Babies Court in Orangeburg County. The SC Infant Mental Health Association received a grant from the SC Department of Rural Health to begin this pilot court in Orangeburg County. As the originating Judge for Safe Babies Court in Orangeburg, I worked with our community stakeholders and representatives from the National Resource Center in July 2022 to develop the case map plan for various types of abuse and neglect cases in Orangeburg that would meet the criteria for Safe Babies Court. Additionally, I attended the National Zero to Three Annual Cross Sites Meeting on Safe Babies Court in Dallas in August 2024. I participated in a day-long convention with other Safe Babies Court Judges from across the country, as well as two days of education in the Safe Babies approach.

(d) I was the originating Judge for the Juvenile Drug Court Program in Orangeburg and Calhoun County in 2005. I have continuously served as the Judge for this program up to the present time.

(e) Co-Chairman of the Orangeburg Court Security Committee since May 2019. We conduct a yearly review of the Orangeburg County Court Security Plan for all Courts operating in Orangeburg County.

(f) South Conference of Family Court Judges Training Judge for newly elected Family Court Judges: new judges sit with me for one of three training weeks before holding Court on their own.

(g) Annual participating Judge in the Judicial Observation and Experience Program hosting two to three law students in Court with me for two weeks each summer
(h) Junior Service League of Orangeburg, Sustaining Member
(i)Orangeburg Calhoun Free Medical Clinic, Correspondence Secretary
(j)First Baptist Church, Lord's Supper Committee
(k) South Carolina Family Law Inn of Court, member and regional leader
(l)South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society, member and Judicial Advisory Board

Judge Jones further reported:
I was raised in Orangeburg by parents who instilled in me a commitment to family, church and community, a strong work ethic, integrity and humility. I was married for 27 years and have been a working mother for 29 years. I have experienced the loss of a spouse to cancer and being a single parent. My own life experiences make me acutely aware that every person I encounter as a Family Court Judge brings with them their unique personal circumstances. My effectiveness as a Family Court Judge directly depends on my ability to approach all people in the courtroom with a calm, compassionate, respectful and patient temperament. I realize that my daily decisions as a Family Court Judge have life consequences for the participants and their children. I believe it is critically important that all litigants leave Family Court confident that their cases were heard patiently and decided fairly, according to the law. I will continue to strive to uphold this personal standard during my service on the Family Court bench. I have had the privilege to serve as a Family Court Judge in Orangeburg for 23 years; it is a job I have "grown" into through the years. I am a believer that wisdom, in life and work, comes with age and experience. Despite that experience, I am still learning new things. In my capacity as a Judge for Safe Babies Court, I have had the opportunity to learn new and innovative approaches to the child welfare system in in South Carolina. Additionally, I am encouraged by the Family Court Bench's collaborative efforts to develop new approaches to our work. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as a Family Court Judge, and I hope to continue this service to my community and state.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Jones is well-suited to the Family Court bench in her ability, temperament, and the care she devotes to discharging her judicial duties. They expressed admiration for Judge Jones's efforts to improve the judicial environment for juveniles in the First Judicial Circuit and recognized her commitment to the Family Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jones qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Shannon M. Chandler
Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Chandler meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial services a Family Court judge.

Ms. Chandler was born in 1971. She is 53 years old and a resident of Graniteville, South Carolina. Ms. Chandler provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1999.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Chandler.

Ms. Chandler demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex-parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Chandler reported that she has made $90 in campaign expenditures for postage for letters of introduction to legislatures.

Ms. Chandler testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Chandler testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Chandler to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Chandler reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I taught Family Law and Worker's Compensation Law at South University.
(b) I taught Family Law at Midland's Technical College.
(c) I presented on the subject of how to handle child support liens at a Worker's Compensation CLE.
(d) I presented on the topic of "Representing Incarcerated Parents" at an Office of Indigent Defense CLE on June 3, 2022.

Ms. Chandler reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Chandler did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission noted that the state tax liens for individual income taxes filed against Ms. Chandler in 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013,

2014, 2018, 2023, and 2024 have been satisfied. The Commission also noted that the federal tax liens for small business/self-employment taxes filed against Ms. Chandler in 2011, 2013, and 2016 have been satisfied. The Commission further noted that the state tax lien for business withholding taxes filed against Ms. Chandler in 2024 has been satisfied and was the result of Ms. Chandler's payroll company inputting the incorrect EIN for Ms. Chandler's business. This error is acknowledged by a letter from Ms. Chandler's payroll company.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Chandler was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Chandler reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Chandler reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Chandler reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Chandler appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.
(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Chandler appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Chandler was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Richland County Public Defender's Office – Screener (February 1999-November 1999): I screened inmates at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center to determine if they qualified to be represented by the Richland County Public Defender's Office.

(b) Richland County Public Defender's Office – Assistant Public Defender (November 1999- January 2002): I

represented juvenile offenders in Family Court. I was lead attorney in the Family Court division of the office for over a year. No involvement with financial management or trust accounts.

(c) Dessausure Law Firm – Associate (January 2002-April 2003): I represented clients in domestic, civil and criminal cases. No involvement with the administration of the office. No involvement with financial management or trust accounts at the firm.

(d) South University – Instructor (January 2003-September 2003): I provided college level instruction to students in the subjects of Family Law/Domestic Relations, Wills, Trusts and Estates and Workers' Compensation.

(e) Midlands Technical College – Instructor (August 2004-May 2005): I provided college level instruction to students taking Family Law/Domestic Relations courses.

(f) Law Office of Shannon D. Matthews – Attorney/Solo Practitioner (April 2003-Present): My practice includes all aspects of domestic litigation (including juvenile criminal cases), some civil litigation (personal injury cases) and some criminal cases (primarily domestic violence cases in Circuit, City and Magistrate's courts). Over the past twenty (20) years, in Family Court, I have handled several juvenile cases, several divorces, several custody cases and I have been appointed to act as guardian ad litem in numerous cases. I have handled a few pleas in General Sessions. I have filed many actions with the Court of Common Pleas; most of the cases settled, but I have tried a couple of cases in the Court of Common Pleas. I have also tried several criminal domestic violence cases in Magistrate's Court and City Court over the years. I have two (2) employees (one who is a paralegal/office manager), but I handle the administrative duties in office (i.e. paying bills, hiring, etc.). I am solely responsible for the business and trust accounts associated with the Law Office of Shannon D. Matthews.

(g) Matthews Law Firm – Attorney/Solo (May 2003-2005): I was the sole attorney filing suits for a collection company. I filed actions in Magistrate's Court and the Court of Common Pleas in attempts to collect debt (primary credit card debt). I was responsible for the trust accounts associated with the office.

(h) South Carolina Department of Social Services – Contract Attorney (July 2015-July 2017). I represented the South Carolina Department of Social Services in Abuse and Neglect cases. As a contract attorney, I did not have access to business or trust accounts.
(i)Office of Indigent Defense – Contract Attorney (July 2017-Present). I represent indigent clients in abuse and neglect cases. I do not have access to business or trust accounts.

Ms. Chandler further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:
Divorce and equitable division of property – I have represented clients in numerous divorce actions, from simple divorces, to more complicated matters that involve custody issues, alimony and division of property. More often than not, equitable distribution of marital assets was an issue that had to be addressed in the divorce actions that I handled (and still handle). I have been a certified Family Court mediator for several years now, so I have assisted numerous litigants with resolving disputes regarding equitable distribution.

Child Custody – I have represented litigants in numerous custody cases over the years. I actually have several custody cases currently pending. I have acted as guardian ad litem for minor children in countless custody cases. I also often address the issue of custody in mediation.

Adoption – I have handled a few adoption cases over the course of my career. I have handled, at least, one DSS adoption case and two (2) private adoption case. I have acted as the guardian ad litem in several adoption cases.

Abuse and neglect cases – I prosecuted abuse and neglect cases as a contract attorney for SCDSS for a couple of years. I have represented indigent litigants in abuse and neglect cases, on a regular basis, since 2017. I have appeared in court weekly with abuse and neglect clients for the past seven (7) years. I have handled countless abuse and neglect cases with varying fact patterns.

Juvenile Justice – I started my career as an attorney representing juveniles in Family Court. For almost three (3) years, I appeared in court

weekly with juvenile clients. I have not had many juvenile justice cases in the past ten (10) years.

I have appeared before Family Court judges weekly for the past five (5) years.

Ms. Chandler reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: N/A.
(b) State: Weekly, two (2) to five (5) times per week.

Ms. Chandler reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 8%;
(b) Criminal: 2%;
(c) Domestic: 90%;
(d) Other: N/A.

Ms. Chandler reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Six (6) to eight (8) private domestic actions. Numerous abuse and neglect cases.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 1.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0.

Ms. Chandler provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Chandler's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) SCDSS v. Andrew Martin., et. al, 2021-DR-32-01634X. I represented Defendant-Father, who was accused of emotionally abusing his minor children. The SC Department of Social Service ("Department"), administratively, made a finding that Mr. Martin emotionally abused his children. We appealed the finding,

which led to the matter being heard before the Family Court (as a merits hearing). The Department offered my client treatment plan and an opportunity to agree to the finding. He declined both offers. At trial, after the Department rested its case, I made a motion for the Court to dismiss the case pursuant to SC Rules of Civil Procedure, 41(b). The Court granted the motion and the Court dismissed the matter. The ruling was pivotal for my client because he was involved in a custody case at the time. The finding would have had negative implications for him in the custody case.

(b) Derrick Brown v. Amy Handel, 2020-DR-40-0164. I represented Plaintiff-Father, Derrick Brown regarding a matter filed in family court, wherein he was seeking custody of his minor child. The parties were never married; however, they had one child together. Defendant-Mother, Amy Handel, had been the minor child's primary custodian since his birth. At the time that I filed the action, the minor child was ten (10) years old; he was twelve (12) years old at the time of the final hearing in May 2023. The case was contentious and prolonged by the changes in the court scheduling system because of COVID. Defendant-Mother had two (2) attorneys while the case was pending; however, by the time that we went to trial, Defendant-Mother was a pro se litigant. Defendant-Mother refused all of Plaintiff-Father's settlement proposals, all of which designated Plaintiff-Father as the primary custodian, but offered Defendant-Mother a generous parenting time schedule. We were scheduled for a three (3) day trial. The trial lasted two (2) days. At the conclusion of the trial, the Court granted Plaintiff-Father custody and granted Defendant-Mother a visitation schedule that is less than the standard visitation schedule. The Court also ordered Defendant-Mother to pay $20,000.00 towards Plaintiff-Father's attorney's fees. The case is significant because male litigants seeking custody of children do not prevail as often as female litigants seeking custody of children.

(c) DeHart v. Fenderson, 2015-DR-23-903. I represented maternal great-grandparents, Sharon and Jim Dehart in a custody case involving their great-grandson. The case was filed in Greenville, SC by the minor child's father and the DeHarts were the defendants. The DeHarts lived in

Colorado when the case commenced, and they moved to North Carolina a few months before the case went to trial. After a three (3) day trial with numerous witnesses, the Court took the case under advisement. Ultimately, the Court granted my clients custody of the minor child. The case was significant because, considering the deference given to the custodial rights of parents, it can be difficult for grandparents to prevail in custody cases against parents.

(d) Wise v. Wise, 2014-DR-40-2135. I represented the Defendant-Father in the aforementioned case. I had represented the Defendant-Father in the parties' divorce action, wherein he was the plaintiff, a few years prior. Per the parties Final Divorce Decree, they shared custody of the minor children, by exchanging the children every week (Father paid child support to Mother because his income was significantly more). Plaintiff-Mother filed this action, post-divorce, seeking primary custody of the minor children. Defendant-Father was willing to continue with the shared custody arrangement, but over the course of litigation, determined that it was in the best interests of the parties' three (3) children to reside with him. Litigation was contentious the entire time that the case was pending. After a two (2) day trial, the Court granted custody of the children to my client, Defendant-Father. The case was significant because of the facts (Plaintiff- Mother, per our witnesses that testified during trial, maintained several romantic relationships with men and women, while being married to her second (2nd) husband and she exposed the children to the paramours) and because it helped to debunk the perception that men cannot prevail in custody cases.

(e) State v. Rakeem Jackson, 2014-JU-02-106; 2014-JU-02-107; 2014-JU-02-108. I represented Rakeem Jackson, a juvenile (at the time), charged with armed robbery, possession of a firearm during a violent Crime and Kidnapping (family court). I advised my client to accept the State's plea offer, as it would insure that he spent significantly less time at the Department of Social Service, than if he proceeded with a trial and was found guilty. My client declined the offer and I tried the case. My client was found "not guilty" on all counts and released from detention. The case is significant because the charges against my client

were very serious. The State's evidence was circumstantial, but compelling. Nevertheless, I was able to convince the Court that there was not enough evidence to convict my client.

Ms. Chandler reported she has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Ms. Chandler further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Yes. I was a candidate for Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 in the Spring of 2019. I withdrew my candidacy immediately after the public hearing.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Chandler's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Chandler to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of physical health, mental stability, and constitutional qualifications; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Impressed w/ her Family Ct. experience."

Ms. Chandler is married to Everett Keith Chandler. She does not have any children.

Ms. Chandler reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Aiken County Bar Association
(b) Lexington County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Black Lawyer's Association (SCBLA Annual Conference co-chairperson, 2023 & 2024; Assistant treasurer, 2024)
(d) Commission on Lawyer Conduct (member 2023-present)

Ms. Chandler provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Aiken Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Financial Secretary, Social Action Chairperson, Nominations Committee Chairperson, Protocol and Traditions Chairperson
(b) National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) – Life Member
(c) Aiken United Way – Board member 2022-2024

Ms. Chandler further reported:
The greatest influence on my perspective as a judge would be the experiences that I have had representing indigent clients at the Richland County Public Defender's Office and in abuse and neglect cases, as well as my experience representing the State (as a contract attorney for SCDSS) against those very same individuals. I have learned that regardless of our socioeconomic statuses, our genders, our race and/or our gender identities, we all deserve to be treated with respect in every situation. More importantly, I know from experience that people respond well when you recognize their humanity. As an attorney, one of my goals is to leave intact the dignity of all whom I encounter; my goal would be the same as a judge. Whether sentencing a juvenile defendant, giving rulings in Family Court cases or communicating with attorneys that appear before the Court, I would be a judge who always recognizes the humanity of those who appear before the Court and I would endeavor to leave each individual with his/her dignity intact.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Ms. Chandler on the endorsements provided in her letters of reference and appreciated her willingness to serve on the Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Chandler qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Amanda Frances Whittle
Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and

qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Whittle meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Ms. Whittle was born in 1971. She is 53 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Ms. Whittle provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Whittle.

Ms. Whittle demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Whittle reported that she has made $897.07 in campaign expenditures for postcards, paper, printing, postage, and name badges.

Ms. Whittle testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Whittle testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Whittle to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Whittle reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I made a presentation about the Foster Care Review Division, Guardian ad Litem Program, Continuum of Care and Investigations Unit for Orientation School for New Family Court Judges on May 16, 2024.

(b) I made a presentation a presentation about the Department of Children's Advocacy and children's legal issues at the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Spring meeting on April 19, 2024.

(c) I co-presented on the topic of a legislative update concerning statutes affecting children at the S.C. Bar Convention on January 20, 2024.

(d) I lectured for Professor Margaret Bodman's Children and the Law class at the University of South Carolina School of Law on the topic of Termination of Parental Rights on September 25, 2023.

(e) I made a presentation on the topics of a legislative update and panel discussion at the S.C. Bar Convention on January 22, 2023.

(f) I served as the organizer and moderator on the topic of "Human Trafficking: Legal and Substance Abuse Implications in Family Court" at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Services at the 39th Annual Judges and Attorneys Substance Abuse and Ethics Conference on December 2, 2022.

(g) I made a presentation on the topic of Safe Babies Courts at the Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners seminar on September 23, 2022.

(h) I provided a lecture at Aiken Technical College on the topic of Child Protection Hearings at the S.C. Bar's Law School for Non-Lawyers on September 20, 2022.

(i) I made a presentation about children's legal advocacy at the S.C. Bar Convention Children’s Law Section on January 22, 2022.

(j) I served as the organizer and moderator on the topic of "The Intersection of Adolescent Mental Health and Juvenile Justice" at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Department of Psychiatry and

Behavioral Services 38th Annual Judges and Attorneys Substance Abuse and Ethics Conference on December 3, 2021.
(k) I made a presentation about the statutory role of the Department of Children's Advocacy for the Family Court Judges' Conference on September 16, 2020.
(l) I made presentations on the topic of child testimony in Family Court at Children's Law Center CLEs on July 14, July 16, August 24 and August 26, 2020.
(m) I provided presentations about Family Court pre-hearing conferences at trainings on August 12, 2020 and August 19, 2020.
(n) I made a presentation for parents' attorneys at the Commission on Indigent Defense CLE on June 12, 2020.
(o) I made a presentation on the topic of preparing family preservation cases for court, staffing emergency matters, and other matters at the Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on September 20, 2018.
(p) I made a presentation on the topics of timely hearings and Title IV-E language in court orders at the Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on September 19, 2018
(q) I made a presentation on the topic of Safe Haven for Abandoned Infants Act (Daniel's Law) at the Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE which was held on September 19, 2018
(r) I presented on the subject of Title IVe compliance in concert with achieving permanence and improving outcomes for children at the DSS Paralegal Seminar CLE on August 28, 2018.
(s) I presented a training regarding chain of custody in drug cases, Jaidon's Law, Requests to Admit, and depositions de bene esse at the Special Topics in Child Protection Cases CLE on April 27, 2018.
(t) I made a presentation regarding how lawyers and case managers should staff and prioritize cases at Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on February 15, 2018

(u) I made a presentation regarding Title IV-E and the Legal Case Management System at Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on February 14, 2018.
(v) I made a presentation regarding Daniel's Law at Intensive Bootcamp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on February 14, 2018.
(w) I co-presented about proof and practice issues regarding DSS termination of parental rights actions to a class of law students at the University of South Carolina School of Law on January 29, 2018.
(x) I co-presented at a training for Children's Law Center court liaisons who observe and report information regarding abuse and neglect court actions throughout the state on January 5, 2018.
(y) I presented at the annual statewide South Carolina Solicitors' conference regarding DSS's role in addressing criminal conduct which included information about modification of bonds to allow parents to participate in treatment services with DSS while subject to criminal bond, court coordination protocol, law enforcement protocol, sharing of information and confidentiality, and victim witness assistance issues on September 26, 2017.
(z) I conducted presentations on September 15, 2017 in Greenville and on September 13, 2017 in Florence for the Fatherhood Initiative about what the DSS abuse and neglect process is, how court is involved, how fathers get notice of actions, and other matters related to non-custodial parents.
(aa) I provided training regarding docket management to avoid continuances, achieve permanence, and improve outcomes for children at the Paralegal Seminar on June 30, 2017.
(bb) I provided internal legal training to Out of Home Abuse and Neglect (OHAN) investigators regarding law applicable to OHAN investigations on April 24, 2017.
(cc) I presented training about Daniel's Law (The Save Haven for Abandoned Infants) and its statutory provisions to expedite permanence for abandoned

infants at DSS Attorney Boot Camp CLE on February 14, 2017.

(dd) I conducted four separate trainings throughout the state for Regional and Managing Attorneys to share information learned at the National Association of Conference for Children (NACC) conference regarding permanence for children in the Fall of 2016.

(ee) I provided training at the DSS Paralegal Seminar CLE on August 26, 2016.

(ff) I provided training on the subjects of Title IVe and confidentiality at the DSS Boot Camp for Lawyers CLE on February 10, 2016.

(gg) I provided training concerning the identification of cases involving Indian children and the application of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) and child welfare practice on November 20, 2015.

(hh) I provided training regarding the roles and responsibilities of a DSS attorney at the Identifying Representation Issues: Strategizing Solutions CLE on October 2, 2015.

(ii)I provided a presentation about the Legal Case Management System at the Best Legal Practices for Paralegals seminar on August 21, 2015.

(jj)I provided best practice training tips concerning Daniel's Law (Safe Haven for Abandoned Infants Act) and Jaidon's Law (regarding drug abuse). These training tips were professionally videoed on April 7 and 8, 2015 for statewide training use by SCDSS.

(kk) I provided statewide training on a monthly basis to attorneys and paralegals for use of the statewide Legal Case Management System (LCMS) as a practice and data tool to improve legal permanency for children and families from March of 2015 through May of 2019.

(ll)I made a presentation regarding the role and responsibilities of the agency attorney and working with other agencies at Intensive Boot Camp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on February 12, 2015.

(mm)I made a presentation on the topic of confidentiality and handling requests for agency records at Intensive Boot Camp Training for Child Welfare Attorneys CLE on February 12, 2015.

(nn) I provided presentations at the Paralegal Seminar CLE on August 22, 2014 and May 17, 2013.
(oo) I made a presentation regarding child sexual abuse cases at the Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Family Court CLE on May 31, 2013.
(pp) I provided training regarding trial preparation in child abuse and neglect cases and adult protective services cases at a Continuing Legal Education seminar in February of 2013.
(qq) I provided a presentation regarding DSS processes to members of multi-disciplinary teams (MDTs) across the state of South Carolina at the Multi-Disciplinary Training with the Children's Law Center in January of 2013.
(rr) I made a presentation to attorneys at the Program DSS Attorneys' Training CLE in May of 2012.
(ss) I provided training regarding child and adult protective services the Boot Camp Training for New DSS Attorneys CLE in January and February of 2012.
(tt) I provided training at the Court-Appointed Parents' Attorneys and DSS Attorneys in DSS actions CLE in April of 2011.
(uu) I provided a presentation regarding implementation of the Court Coordination Protocol at the South Carolina Mini Summit on Justice for Children in December of 2010.
(vv) I provided a paralegal training at the University of South Carolina Center for Child and Family Studies program in May of 2008.
(ww) I provided a presentation regarding implementation of the Court Coordination Protocol at the South Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Conference which was held on April 17 and 18, 2008.
(xx) I co-developed and implemented the Aiken County Court Coordination Protocol which included providing training for Family Court Judges, Magistrates, Solicitors, Public Defenders, private attorneys, and Circuit Court Judges between 2007 and 2011.

(yy) I provided ongoing training for Aiken DSS staff regarding legal and court processes including appropriate dress and demeanor in court, timeliness and accuracy of document preparation, and what to expect when testifying in court from 2007 through 2015.

(zz) I provided numerous after-hours, two-hour presentations to volunteer guardians ad litem regarding DSS procedure and applicable law from intake through termination of parental rights. Four training sessions were held in 2014. Trainings occurred at least once per year during an 11-year period between 2006 and 2015.

Ms. Whittle reported that she has published the following:

(a) South Carolina Adoption Law and Practice James Fletcher Thompson (SC Bar CLE 2023), Editorial Board.

(b) 2023 Annual Report (State Child Fatality Advisory Committee, 2024), Contributing Author.

(c) 2023 Annual Report (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy, 2024), Contributing Author.

(d) 2022 Annual Report (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy, 2023), Contributing Author.

(e) 2022 Annual Report (State Child Fatality Advisory Committee, 2023), Contributing Author.

(f) "Safe Babies Courts Launched in South Carolina Benefits Children, Families, and the Judicial Process" (S.C. Lawyer July 2022), Author.

(g) "Advocating for Permanency," (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy The Advocate newsletter June 2022), Author.

(h) "Advocacy for a State-Operated Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility," (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy The Advocate newsletter February 2022), Author.

(i) 2020-2021 Annual Report (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy, 2021), Contributing Author.

(j) 2019-2020 Annual Report (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy, 2020), Contributing Author.

(k) Bench-Bar Best Legal Practices in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases (University of South Carolina Children's Law Center 2018), Contributing Member.

(l) The Advocate newsletters (S.C. Dept. of Children's Advocacy 2020-2024), Contributing Author.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Whittle did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Whittle did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Whittle has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Whittle was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Whittle reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is Notable rating.

Ms. Whittle reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Whittle reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Whittle appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Whittle appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Whittle was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) November, 1995 to July, 2005
Johnson, Johnson, Whittle and Snelgrove, Attorneys, P.A., Aiken, South Carolina

I represented litigants primarily in Family Court including protection from domestic abuse, divorce, separate support and maintenance, custody, visitation, child support, adoption, correction of birth certificates, name changes, alimony, equitable distribution, attorney's fees, and abuse and neglect. I also handled Probate Court matters and real estate closings. I had signature authority for checks but did not manage trust accounts.

(b) July, 2005 to September, 2011:

Attorney II with Department of Social Services (DSS), Barnwell, South Carolina

I represented DSS in child abuse and neglect and Adult Protective Services (APS) matters. I did not have signature authority for checks and did not manage trust accounts.

(c) September, 2011 to July, 2015

Attorney III with Department of Social Services, Aiken, South Carolina

I represented DSS in child welfare and adult protective services cases. I served as the managing attorney for the Second Judicial Circuit. I did not have signature authority for checks and did not manage trust accounts.

(d) July, 2015 through June, 2019

Assistant General Counsel (Attorney IV) with Department of Social Services, Columbia, South Carolina

I represented DSS in Family Court proceedings and administrative matters, and I worked with other attorneys regarding civil litigation in state and federal courts. I did not have signature authority for checks and did not manage trust accounts.

(e) October, 2018 to June, 2019

South Carolina Children's Guardian Services, Aiken, South Carolina

I was co-owner and operator of a private training company. I co-created a program to offer initial and continuing training for lay guardians ad litem for children in private (non-DSS) family court matters. I discontinued my role in the business and the training when I was appointed to my current position in June of 2019. I did have signature authority for the checking account and did not manage a trust account.

(f) July, 2019 to Present

State Child Advocate and State Director of the South Carolina Department of Children’s Advocacy, Columbia, South Carolina

I continue to appear in court and be involved in family court matters in my role as the State Child Advocate and State Director of an independent state agency with 222 employees and approximately 1500 volunteers. The agency administers the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program, the Foster Care Review Division, S.C. Heart Gallery, S.C.

Continuum of Care, and System Improvement Division. I participate in staffings regarding children and youth concerning matters of abuse and neglect, juvenile justice involvement, mental illness, substance use, autism, intellectual disabilities, related disabilities, and human trafficking. I review and approve purchase orders and procurement card purchases. I do not have signature authority for checks and do not manage trust accounts.

Ms. Whittle further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

DIVORCE AND EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY – I have represented parties in divorces on fault and no-fault grounds. I have represented parties for which there was no property to be divided and for matters which included equitable division of significant property. This included requesting and/or attending temporary hearings, engaging in discovery, preparing witnesses for testimony, and creating exhibits for trial. I have assisted clients with preparing financial declarations and affidavits for temporary hearings and have tried cases in family court concerning divorce, child-related matters including custody, and equitable distribution. I have handled divorces that included (and did not include) child custody, visitation, child support, alimony, and attorney's fees.

One of the most significant cases I handled was a contested domestic matter regarding the parties' final divorce decree concerning equitable distribution. This was a significant matter because of the contested and complicated nature of the issues which included equitable distribution, transfer of assets, contempt, and attorney's fees. Another significant case I handled was an action for separate support and maintenance with no fault grounds, no children, few assets, no debt, and a lengthy marriage. I represented the Wife, and the primary point of contention involved canned fruit. Both sets of parties were equally upset with each other and with their situations, and I tried to bring a sense of calm to my clients.

CHILD CUSTODY – I have represented parties concerning child custody in private matters and in DSS actions, and I have received and responded to complaints related to this issue in my current role. I have experience regarding the different factors to be considered in a private custody case (parental fitness and best interests) as compared with a public custody case (abuse and neglect and best interests). I have also served as guardian ad litem in child custody matters. One of the most significant child custody cases I handled spanned more than four years

during which the custodial parent fled the state and then fled the country with the parties' child. I successfully argued for a transfer of custody to my client to trigger the application of the Parental Kidnapping Protection Act and involvement of the State Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. With a great deal of coordination, we located the child, who was returned to the United States and to my client. In another matter, I represented a legal, but not biological, father in seeking custody when the mother did not return the child after a visit then immediately filed a custody and child support action in another state. Although the child had lived in South Carolina her whole life, neither parent had an order of custody establishing South Carolina as the home state prior to the out-of-state action being filed. I effectively represented my client, and he was awarded custody.

ADOPTION - While in private practice, I represented adoptive parents and advised biological parents about consent and relinquishments for adoption. I served as a guardian ad litem for children in private adoption proceedings and represented the Department of Social Services in public adoption actions. One of the most significant adoptions I handled occurred while I was an attorney for the Department of Social Services. The case went to the Court of Appeals in 2013 and resulted in Unpublished Opinion No. 2013-UP-368. This was significant based on the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act, including the burden of proof of beyond a reasonable doubt required for termination of parental rights as opposed to the burden of proof of clear and convincing evidence for non-ICWA termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings. While working as an Assistant General Counsel, I represented DSS in approximately 100 adoptions. Since being in my current role, I have responded to complaints from parties with adoption-related issues. I also served on the editorial board and provided written recommendations to Attorney James Fletcher Thompson for his book South Carolina Adoption Law and Practice which was published in 2023.

ABUSE AND NEGLECT - I am certified as a Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS) through the National Association of Counsel of Children and recognized by the South Carolina Bar. I have represented defendant parents, guardians ad litem, and the Department of Social Services in abuse and neglect actions. I handled Adult Protective Services (APS) and Child Protective Services (CPS) matters including family preservation and foster care cases at probable cause, merits, judicial review, termination of parental rights, and appellate hearings

including oral argument before the South Carolina Supreme Court. I served as the Interim Internal Monitor for the Michelle H. federal class action lawsuit concerning child welfare reform, and I have attended state and national trainings including the National Judicial Leadership Summit on Child Welfare in 2019. One of the most significant child abuse and neglect matters I handled concerned preparing a young child to testify about sexual abuse. I was able to successfully argue a South Carolina Code of Laws Section 19-1-180 motion to have the child's out-of-court statements admitted into evidence and to avoid having the child testify about sexual abuse during the Family Court merits hearing. I continue to be regularly contacted to appear in court or otherwise assist in Family Court matters concerning abuse and neglect.

JUVENILE JUSTICE - I partnered with the Departments of Mental Health, Juvenile Justice, and Health and Human Services to advocate for funding from the General Assembly to create a state-operated psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF) for seriously mentally ill justice-involved youth to address the statutory requirements of S.C. Code of Laws Section 63-19-1450(A). I have been involved with discussions among the Departments of Disabilities and Special Needs, Juvenile Justice, Health and Human Services, Mental Health, and Social Services to address intellectually disabled, justice-involved youth as outlined in statute. I have handled cases concerning youth who were involved with juvenile justice. I was appointed to the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (GJJAC) by Governor Henry McMaster in 2021, served as chairperson of the System Improvement Subcommittee for approximately two years, and attended the Coalition for Juvenile Justice conference in May of 2022. I co-created and implemented the The Juvenile Court Program which included court observation in Richland, Aiken, and York counties. I have visited with youth and staff at all of the facilities operated by the Department of Juvenile Justice including the evaluation centers, detention center, and Broad River Road Campus (BRRC). I am regularly contacted to appear in court or otherwise assist in Family Court juvenile justice matters.

The frequency of my appearances before a Family Court judge was at its height between 2005 and 2015 when I handled approximately 25 hearings weekly. My approximate frequency before a Family Court Judge has been on a monthly basis within the past five years in addition to reviewing pleadings and court orders regarding hearings I have not attended.

Ms. Whittle reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: Minimal

I have attended federal court twice as an observer for Michelle H. hearings in the past five years and attended and/or participated in mediation in my role as Interim Internal Monitor and litigation liaison for the Department of Social Services approximately 4 times per year beginning in November of 2015 and through May of 2019;
(b) State: Weekly or monthly

In the past five years, the frequency of my court appearances has varied between weekly and monthly for the Juvenile Court Program, Guardian ad Litem Program, when requested by a Family Court Judge, and when responding to a complaint. Between 1995 until 2015, the frequency of my court appearances was weekly, and I handled approximately twenty-five hearings each week from approximately 2005 until 2015. From 2015 until 2019, the frequency of my court appearances was several times each month as I handled adoption finalizations and complex litigation.

Ms. Whittle reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 65%;
(d) Other: 30%.

Ms. Whittle reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: Jury: 0%; Non-jury: 100%.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Not applicable.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: Not applicable.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: Not applicable.

Ms. Whittle provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Whittle's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Helton v. Helton, Aiken County Family Court.

1994-DR-02-1684 / JR#81,490

I represented the husband in a portion of a contested domestic matter. My representation dealt with contempt actions regarding the parties' court-ordered equitable distribution. This was a significant matter because of the contested and complicated nature of the issues which included equitable distribution, transfer of assets, contempt, laches, unclean hands, and attorneys' fees.

(b) Holt v. Wagner, Aiken County Family Court.

1993-DR-02-63

I represented the father in a contested child custody matter which was significant, because the mother was the custodial parent and fled the state, then fled the country, with the parties' child. I successfully argued the application of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) when the child was taken to another state, and I successfully argued for a transfer of custody to trigger the application of the Parental Kidnapping Protection Act (PKPA) and involvement of the State Department and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. With a great deal of coordination, the child was located, and we worked with the other country to have the child returned home to his father.

(c) Hatcher v. Moore, Aiken County Family Court and Court of Appeals.

2004-UP-332 Filed May 17, 2004

I represented the mother in this termination of parental rights action brought by the minor child's paternal grandparents. We were successful in family court, and the paternal grandparents appealed. The appellate court cited Santosky v. Kramer, 455 U.S. 745 (1982) in affirming the family court order which denied the termination of my client's rights. This was a significant case for me, because I handled it as a relatively young lawyer, and a seasoned lawyer represented the plaintiffs. This matter was significant, because, although the appellants' best interest argument was compelling, they were not able to meet their burden of proof regarding the grounds for termination of parental rights.

(d) S.C. Dept. of Social Services v. Lauren M., et.al., Aiken County Family Court and Court of Appeals.

2013-UP-367 Filed September 30, 2013

I represented the Department of Social Services in this contested termination of parental rights and adoption matter that involved child abuse and neglect and the Indian Child Welfare Act. The case went to the Court of Appeals in 2013 and resulted in an Unpublished Opinion No. 2013-UP-368 and was significant based on the application of the Indian Child Welfare Act, including the burden of proof of beyond a reasonable doubt required for termination of parental rights as opposed to the burden of proof of clear and convincing evidence for non-ICWA termination of parental rights and adoption proceedings.

(e) S.C. Dept. of Social Services v. D.T., et.al, Aiken County Family Court

confidential case, unreported

I represented the Department of Social Services in this legal proceeding which concerned sexual abuse allegations and the potential testimony of a young child. I was able to successfully call witnesses and argue a South Carolina Code of Laws Section 19-1-180 motion to have the child's out-of-court statements admitted into evidence and to avoid having the child testify about sexual abuse during the Family Court merits hearing.

The following is Ms. Whittle's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) Hatcher v. Moore

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Appeal from Aiken County Family Court
Filed May 17, 2004
2004-UP-332

(b) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Kelley S., et.al.

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Appeal from Barnwell County Family Court
Filed August 19, 2009
No. 2009-UP-404

(c) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Tyesha H., et.al.

South Carolina Court of Appeals
Appeal from Allendale County Family Court
Filed August 29, 2011
2011-UP-408

(d) Ex Parte: Wells In Re: S.C. Dept. of Social Services v. Mother and Father

South Carolina Supreme Court

Appeal from Aiken County Family Court
Filed March 7, 2012
2012-MO-002

(e) S.C. Dept. of Social Services v. Shawna O., et.al.
South Carolina Supreme Court on *writ of certiorari*
Appeal from Aiken County Family Court
Filed July 11, 2012
2012-MO-027

Ms. Whittle reported she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Whittle's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Whittle to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Excellent candidate particularly with all the issues in Family Court now. Very compassionate with the juveniles."

Ms. Whittle is married to James Edward Whittle, Jr. She has three children.

Ms. Whittle reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Aiken County Bar Association
-Secretary, late 1990s or early 2000s
(b) American Bar Association
(c) National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC)
-Child Welfare Law Specialist, 2018- present
(d) South Carolina Bar Association
-Child Welfare Law Specialist certification, 2018 to present
-Chair of Children's Law Committee, July 2023 to present
(e) United States Ombudsman Association

-Children and Families Chapter
-Healthcare Chapter

(f) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
(g) South Carolina Family Law American Inn of Court

Ms. Whittle provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations, and was recognized with the following awards:

(a) Aiken First Baptist Church – currently serving as children's prayer partner, Bylaws Committee, and Bereavement Committee; formerly served as Deacon, Vice-Chair of Deacons, Transition Team Chairman, nursery and toddler room volunteer, Baptism Committee, Nominating Committee, church league basketball coordinator, Mission Friends leader, and Children's Sunday School teacher (Member, 2007 to present)
(b) 988 State Advisory Board
(c) Children's Justice Act Task Force
(d) Children's Law Center Bench-Bar Committee
(e) Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council (State Advisory Group member; Chair of the System Improvement committee from 2021-2023)
(f) Human Trafficking Task Force
(g) Joint Counsel for Children and Adolescents (Member, 2019 – present; Chair 2020)
(h) Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, ex officio member (2023–present)
(i) KinCarolina Advisory Council
(j) Master Plan Advisory Committee
(k) Medical Care Advisory Committee
(l) Safe Babies Court Advisory Committee
(m) South Carolina Behavioral Health Coalition
(n) State Child Fatality Advisory Committee (Member, 2019-present; Chair 2022-2024)
(o) State Crisis Intervention Advisory Board
(p) Suicide Prevention Coalition

Professional honors, awards or other forms of recognition not listed elsewhere:

(q) Keynote speaker, Aiken United Way, Women United Gala (2024)
(r) Speaker, Fostering the Family (April 2023 and April 2024)
(s) Speaker, Bible Way Church (2022)
(t) Commencement speaker, University of South Carolina-Aiken (December 2019)
(u) Guest speaker, Aiken Woman's Club (2019)
(v) Employee of the Month, S.C. Dept. of Social Services (2018)
(w) Keith Frazier Team Award, S.C. Dept. of Social Services (2017)
(x) "A Hero for Children Individual Award," S.C. Dept. of Social Services (2013)
(y) "Together Forever for Kids" Team Awards, S.C. Dept. of Social Services (2013)
(z) Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Children of South Carolina, Dept. of Social Services Managed Treatment Services (2001)

Ms. Whittle further reported:
People come to Family Court at some of the most difficult times in their lives. My life experiences have taught me to not only be compassionate, kind, and patient but also to be clear and decisive in difficult moments. I respect and honor the legal system, and, from starting law school at the age of age twenty to completing a graduate program at the age of fifty-two, I have worked hard to contribute to the legal system and to remain professionally competent.

I am grateful for a diverse legal career in the area of family law, and I believe my education and experiences, both personal and professional, have allowed me to develop a unique perspective and appropriate temperament to serve as a Family Court Judge. It is an extraordinary honor to be considered for this role.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. Whittle has a wide breadth of knowledge about family court issues and a true passion for juveniles. They remarked that her experience and positive feedback from her peers make her an excellent candidate for Family Court Judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Whittle qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Angela W. Abstance
Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Abstance meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Abstance was born in 1975. She is 49 years old and a resident of Denmark, South Carolina. Judge Abstance provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Abstance.

Judge Abstance demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Abstance reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Abstance testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Abstance testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Abstance to be intelligent and knowledgeable.
Judge Abstance reported that she has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Judge Abstance reported that she has published the following:
"Are Employer Credit Checks on the Way Out?" (South Carolina Lawyer, November, 2013)

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Abstance did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Abstance did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Abstance has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Abstance was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Abstance reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Abstance reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Abstance reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Abstance appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Abstance appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:

Judge Abstance was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.
She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) The Moore Firm, LLC, 2001-2008.

Upon graduation from law school, I worked as an associate attorney at The Moore Firm, LLC in Barnwell, South Carolina. During this time, I practiced in the areas of family law (including cases involving divorce, custody, visitation, equitable distribution, adoptions, domesticating foreign adoptions, and defending parents in SCDSS abuse and neglect cases, representing the volunteer GAL program in DSS cases), civil litigation, personal injury, probate, real estate, and post-conviction relief cases, as well as Social Security disability cases. I also drafted wills. I practiced in state and federal court and participated in civil appeals, including writing appellate briefs. At that time, I was not involved in the financial management of the firm. My work involved extensive client contact, legal writing, court appearances, representation in depositions, and interaction with other attorneys and judges.

(b) South Carolina Department of Social Services staff attorney, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, 2008-2011.

In this position, I was the sole attorney responsible for handling abuse and neglect cases for the Department of Social Services in Colleton, Hampton, and Allendale Counties. In that capacity, I was usually in court at least three weeks per month. I regularly tried contested cases involving issues of abuse and neglect, including physical and sexual abuse cases in which entry of Defendants on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect was at issue. I was responsible for managing the docket, scheduling cases to be heard in a timely manner, presenting and trying cases in court, supervising the paralegals who assisted in the legal department, ensuring correct data was entered into the case management system, and interacting with attorneys and caseworkers.

(c) Abstance Law Firm, LLC, 2014-2018

I operated a solo law practice in my hometown of Barnwell, South Carolina, and I was solely responsible for the administrative and financial management of my practice, including the trust account. I supervised a part-time administrative assistant. I was a certified Family Court Mediator. I was also a 608 contract attorney with the Office of Indigent Defense and appeared regularly in court representing parents in abuse and neglect cases in the Second and Fourteenth Circuits. I handled private cases in Family Court and regularly served as a guardian ad litem. I handled guardianship/conservatorship actions in Probate Court, and

served as guardian ad litem for minors or unknown heirs in Probate Court when needed. I regularly interacted with clients, attorneys, judges, guardians and litem, and Family Court and Probate Court personnel. I also drafted Wills and Deeds for clients. I handled a small percentage of personal injury cases.

(d) Family Court Judge 2018 to present.

I have had the privilege of serving as Family Court Judge in the Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, since 2018.

Judge Abstance reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

I have served as Family Court Judge for the Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 since July of 2018. The Family Court has jurisdiction as set forth in South Carolina Code section 63-3-510 through 63-3-530, and the court handles issues of separate support and maintenance, divorce, child custody and child support, delinquency, child abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, and adoption.

Judge Abstance provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Norma A. Estrada Baez v. Oscar Serralde Solano, Case Number available upon request, 2024-UP-283, 2024 WL 3549737. In this case, Plaintiff requested the court issue an order granting her custody of the child and making findings concerning Special Immigrant Juvenile status pursuant to 8 C.F.R. section 204.11(a), (c), (d). I dismissed this case because all issues of divorce, custody, and child support were previously handled by a court in Mexico. Plaintiff did not register the court order from Mexico in South Carolina for enforcement, and Father still lived in Mexico. Pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Act (UCCJEA), Mexico maintained exclusive jurisdiction over custody determinations involving this child. The Court of Appeals upheld my ruling in an unpublished opinion.

(b) State of South Carolina v. REDACTED, Case Number available upon request. In this juvenile case, I held a contested waiver hearing to determine whether the juvenile should be waived up to the court of General Sessions for disposition of murder charges. This case required careful consideration of the factors in Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. 541 (1966) in determining whether it was in the best

interest of the child and the community to transfer the case to adult criminal court.

(c) Chad Reynolds v. Kathleen Stone, Case Number available upon request, 2024-UP-172. In this change of custody action, I found Plaintiff Father had proven a substantial change in circumstances and that awarding custody to Father was in the child's best interest. The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling in an unpublished opinion.

(d) Linda Schewe-Gries v. Brett E. Gries, Case Number available upon request. The Plaintiff in this case sought a divorce, alimony, and equitable division under several theories; 1) that the parties were married in Mexico; 2) the parties had a common law marriage in South Carolina; or 3) that she was entitled to relief as a putative spouse under an Illinois statute. I found the ceremony in Mexico was not a legal marriage, the parties did not meet the requirements of a common law marriage in South Carolina, and the Illinois putative spouse statute did not provide Plaintiff any relief under these facts.

(e) Caroline Rebecca Moore v. Darren Scott Smith, Case Number available upon request, 441 S.C. 261, 892 S.E.2d 552 (Ct.App. 2023). This matter was a highly fact-specific case that revolved around whether the proper remedy for husband's failure to disclose a lien on the marital home which was awarded to wife was through a contempt action, a Rule 60(b) motion to set aside the final order of equitable division, or a motion to enforce the warranty provision in the final settlement agreement. Husband's failure to disclose the loan caused Wife to pay the lien upon the sale of the home, and Wife sought reimbursement from Husband. The action was tried as a contempt hearing. I found Husband was not in willful contempt of the Final Order by failing to indemnify Wife, and the Court of Appeals agreed. However, the Court of Appeals found the Family Court could enforce the Final Order's payment and indemnification terms in the rule to show cause action by ordering Husband to pay the lien amount as well as Wife's attorney fees, even without making a finding of contempt, because Husband had failed to meet his obligation to hold harmless and indemnify Wife for the balance of the lien.

Judge Abstance reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Abstance's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Abstance to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "An asset to the Family Court bench—Her concern for the children impressed the Committee."

Judge Abstance is married to Robert M. Abstance, III. She has three children.

Judge Abstance reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association 2001 to present
(b) Member of Barnwell County Bar
(c) Member of Bamberg County Bar
(d) Member of Aiken County Bar

Judge Abstance provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) member of First Baptist Church of Denmark, South Carolina, currently serving as deacon
(b) member of the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

Judge Abstance further reported:
I grew up in Barnwell County, South Carolina, and I was the first person in my immediate family to graduate from college. My mother worked at Savannah River Site, and my father ran his own mechanic shop in Barnwell. I graduated from Barnwell High School, then graduated from Furman University in Greenville and went on to law school at the University of South Carolina. After graduating from law school, I returned to my hometown of Barnwell to practice law. Practicing law in a small town has its unique opportunities and challenges. I worked with people who had substantial resources and assets as well as people who were much less well off. I handled a wide variety of different kinds of

cases in a general practice law firm, and it was an honor and privilege to serve as an attorney helping families with all different types of legal matters they encountered over the years. I appreciated earning that trust from my clients that allowed me to assist them in multiple matters. As the practice of law has become more specialized, I think this kind of practice has become more rare.

As Family Court judge, I have seen first hand the problems of drug addiction and overdoses on families in our rural circuit. In the rural areas of our state, we struggle to find the mental health and substance abuse resources to help children and families overcome their challenges. In DSS cases, I have worked with the Department of Children's Advocacy, the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs on tough cases to find the resources our children in foster care desperately need. The lack of qualified residential treatment facilities for children in foster care is a significant challenge. I also try to emphasize education for our children in the DJJ and DSS systems. I realize that caseworkers are rightfully concerned with the immediate need to place children in a safe environment, but unfortunately sometimes education takes a backseat. When children in foster care are moved frequently to many different placements, they often fall behind in school. While they may be enrolled in school, they may not be accumulating credits toward graduation. I routinely request transcripts to see how many credits children are gaining toward graduation. I also try my best to ensure that if children must change foster care placements, that they can maintain treatment with their current mental health provider until a new provider is found in the new county to minimize the time without mental health care. I hope my insistence on these issues reminds caseworkers and guardians ad litem to ask the same questions, with a goal of improving outcomes for the children in foster care.

In private actions, I think you will hear that I encourage lawyers to present their cases with civility and courtesy. I firmly believe that litigants must continue to deal with each other long after the lawyers and the court have closed their files, and we owe it to them to get them through this adversarial process with as little animosity as possible.

I am so thankful for the privilege of serving as a Family Court Judge. In my law practice, I always tried to help people solve problems. As a Family Court Judge, I have the opportunity every day to engage with people who are going through some of the most challenging times in

their lives. My goal is always to help people resolve their issues in a fair and equitable manner. I sincerely try to ensure people leave my courtroom feeling respected and heard, even if they don't agree with every aspect of my ruling. Each day, my goal is to have empathy and compassion for the people entering the courtroom, and I strive for wisdom in my decisions. In the Family Court, we have a unique opportunity to affect directly the lives of fathers, mothers, and children. I try to help these cases move along as swiftly as possible so people can move forward with their lives.

I believe my position as a Family Court Judge allows me to help people solve problems every day, and I hope to continue doing that work for the people of South Carolina.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Judge Abstance for her good reputation and dedication to serving the people of South Carolina in the Family Court. Her empathy, willingness to listen, and temperament have contributed to her success in effectuating her duties as a Family Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Abstance qualified, and nominated her for re-election to the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

William A. W. Buxton
Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Buxton meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Buxton was born in 1970. He is 54 years old and a resident of Sumter, South Carolina. Mr. Buxton provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Buxton.

Mr. Buxton demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Buxton reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Buxton testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Buxton testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Buxton to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Buxton reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Buxton reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Buxton did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Buxton did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Buxton has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Buxton was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Buxton reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Buxton reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Buxton reported that he has held the following public office:
Sumter Design Review Board appointee. 2013-2021.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Buxton appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Buxton appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Buxton was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2009.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Law Clerk to Master in Equity, Mikell R. Scarborough 2007-2008
I began working as a Law Clerk for Judge Mikell R. Scarborough in September of 2007. The position included reviewing cases that pertained to quiet title actions, partition actions, foreclosures, leading the Mater's auctions on the Courthouse steps, sitting in on and assisting the Judge during motion hearings and trials in the courtroom. I assisted in the editing and updating of the Master's Auction List. This list contained

the property address, tax parcel number, the lender, the lender's amount that would be accepted at auction, in addition to various other information that the Judge would direct to include. This position also included the opening of files from Orders of Reference as they were received and reviewing pleadings, deeds, and other similar materials that entered the office.

(b) T. Edwards Law Firm, LLC 2008-2009 – part-time legal assistant

I worked in this office on a part-time basis and the position included the drafting of pleadings, motions, and orders, coordinating service on defendants, preparing temporary hearing packets, as well as entering billing.

(c) Curtis & Croft, LLC 2010-2022 Associate Attorney

As an associate attorney, I handled all matters in the Family Court and Probate Court. I also handled complex real estate such as quiet title actions and partition actions, while also handling regular real estate closings and re-finances. In the Probate Court, I handled the opening of estates, petitions to sell real estate, determinations of heirs petitions, petitions for guardianships and conservatorships, as well as estate planning. I handled every aspect of the Family Court cases. I typically had one paralegal and was involved in the management of this paralegal. I did not handle any other administrative duties or managing trust accounts, except for keeping up with billing on the Family Court files and Probate files.

(d) South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, 608 contract employee, 2014-present

I began as a SCCID contract attorney when the program was started in 2014 and continue to serve as a contract attorney today. I am appointed to represent vulnerable adults and parents that are involved in abuse and neglect cases in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee, and Williamsburg Counties. When needed and able, I accept appointments in other counties as well.

(e) Law Office of William A. W. Buxton, LLC 2022- present

I started this practice in October of 2022. The majority of my case work is private actions in the Family Court, a large volume of contract cases involving abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights, and adult protective services as an OID attorney. I have been contracted to handle these cases in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee, and Williamsburg Counties (and sometimes in other counties when there is a shortage of attorneys for these cases.) In the Probate Court, I handle Petitions for Guardianship and Conservatorship, the administration of estates and the appointments to serve as the attorney and/or guardian on the petitions for guardianships and conservatorship. I also handle real estate matters, as I am a title

agent for Stewart Title. In the Family Court I am appointed as a guardian ad litem on many private actions. I serve as a mediator on Family Court cases, as well. Additionally, I manage the billing and trust accounts and work with a CPA to reconcile the trust accounts and billing on each file.
(f) National Insurance Producer Registry
I took the title exam in 2012 in order to further my real estate work. I am currently a title agent for Stewart Title, and I handle closings as a subcontractor for another law firm.
(g) South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification as a Family Court Mediator, July 2018.
(h) State of South Carolina Notary Public, term expires January 25, 2026
(i) South Carolina Bar Certified guardian ad litem, 2010
I have served as guardian ad litem in numerous Family Court cases since 2010. I am often appointed by the Court or agree to serve by consent when attorneys have reached out to me to serve in this role.
(j) Paralegal Program Director/Co-Director, Central Carolina Technical College 2024 – present
This part-time position was recently created, and I have not been called to any official work to date with the exception of being asked to assist in placing students in potential internships.

Mr. Buxton further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:
(a) Divorce and Equitable Division of Property
Hawkins v. Hawkins; 2018-DR-31-005
This was a Lee County divorce action regarding a long-term marriage with many assets that included real property, personal property, and multiple accounts. This was heavily litigated and eventually settled at mediation.
(b) Child Custody
Paulus v. Gill and Gill, 2018-DR-43-1318 was a Third-Party Custody Action.
My clients were military and had recently relocated to Sumter. They had two young children but had been asked by the Defendant Mother to care for a toddler from Colorado so he would not get caught up in the Department of Social Services in Colorado the way her other children had been. The Defendant Mother had a history of drug abuse. My client's sister had custody of the Defendant Mother's children in the State of Tennessee. The Defendant Mother typed out a notarized agreement for my clients to have care and guardianship of her third child,

while never having met my clients. My clients had this child in their care for four months when the Defendant Mother came to Sumter from Colorado with no notice and took the child from them and headed to Tennessee. I prepared an Emergency Ex Parte Order, and my clients went to Tennessee to retrieve the child. Law Enforcement in Tennessee stated that they could take the Order and find the child but did not have the authority to "remove" the child from the Defendant Mother. After contacting a Tennessee Family Court Judge's office, the Judge spoke to me and stated that if it was an original Order signed by a Judge in my jurisdiction, he would sign over it and have Tennessee Law Enforcement go retrieve the child, which is what happened the very same day. The case ended with my clients retaining custody of this child.

(c) Adoption

McDaniel and McDaniel, 2012-DR-43-1481

This was an unusual case where I was contacted by the adopting couple stating that their closest friends, who had never wished to have children, became pregnant but did not want the expected baby. My clients requested that I handle this adoption, and I was aware that anything could go sideways prior to and at the birth of this child. I arranged for an attorney to visit the hospital after the 24-hour waiting period to have the birth parents sign a Consent and Relinquishment. That attorney was unable to get to the hospital until almost 72 hours after the birth of the child, which caused great anxiety to both me and my clients. The attorney was ultimately successful in obtaining the signatures, and the adoption was finalized not long after the birth of the child. My clients have stayed in touch over the years and have maintained their relationship with the birth couple and the child calls them "Aunt and "Uncle."

(d) Abuse and Neglect

SCDSS v. Brown-Gainey and Gainey, 2022-DR-43-00055

I was appointed to represent the Mother/Wife in this case and I was simultaneously hired by the South Carolina Victims Advocate Network to handle the private action for divorce and custody. My client had suffered extensive abuse at the hands of the Father/Husband which included keeping the mother and toddler child locked in a bedroom for days at a time. He exercised great control over her, and I learned through SCCADVASA (South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault) that they had been working with my client for years, as they had tried unsuccessfully to extract her from this abusive situation. Over the course of the case, and with the help of SCCADVASA, my client had to live in seclusion, but was able to attain very good

employment and further her education. Her ex-husband was continually incarcerated, the last time for removing his ankle monitor against conditions of his bond.

(e) Juvenile Justice

I have not handled any juvenile justice cases, but I have observed those cases when they have become an ancillary case of one of my appointed abuse and neglect cases. A particular case from Horry County comes to mind where I was appointed to represent a mother. The Mother and fifteen-year-old son have been charged with murder. The mother is incarcerated in Horry County and the fifteen-year-old son spent three years at the Juvenile Justice Center in Columbia, but eventually aged out and was transferred to Horry County awaiting trial. SCDSS vs. Watts, Doe; 2023-DR-26-2015

Mr. Buxton reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: I have not appeared in Federal Court;

(b) State: Between my private actions and my Indigent Defense contract cases, I am in the Family Court weekly.

Mr. Buxton reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 65%;
(d) Other: 15%.

Mr. Buxton reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 75%;

(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 50%.

(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 20%.

(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements:

Mr. Buxton provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Buxton's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Kiggins v. Kiggins vs. Grzanka; 2018-DR-43-0519.
This was an unusual case where my client prevailed in being awarded custody of his stepdaughter under the Psychological Parent Doctrine.

(b) Statham v. Statham; 2018-DR-43-0642.
This was a significantly litigated and hard-fought visitation modification case. During the case opposing counsel attempted to thwart a motion for temporary relief using the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. I opposed and prevailed and motion was heard. Father relocated to Japan during the litigation. Mother started with significantly limited and supervised visitation, but ultimately prevailed in reaching an agreement for unsupervised visitation.

(c) Pepper v. Pepper; 2014-DR-43-1650.
This case involved custody to my client from her sister.
Alvarez v. Pepper; 2015-DR-43-931. This case involved the same client as the case above where I defended my client from the biological father's action for visitation.
Pepper v. Pepper, Alvarez and A.D.P.; 2017-DR-43-1210. This was a third action for the same client which was a termination of parental rights and adoption. These cases are significant because what started out as an action to protect the minor child ended with a third action that completed the circle by finalizing an adoption and creating a family.

(d) Harrell v. Holliday and Browder; 2015-DR-43-878.
This was a heavily litigated third-party grandparent custody action that went to trial and settled on the day of trial. My clients were the grandparents and eventually filed a subsequent case under 2019-DR-43-174 and prevailed in a termination of parental rights and adoption action.

(e) Taubert v. Mouritsen; 2018-DR-43-01456
This was a significantly litigated case that involved convoluted jurisdictional issues between the State of Alaska and the State of South Carolina. The decision regarding jurisdiction was eventually made by the Alaska Courts.

Mr. Buxton reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Buxton's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Buxton to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary statement.

Mr. Buxton is married to Eliza Knox Buxton. He has two children.

Mr. Buxton reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Sumter County Bar
(b) Charleston County Bar
(c) South Carolina Bar Family Law Council
(d) South Carolina Bench Bar Committee

Mr. Buxton provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Carolina Yacht Club
(b) The Society of Colonial Wars, South Carolina Chapter
(c) Sumter Family YMCA
(d) The Sumter Assembly, Vice President
(e) Les Trente
(f) Bon Pied Dance Club
(g) Sumter County Museum
(h) Quixote Club
(i) Caroliniana Ball
(j) Fortnightly Club, Second Vice President
(k) Second Mill Pond Association
(l) Heathlywood Pond Association
(m) Shaw Sumter Community Council

Mr. Buxton further reported:
A significant portion of my practice of the law has involved individuals who are emotionally charged and whose lives are rife with chaos. I believe I have been able to have a steady hand in guiding them through a process that they sometimes can hardly comprehend. My experiences in a service-oriented capacity have been challenging, yet rewarding when I see resolutions to issues that have a monumental impact in an

individual's life. Litigants approach the Family Court for protection and relief, especially when it comes to children. A Family Court Judge has the ability to change the trajectory of a child's life potentially impacting that child to become a good and productive member of the community. I have been truly blessed throughout my life experiences to have had influential, positive role models who taught me the value and importance of service to others.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Mr. Buxton has an outstanding reputation among his peers, which resulted in no negative feedback on his candidacy from the members of the SC Bar. They further remarked on his ability to balance wit with a professional demeanor and temperament, even when handling difficult family court issues. The Commission believes those qualities would serve him well as a Family Court Judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Buxton qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

E. Thompson Kinney
Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Kinney meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Kinney was born in 1986. He is 38 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Kinney provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2013.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Kinney.

Mr. Kinney demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has made $293.81 in campaign expenditures for postage, stationary, and fingerprinting.

Mr. Kinney testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Kinney testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Kinney to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Kinney did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Kinney did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Kinney has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Kinney was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Kinney reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Kinney appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Kinney appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Kinney was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2013.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

From August of 2013 until June of 2020, I was an associate attorney with Mullikin Law Firm in Camden, SC. I assisted the other attorneys in the firm in the areas of governmental affairs, policy, regulatory practice, and public affairs. While working in the firm's main practice areas, I was given the freedom to pursue new practice areas. In 2014, I began practicing in family law, first by accepting cases from South Carolina Legal Services and then developing a private practice in family law. In 2015, I began accepting criminal defense appointments in Sumter County as part of the SC Commission on Indigent Defense's 608 contract program. I continued this work and added other counties, including Kershaw and Clarendon counties. In 2016, I began serving as

an Assistant Public Defender in Lee County on a contract basis. In 2018, I added Family Court contracts with the 608 contract program in Sumter and Clarendon counties.

In June of 2020, I decided that I wanted to focus on the practice areas that I had built at Mullikin Law Firm. I decided that my hometown of Sumter was the best place to open my firm. My law practice had grown in Sumter and the Third Judicial Circuit because of the various contract work and my personal connections in that community.

Since July of 2020, I have owned and operated Kinney Law Firm in Sumter, SC. I am the only attorney, and I have one fulltime staff member, who started with me part time in November of 2022 and began working fulltime in July of 2023. I am solely responsible for all administrative and financial aspects of the firm, including managing the firm's trust account.

My main area of practice is family law. I represent clients in all areas of family law, including divorce, child custody, adoption, and others in Sumter and the surrounding counties. Also, I frequently serve as guardian ad litem in private custody cases and typically have around 10-20 active guardian cases at any time. I am a certified Family Court mediator and have developed a mediation practice, primarily in Sumter County.

Starting in December of 2023, I have served as a parttime Assistant Solicitor in the Third Judicial Circuit. My primary responsibility is to prosecute juveniles in Sumter County. I solely manage the juvenile docket and handle all juvenile cases in the county. In addition to my role with juveniles, I assist the South Carolina Highway Patrol in prosecuting DUI cases in the Third Judicial Circuit. I attend pre-trial conferences in the four counties in the circuit and assist the Troopers in negotiating with counsel and trying the cases if necessary.

Starting in February of 2022, I have served as the City Prosecutor for the City of Forest Acres. In this parttime role, I manage the jury trial docket in Municipal Court and conduct jury trials (three to four times a year). I work closely with the City Attorney and the Clerk of Court and provide guidance and advice to the Forest Acres Police Department.

My other practice area is related to guardian and conservatorship cases in Probate Court. I frequently represent clients who are petitioning the Court to be appointed as guardian and conservator. I am frequently appointed by the Probate Courts in Sumter and Richland to serve as counsel or guardian ad litem for the Alleged Incapacitated Individuals in these cases.

When I opened my firm in July of 2020, I continued the criminal defense contract work from my previous firm. I continued to serve as a part-time public defender for Lee County through 2022. At that time, I voluntarily stepped down to focus more of my time on my private family court work. I continued to participate in the 608 criminal and family contract program until the end of 2023. I voluntarily stepped down to take the position of juvenile prosecutor in Sumter County.

Mr. Kinney further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

I have appeared in Family Court multiple times a week for at least the past five years.

I have represented clients in divorce cases where equitable division of property was a major issue. I have represented clients from a wide range of backgrounds, from indigent clients who had only debts to divide, to high income individuals who had substantial assets. In additional to my experience in private practice, I have mediated numerous cases where equitable distribution was a major issue.

I have extensive experience with child custody issues. I have represented many clients, both mothers and fathers, who faced uncertainty about their children. I have always found fulfillment is helping clients craft custody agreements and parenting plans that help bring peace and stability to their families and allow them to create a co-parenting relationship. Also, I have litigated child custody issues at temporary and final hearings.

I have frequently served as guardian ad litem in private custody cases. These have ranged from relatively straightforward cases where parents are seeking to establish an initial custody order and parenting plan, to complex cases that involve relocation of a parent across the country or world. I have traveled out of state and to various parts of South Carolina

for home visits. I have had complex cases that involve mental health issues for parents and children where I have had to interact with various mental health professionals.

I have dealt with custody issues in most of the mediations I have conducted. I have found that mediation can be particularly effective in helping parents develop parenting plans.

I have represented clients in adoption cases, including private infant adoptions, stepparent adoptions, and DSS adoptions. I have had the pleasure of helping a family coordinate a privately arranged adoption, filing the pleadings when the child was born and arranging for the birth mother to give the required consent. Once of the highlights of my legal career was participating in Sumter County Adoption Day in 2021 and 2022. In 2022, I had three adoptions on Adoption Day and was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and happiness for all those involved. I have served as guardian ad litem on many adoption cases.

I was a 608 contract attorney for Sumter and Clarendon counties from 2018 to 2023. I was appointed to represent defendants in abuse and neglect cases brought by DSS. In this role, I most often represented clients in negotiating agreements with the department, including treatment plans to work towards reunification with their children. Also, I had many contested trials, including several contested termination of parental rights cases. I occasionally was appointed to represent vulnerable adults who were taken into DSS custody. From 2018-2023, I appeared in Family Court at least two to four days per month for DSS cases, and I often had several cases per day.

I have served as an Assistant Solicitor for Family Court since December of 2023, and presently serve in this role. I prosecute all juvenile cases in Sumter County. I am responsible for reviewing all juvenile petitions prepared by law enforcement in the county and deciding whether to prosecute, dismiss, or refer to a diversion program. Once a decision to prosecute is made, I file the petition in Family Court and prosecute the case. I create and manage the juvenile docket, working closely with the Family Court staff to schedule cases. On a routine juvenile docket (typically every other Thursday), I represent the State on adjudicatory and dispositional hearings. When law enforcement detains a juvenile, I am responsible for determining whether to pursue further detention of the youth. If we do seek to detain beyond the initial 48 hours, I am responsible for coordinating a detention hearing within the statutory

parameters. Also, I am responsible for handling waiver hearings where the State seeks to prosecute a juvenile as an adult.

Prior to serving as juvenile prosecutor, I was appointed to represent juveniles in criminal cases in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee, and Kershaw counties. In this role, I represented numerous juveniles in adjudicatory hearings, dispositional hearings, and detention hearings.

On October 10, 2024, I began serving as the juvenile prosecutor in Clarendon County. My role in Clarendon County is identical to the job in Sumter County, where I manage the docket and prosecute all juvenile cases in the county. The Solicitor asked me to fill this role temporarily until he could hire another attorney to take over. I anticipate serving in this role until March or April of 2025.

Mr. Kinney reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 0%;
(b) State: 100%.

Mr. Kinney reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 0%;
(b) Criminal: 30%;
(c) Domestic: 60%;
(d) Other: 10%.
Mr. Kinney reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 90%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 10% A large majority of my cases in Family Court end up being settled.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 1%.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: none.

Mr. Kinney provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Kinney's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Kelvin Wilson, 2018-GS-31-0055.

This was a criminal sexual conduct case where I represented the Defendant in my role as a public defender in Lee County. This case involved pre-trial motions and a pre-trial issue of obtaining records from a child advocacy center. This case was tried before a jury and the State called a blind expert to testify about the dynamics of child abuse. The jury returned a not guilty verdict. This case significant because it was a complex case that allowed me to get experience in dealing with expert witnesses.

(b) State v. Yahchanan Christopher Reames, 2017-GS-31-139

This was a criminal case where I represented the Defendant in my role as a public defender in Lee County. The Defendant was charged with attempted murder and other offenses and was accused of firing a weapon at two police officers. He was previously found not competent to stand trial and was committed to the Department of Mental Health. A couple of years later, the Department declared that he had been restored and the State proceeded with his prosecution.

I represented the Defendant in a contested competency hearing pursuant to State v. Blair. I petitioned the Court for funding and hired three separate experts, a physiatrist and two phycologists, to present a case that the Defendant was not competent to stand trial. The State presented multiple witnesses from the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. Ultimately, the Court ruled that the Defendant was competent to stand trial. I then negotiated a plea agreement that allowed my client to receive credit for the significant amount of time he had served.

This case was significant because it required me to advocate for an unpopular client when the entire law enforcement community in the county showed up to support the State. It also gave me the opportunity to work with a nationally recognized forensic physiatrist who examined and testified on behalf of my client.

(c) SCDSS v. P.R., 2021-DR-43-1042.

I was appointed to represent the Defendant/Father in this termination of parental rights case. This case was significant because of the challenges that were associated with defending this client, that he was illiterate and

did not speak English. He and his co-defendants spoke Quiché, a Mayan language that required an interpreter from Washington state to appear via Webex.

This case took three days and was very taxing on all the participants. The hearing had complex evidentiary issues and DSS called multiple expert witnesses. This case was also significant because it taught many valuable lessons on patience and on judicial temperament. The presiding Judge exhibited incredible patience and fairness and left a lasting impact on me.

(d) SCDSS v. K.K., 2019-DR-14-50.

In this case, I represented foster parents who intervened in a DSS case in Clarendon County. My clients had bonded with their foster child and were afraid that DSS may move the child. The intervention was granted, and the child was ordered to stay with my clients while the case was pending. After intervening, I was able to participate in the TPR trial with DSS and the other parties. After a trial, the biological parents' rights were terminated and the child was free to be adopted. After the DSS case concluded, I represented these same clients in the adoption of the child.

This case was significant because it taught me to sometime to advocate for your client, you have to be bold and willing to step out and go against DSS. While I had a good relationship with DSS in this county, I had to take action because my clients feared that the child would be harmed by moving her to another placement.

(e) Cheek v. Cheek, 2022-DR-43-441.

I was the guardian ad litem in this custody modification case. While the legal issues were not particularly complex, the case was unique in that it involved a modification of custody where the children's wishes were to move from Texas back to South Carolina. I traveled to Texas and felt that I became the "eyes and ears" of the Court, in that I was able to personally assess many of the claims of each party. This case was particularly significant because it gave me insight on how to assess the preferences of children, especially teenagers, in the context of the other child custody factors. Also, it made me appreciate the value of a guardian ad litem investigating issues in person versus just relying on phone calls, zoom meeting, or other collateral materials. This case settled on the first day of trial.

Mr. Kinney reported that he has not personally handled any civil appeals.

The following is Mr. Kinney's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:
State v. Locklear, 2016-UP-313, (S.C. Ct. App. Jun. 22, 2016).
I handled this case pro bono as part of the appellate project, where I was assigned a case to from appellate defense.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Kinney's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Kinney to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Kinney is married to Ashley Stover Kinney. He has two children.

Mr. Kinney reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
Sumter County Bar Association, 2014-Present.

Mr. Kinney provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Church of the Apostles, Columbia

I am very active in my church. I currently serve on the Vestry (the governing body of the church) and has served in this role since February of 2023. I serve on the Finance Committee, and I am the parish Chancellor (the parish's lawyer). I am the head of the Ushers Committee and serve as a children's church volunteer.

(b) Spring Valley Country Club

I have been a non-equity member since July of 2023, and I am not involved in any leadership. I play golf and my family uses the pool.

Mr. Kinney further reported:

I am currently a resident of Richland County, but I commute daily to my office in Sumter. Sumter is my hometown and where I chose to open my law firm. My connections there are deep, and my wife and I have been considering a move back to our hometown for some time. My father still lives there, and I have many other family members there as well. If I am elected, we will move to Sumter, and I will meet the statutory requirements to reside in the Third Judicial Circuit before assuming the office of Family Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit.

When I first became a lawyer, someone told me that Family Court is "where the action is" and where a young lawyer could get in the courtroom. This turned out to be true and I have been fulfilled by representing clients and helping people in Family Court. I have been blessed to practice in every major area of family law, including having significant experience with DSS cases and Juvenile cases. It is professionally and personally fulfilling to positively change the direction of a child's life, and those opportunities are available in Family Court. Also, it has been fulfilling to provide guidance and counsel to clients in Family Court who are often facing one of the most trying times of their lives. I believe my experience in all these areas of Family Court equip me to serve as an effective Judge on day one.

I believe I have the temperament to serve as a Family Court Judge. I have always tried to live by what God tells us is required of us in Micah 6:8, "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." As a member of the legal profession, I believe these words are particularly poignant and should be our north star. As a Judge, I would continue strive to seek to do justice by fairly applying the law fairly to all; to be kind to all litigants, court staff, and attorneys; and to be humble as public servant.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Kinney has an outstanding reputation as a lawyer. They commended him for the work he has done, and appreciated his remarks on family court judges needing to take the time to hear out the litigants regardless of schedule constraints.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Kinney qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Angela R. Taylor
Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Taylor meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Taylor was born in 1958. She is 66 years old and a resident of Sumter, South Carolina. Judge Taylor provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1984.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Taylor.

Judge Taylor demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Taylor reported that she has spent $2.92 in campaign expenditures on postage as of August 14, 2024.

Judge Taylor testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Taylor testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Taylor to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Taylor reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I made a presentation at a Hot Tips Seminar September 2019 regarding temporary hearings.
(b) I made a presentation in 2015 to the Third Circuit Bar entitled Third Circuit Tips from the Bench.

Judge Taylor reported that she has published the following:

(a) I was a contributing author of the Domestic Violence Handbook prepared by a subcommittee of the Young Lawyers of the South Carolina Bar in 1986. This handbook received an award from the ABA.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Taylor did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Taylor did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Judge Taylor was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Taylor reported the following regarding her legal rating by any legal rating organization: I am not aware of any ratings I have as a judge.

Judge Taylor reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Taylor reported that she has held the following public office other than judicial office:
The only other public office I have held is that of an Assistant Solicitor from 1985 thru 2009. I was appointed by the Solicitor. I was not required to file a report with the State Ethics Commission in my capacity as an Assistant Solicitor.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Taylor appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Taylor appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Taylor was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1984.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Reginald Heber Smith Fellow, Three Rivers Legal Services; I was a staff a
Staff attorney. Our office represented low income clients in Lake City, Florida and surrounding counties. The office handled divorce cases, disability cases and landlord tenant cases. 1983-1984

(b) Neighborhood Legal Assistance Program, Conway, South Carolina. I was a staff attorney. The office represented low income clients in family law cases, landlord tenant cases and disability cases. 1984-1985

(c) In 1985, I was hired as the first full time Family Court prosecutor. I handled Juvenile cases, and DSS abuse and neglect cases in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon Counties. In 1987, I changed to part-time status and I only handled juvenile cases in Sumter County. In that year, I also became a contract attorney for the Department of Social Services. I handled cases in Sumter and Clarendon counties. I also became an Associate in the Law Office of Larry C. Weston in 1987. I handled domestic cases in Mr. Weston's office. In 2005, I opened my own practice as a solo practitioner. I continued to work as a part-time Assistant Solicitor. I was responsible for handling all business matters in my office to include my office trust account. I primarily handled family law cases as well as the preparation of wills and some accident cases.

(d) In 2009, I first elected to the Family Court to complete the unexpired term of Judge W. Jeffery Young. I was re-elected in 2012 and re-elected again in 2018.

Judge Taylor reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): I am currently serving as a Family Court Judge. I have served as a Family Court judge since 2009. Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction as set by statute. I have never held any other judicial office.

Judge Taylor provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Alfreda Spann v. Leroy Spann; Op. No. 2024-UP-187 (S. C. Ct. App. Filed May 22, 2024)
(b) Brigette Hemming v. Jeffrey Hemming; Op. No. 2020-001238 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed November 9, 2023)
(c) Trannis Hawkins v. Kanita Wilburn; Op. No. 2019-UP-269 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed July 24, 2019)
(d) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Rudlen Brown, Jacqus Denard and John Doe: Op. No. 2022-UP-143 (S. C. Ct. App. Filed March 18, 2022)
(e) Robert and Teresa Tolson v. Michael Roberts and Heather Turner, (S.C. Ct. App. Filed December 23, 2020)

Judge Taylor reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Taylor 's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Taylor to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary statement.

Judge Taylor is not married. She does not have any children.

Judge Taylor reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association
(c) Pee Dee Inn of Court, Master

Judge Taylor provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) I am a long- time member of Mount Pisgah African Methodist Episcopal Church. I am Steward in the church. A Steward is one of the highest offices to be held in the A.M.E. church. I received recognition in my church in 2024 for my service in the church and the community.

(b) I have served as a judge for Mock Trial on at least four occasions. I have also served as a judge in the We the People Competition.

(c) I donate extensively to organizations such as the Salvation Army, The National Judicial College, Doctors Without Borders, St. Jude Children's Hospital Best Friends Animal Society, and the Oliver Gospel Mission to name a few.

Judge Taylor further reported:
I believe court is a serious matter. I feel the judge should respectful to the litigants and attorneys in exchange the litigants and attorneys should be respectful to the court. I believe an attorney should be prepared and on time when appearing before the court. There are some individuals who have difficulty with the fact that I believe in a controlled environment in the courtroom. I think everyone has a right to be heard within the parameters of the Court rules and procedures. I try very hard to be fair and impartial and I hope I am viewed in that manner by those who come before me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Taylor has had a distinguished career as a Family Court judge, and she holds herself to an extremely high professional and ethical standard.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Taylor qualified and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett
Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jarrett meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Jarrett was born in 1967. He is 57 years old and a resident of Kingstree, South Carolina. Judge Jarrett provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1992.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jarrett.

Judge Jarrett demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Jarrett reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Jarrett testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jarrett testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jarrett to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jarrett reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I was an Adjunct Professor at Limestone College and taught Business Law (1997-2000).
(b) I was the Co-Course Planner on "Children's Issues in the Family Court" (March 20, 2009).

(c) I was a Speaker on "Constitution and the Bill of Rights" at Williamsburg Technical College (September 16, 2009).

(d) I was the Co-Course Planner for "Dollars and $ense in Family Court" (October 6-8, 2011) at Grove Park Inn, Ashville, NC.

(e) I was a Speaker at "Hot Tips" on "Form 4 – What Now?" (September 28, 2012).

(f) I was the Co-Course Planner for "Fast Pass to the Child Custody Roller Coaster" (October 23-25, 2013) at The Yacht and Beach Club at Disney Resort in Orlando, FL.

(g) I was a Speaker at "Family Law Essentials" on "Equitable Division of Marital Assets" (June 27, 2014).

(h) I was a Speaker at "Family Law Essentials" on "Orders of Protection"
(June 26, 2015).

(i)I was the Co-Course Planner for "Family Law Inside and Out" (October 20-22, 2016) at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa, Savannah, GA.

(j)I was a Speaker on "Child Hearsay in Family Court" at the Fifteenth Circuit Family Court CLE (February 13, 2017).

(k) I was a Speaker on "Preparing Court Information Sheets" at Florence DSS (February 14, 2017).

(l)I was a Speaker on "Preparing Court Information Sheets" at Georgetown DSS
(February 16, 2017).

(m) I was a Speaker at the South Carolina Association for Justice Annual Convention "Impressions from the Bench" (August 5, 2021).

(n) I was a Speaker at Family Law Essentials "DSS and Juvenile Delinquency Matters" and Mock Contempt Hearing" (August 20, 2021).

(o) I was a Speaker at Family Law Essentials "DSS and Juvenile Delinquency Matters" and the Mock Contempt Hearing (August 26, 2022).

(p) I was a Speaker at the Guardian ad Litem Training Judges' Panel "Help Us Help You Help the Children" (January 27, 2023).

(q) I was a Speaker at the Horry County Family Court Continuing Legal Education Seminar "Hearsay of a Child" (February 10, 2023).
(r) I was a Speaker at Family Law Essential "DSS and Juvenile Delinquency Matters" and the Mock Contempt Hearing (August 25, 2023).
(s) I was the team captain for the Family Court Hollywood Squares at the South Carolina Bar Convention (January 19, 2024).
(t)I was a Speaker at the Clarendon County Candlelight Vigil in Honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month (April 16, 2024).
(u) I was the keynote Speaker at the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Dense "Family Time Viewed from the Bench" (June 14, 2024).
(v) I was a Speaker at the South Carolina Association for Justice "What Great Lawyers Do Best" (August 1, 2024).
(w) I am scheduled to speak at Family Law Essentials "DSS and Juvenile Delinquency Matters" and the Mock Contempt Hearing (August 23, 2024).

Judge Jarrett reported that he has published the following:

(a) South Carolina Family Lawyer's Toolkit, Second Edition (SC Bar 2010), Contributing Author
(b) South Carolina Family Lawyer's Toolkit, Third Edition (SC Bar 2017), Contributing Author

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jarrett did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jarrett did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jarrett has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jarrett was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jarrett reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization was
BV, Martindale-Hubbell.

Judge Jarrett reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Jarrett reported that he has held the following public office:
Williamsburg County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. Appointed by the Governor and Confirmed by the Senate. Served March 15, 2010, to December 31, 2020.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jarrett appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jarrett appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jarrett was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1992.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
In August of 1992, I returned home to Kingstree following graduation from law school and completion of "Bridge the Gap" as an associate attorney for Jenkinson, Jenkinson & McFadden, PA, working for W. E Jenkinson, III, Gordon B. Jenkinson and Helen T. McFadden. I continued to practice law in this same firm until taking the bench in January of 2021. Jennifer R. Kellahan joined the firm as an associate in 1995. I became a partner in 1996 and the name of the firm was changed to Jenkinson, Jarrett & Kellahan, PA, in 1998. I served as the Managing Partner from 2000 to 2020 and was responsible for overseeing all finances and administrative areas of the firm including the regular trust account, operating account, and the partnership account. I reviewed all deposits and checks written on a daily basis and made sure all of our accounts were in order. (Jennifer R. Kellahan managed the Real Estate Trust Account). I oversaw our associate attorneys, our office manager, the receptionist, the runners, and my paralegals. The other paralegals reported directly to their respective attorneys. I led the weekly office

staff meetings to discuss office procedures and any issues. If there was ever a personnel problem, I worked with the office manager to resolve the issue.

As an associate attorney, I worked for all attorneys and did mostly civil litigation (Family, Magistrate, and Common Pleas) as well as real estate and probate work. I completed all research for the firm and wrote briefs and supporting memoranda to use in court. I was drawn to family court cases and as the years progressed, I concentrated more on these types of cases. In 1993, I contracted with the South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program and served as its attorney in Williamsburg County until 1995, when I then contracted with the South Carolina Department of Social Services. I served as a DSS contract attorney in one or more counties from 1995 until taking the bench in January of 2021. I was also the attorney for the Town of Kingstree from 1994 until 2020. For the last twenty (20) years of my practice, I practiced almost exclusively in Family Court.

Since January 1, 2021, I have served as a Family Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit. I served as Chief Administrative Judge for the Third Circuit Family Court for eighteen (18) months (July 1, 2022, to December 31, 2023) and currently serve as Chief Administrative Judge for Berkeley County.
Judge Jarrett reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
January 4, 2021, until Present, Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, elected by General Assembly in February, 2020.

Judge Jarrett provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) 2021-DR-43-01042 SCDSS vs. Geronima Castro Gutierrez, Pablo Alonzo, Ramos, Cruz Castro, Carolina Paguada, Jairo Paguada, and Pedro Quixan Gomez

This tragic case involved the rape resulting in pregnancy of an eleven (11) year old little girl by her uncle who resided in the home. I actually placed the child in foster care and retained jurisdiction to hear all eleven (11) of the hearings involving the child, including, her Judicial By-pass hearing. This is the first TPR filed under the same case number after the statute was amended to allow this procedure. The TPR was held October 26, 2023, November 2, 2023, and November 21, 2023, in which I terminated the parent's parental rights to free the child for adoption by her foster parents. All hearings had to be held with a virtual K'iche

interpreter which further complicated the case. I had to order DSS to pay for and use this interpreter (from the State of Washington) for all treatment services.

(b) 2022-DR-31-00096 SCDSS vs. Kimberly N. Amerson and Wayne Reiser

This contested TPR involved two minor children and the father was very difficult and had been involved in criminal domestic violence and other criminal acts during the case. The TPR trial was held on June 13, 2023, and my Order was appealed. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling on July 18, 2024, in an unpublished Opinion No. 2024-UP-268.

(c) 2020-DR-43-00342 Paul A. Evangelisti vs. Sarah H. Evangelisti

This was a change in custody action which was tried with three very reputable attorneys on January 9 - 10, 2023. The parties could not agree on anything so I had to make detailed factual findings on each incident in my twenty-four (24) page Order.

(d) 2020-DR-10-02215 Terri Sciarro vs. Matthew Sciarro

This was a four (4) day change of circumstances case tried February 22 – 25, 2022, in Charleston County. It was highly contested and I had to make specific findings on the five (5) specific allegations of a change as well as the thirteen (13) other unpled allegations. This Ruling was appealed and was affirmed by the Court of Appeals by Unpublished Opinion No. 2023-UP-355 on November 1, 2023.

(e) 2022-DR-43-00119 J'asha Baker vs. Corey Baker

This initial custody/divorce action was tried on October 24 -25, 2023, and November 9, 2023, and the Defendant was a Pro Se Sovereign Citizen. There were six (6) other hearings leading up to the merits hearing and I handled four (4) of those hearings. Due to the Defendant being a Pro Se Sovereign Citizen, each hearing had to be handled delicately, slowly, and carefully. I spent numerous hours revising and finalizing my twenty-nine (29) page Final Order. This case is currently under appeal but there has been no ruling at this time.

Judge Jarrett reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Jarrett further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 in 2017.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jarrett's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Jarrett to be to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Jarrett is married to Josette Tisdale Jarrett. He has three children.

Judge Jarrett reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Williamsburg County Bar Association 1992 – 2020
Secretary/Treasurer 1992 - 1996

(b) Georgetown County Bar Association 2001 – 2020

(c) South Carolina Association for Justice 1993 – 2020

(d) Family Law Section Council of the South Carolina Bar 2008 – 2020
Family Law Intensive Co-planner 2009 - 2020
Chairperson-Elect 2017 – 2018
Chairperson 2018 - 2019

(e) Supreme Court Commission on Docketing, Family Court Committee
2017 – 2020

(f) South Carolina Family Court Bench-Bar Committee 2015 - Present
Nominating Committee 2017
Chairperson 2024 - Present

(g) South Carolina Bar Resolution of Fee Disputes Board 2014 - 2020

(h) Office of the Disciplinary Counsel – Attorney to Assist 2005 - 2014

(i)SC Bar Young Lawyer Division – 3rd Circuit Representative 1994 – 2002

(j)SC Bar Judicial Qualification Committee 2003 - 2006

Judge Jarrett provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Williamsburg Academy Governing Board 2001 – 2018

Chairman 2003 – 2018

(b) Kingstree Rotary 2000 – Present

Paul Harris Fellow
Past President 2009 - 2010
Projects Chair 2014 – 2018
President–Elect 2017 – 2018
President- 2018 - 2019
Treasurer- 2020 - Present

(c) Williamsburg County First Steps Board 2011 – 2018

Personnel Committee 2012 - 2018
Vice- Chairman 2014 - 2018

(d) Kingstree United Methodist Church Member Birth – Present

Council on Ministries (became Church Council) 1994 – 2002
Chairman of Council on Ministries 1997 – 2000
Long-Range Planning Committee 1996 - 1999
Church Council 2002 – Present
Chairman 2016 - Present
Committee on Lay Leadership 2001 - 2004
Trustees 2002 - 2005; 2015 - 2018
Vice-Chair 2005
Sunday School Teacher (3rd – 6th grade) 2008 – 2020
Youth Leader Assistant 1997 – Present
Bible School Leader 1993 – Present
Mission Trip Chaperone 1997 - 2018

(e) South Carolina Independent School Association Executive Committee 2010 – 2021

(f) South Carolina Independent School Association Athletic Committee 2022- Present

(g) Tri-County Regional Development Board 2012 – 2016

Judge Jarrett further reported:

I can remember attending a church conference one weekend where we had to write a personal life mission statement as one of our exercises. I do not remember the exact wording of my mission statement, but I remember it being something to the effect of "serving others by helping them through difficult times." I devoted my life to serving others

professionally by representing them during some of the most trying and difficult times in their lives. I enjoy serving others outside the legal profession as well. I have participated in eighteen mission trips through Kingstree Community Youth, the youth group sponsored by my church, Kingstree United Methodist Church. These mission trips have taken me all over the south east and we go into the community, stay in a local school, and serve the residents during the week by repairing homes, painting, and helping to rebuild their lives. My service as a Family Court Judge has allowed me to further my life of service to others. I have patterned my career to position me to have the professional, academic and ethical traits along with the proper temperament to do this job well. I deeply care about children's issues as reflected by my professional work with the Department of Social Services and by my volunteer work with children and youth at Williamsburg Academy and my church. I want to see children thrive and grow up in a healthy and safe environment. I always want what is best for them. I try to be fair, impartial and treat each person that comes before the Family Court with dignity and respect. I realize that this is a very trying time in the lives of litigants and a family court judge usually sees the worst side of people and relationships. However, I think I have had a positive impact on the lives of these litigants and especially the lives of children who are involved in family court proceedings.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Judge Jarrett on his judicial temperament and excellent BallotBox survey responses.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jarrett qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

C. Heath Ruffner
Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Ruffner meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Ruffner was born in 1971. He is 53 years old and a resident of Cheraw, South Carolina. Mr. Ruffner provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996. He was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1996, but his status therein is inactive.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Ruffner.

Mr. Ruffner demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he has made $506.31 in campaign expenditures for printing, postage, letterhead and envelopes, copies, photography, and law firm staff time.

Mr. Ruffner testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Ruffner testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Ruffner to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
As county attorney for the Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program, I have provided in service training to volunteer guardians ad litem on investigating, drafting reports, testifying in court, etc. regarding DSS child abuse and neglect cases.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Ruffner did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Ruffner did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.
The Commission also noted that Mr. Ruffner was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Ruffner reported the following about his rating or membership in a legal rating organization:
Member of the Million Dollar and Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Ruffner appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Ruffner appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Ruffner was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Upon graduation from law school in 1996, I served as Law Clerk to the Honorable Paul M. Burch, Circuit Court Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, from August, 1996 to July, 1998.

(b) After finishing my judicial clerkship, I accepted a position as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fourth Judicial Circuit and County Attorney for Chesterfield County. I served as an Assistant Solicitor until December, 1998. During my brief period as an Assistant Solicitor, I prosecuted various crimes in General Sessions, Family and Summary Courts, including burglaries, thefts, assaults and drug offenses.

(c) I have served as Chesterfield County Attorney from July, 1998, though the present. I have represented the County as well as various elected and appointed officials in litigation in Circuit Court, Administrative Law Court and federal court. I also routinely draft ordinances, review and draft various other documents, participate in the negotiation and formulation of economic development agreements, and provide legal advice and counsel to the County Council, the County Administrator, county departments, boards, and commissions.

(d) In 1999, I accepted a position as an associate with Harris and McLeod, a law firm in Cheraw, South Carolina, and became a partner in 2001. The firm is now known as McLeod and Ruffner and has been in continuous operation since the 1960's. The firm consists of my law partner and I, one associate attorney, and a staff of four. The name of the firm has changed as partners retired or departed to pursue other endeavors (prior firm names are Spruill and Harris; Harris and Griggs; Harris, Griggs and Spruill; Griggs and Spruill; Griggs, Spruill and Harris; Griggs and Harris; Harris and McLeod; and Harris, McLeod and Ruffner).

At my present firm, I have prosecuted municipal court cases for the Town of Cheraw including DUI, disorderly conduct and traffic offenses.

My practice has included domestic relations, civil (representing both plaintiffs and defendants), real estate, representation of local government, business work and criminal practice. I practice actively in Family Court and Circuit Court, occasionally in Summary Court, and I have in a few instances handled appellate work.

Since I began private practice, a significant portion of my work has always been devoted to litigation. This has included a diverse practice in Circuit and Family Courts consisting of representation of criminal defendants including three capital cases; plaintiffs and defendants in serious personal injury and other disputes; husbands/fathers and wives/mothers in divorce, equitable division, custody, child support and adoptions; individuals seeking name changes; grandparents seeking visitation; defendants in DSS abuse and neglect cases; volunteer guardians ad litem in DSS abuse and neglect cases (children and vulnerable adults); prosecution and defense of juveniles; and service as guardian ad litem in private custody and adoption cases.

While I was sporadically appointed as a special referee during the first 20 or so years of practice, I have been appointed very frequently in the past five years (I would estimate at least 30 to 40 cases per year). The cases over which I have presided have ranged from routine foreclosures to fairly complex property and other civil matters.

With regard to administrative and financial management, I serve as the Plan Administrator for my firm's retirement plan, manage the application for and acquisition of errors and omissions insurance, and, due to the small size of our firm, I am involved in all personnel, financial and any other significant decisions. My law partner and I are the only individuals authorized to sign checks and authorize withdrawals from the firm's two trust accounts, one exclusively for real estate transactions and another, at a separate bank, for all other matters. Both trust accounts are reconciled each month within no more than a few days of the end of the prior month by our firm's bookkeeper, who has no check signing authority on any of the firm's bank accounts, and those reconciliations are reviewed by the two partners.

(e) From the early 2000's to the present, I have served as the county attorney in Chesterfield for the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program representing guardians ad litem for children in abuse and neglect cases. In 2007, I was contracted in the same role for the South Carolina Adult Guardian Ad Litem Program for vulnerable adult cases.

(f) As of June 20, 2024, I was appointed as a Special Assistant Solicitor on a volunteer basis for the purpose of prosecuting cases involving juveniles in the Family Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. This is one area of practice in which I have been least active and, therefore, I sought this appointment to gain some meaningful experience in this critical area.

Mr. Ruffner further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

My practice in Family Court has included virtually every type of case one could encounter. I have handled numerous private cases involving contested issues of divorce, equitable division, custody, child support and alimony. The marital estates in some of these cases were sizeable and required the assistance of experts to, for example, value pension plans or real estate holdings. A number of cases involved closely held family businesses. On the other hand, marital estates in other cases were quite modest, and the significant issues were, for example, the division of debt or sale of a marital home that the parties could no longer afford. I often found the latter cases more difficult, from a practical standpoint, than the "high value" cases because of the substantial effect it was going to have on the litigant's financial well-being especially when children were involved.

I have been involved in some bitterly contested custody cases. While I always advocated my client's position, the longer I practiced, I made an effort to encourage clients to try to see beyond the immediate stress and emotion of the litigation, and look at the long term, big picture of continuing to be a parent to their child; by necessity, this requires at least some minimal working relationship with the other parent. At this point, I have practiced long enough that I have been able to ask former clients about the upbringing of children and relationships with former spouses, and I have found that many did, in fact, learn to get along to serve their children's best interests.

I have handled a handful of adoptions over the years and have served as guardian ad litem for prospective adoptees. Without a doubt, this is one of the most rewarding parts of domestic practice and I can understand why Family Court judges, in my experience, enjoy presiding over these cases.

Early in my career, I represented defendant parents in a number of abuse and neglect cases. I was then approached by the local Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program in the early 2000's to serve as the attorney in Chesterfield County. I have served in hundreds of cases in this capacity and the dedication of the volunteer guardians ad litem never ceases to amaze me. While many of these cases are heart wrenching and frustrating, there are also those with positive outcomes that either see parents complete their treatment plans and reunite with their children, or see the children adopted into a stable, loving home. I have also served for the past seven years as the contract attorney for the Vulnerable Adult Guardian Ad Litem Program representing guardians ad litem for vulnerable adults in DSS abuse and neglect cases.

I was involved in the prosecution of a few DJJ cases during my brief time with the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office in 1998 and represented a limited number of juveniles charged with offenses during my first fifteen years of practice. However, I have not practiced much in that area recently. For that reason, I requested and the Fourth Circuit Solicitor kindly agreed to appoint me as a Special Assistant Solicitor, on a volunteer basis, to assist in the prosecution of juvenile cases. I also sought out a CLE presented by Family Court Judge David Guyton and Sixteenth Circuit Assistant Solicitor Ouida Dest which provided me with a comprehensive overview of the juvenile justice process in South Carolina. I anticipate getting more up to date and gaining some real-world experience as an Assistant Solicitor, as I believe juvenile justice is such an important part of serving on the Family Court bench.

During the past five years, I have appeared before a Family Court judge an average of two to three times per month.

Mr. Ruffner reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Several times per month.

Mr. Ruffner reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 30%;
(b) Criminal: 1%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;

(d) Other: 44%.

Mr. Ruffner reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 55%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: I would estimate 40-50 including non-jury.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: Less than five.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Mr. Ruffner provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Ruffner's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) Janice Watkins Hyatt v. Willard Hyatt: I represented the wife in this divorce action arising out of a 17-year marriage. At issue were alimony and equitable division of a family business, heavy equipment and real property. The parties undertook extensive discovery and I engaged a number of experts on behalf of the plaintiff to determine valuations for various assets. One of the chief areas of contention between the parties was the wife's interest in the family business and heavy equipment associated with it. During a multi-day trial, I was able to show through tax returns, financial statements and witness testimony that the wife had contributed significantly to the growth and success of the business such that the court awarded her 50% interest in the equipment and other personal property associated with the business. The wife was also awarded a substantial interest in real property owned by the husband prior to the parties' marriage by presenting evidence that she had contributed to the improvement of the property during the duration of the marriage. The plaintiff was also awarded alimony. The case involved multiple contempt actions against the husband for which the wife was awarded attorney's fees on one occasion.

After the court's final ruling, the defendant husband appealed. I filed an Application Lifting Automatic Stay on the basis that the defendant was continuing to use and, therefore, devalue, some of the personal property which my client had been awarded. The trial court granted the application and the defendant then filed a Petition for Supersedeas with

the Court of Appeals to which I filed a Return on behalf of the plaintiff; the Court of Appeals denied the defendant's petition. Even during the pendency of the appeal, I had to file a contempt action due the defendant's failure to pay alimony and to deliver some of the items of personal property after denial of his supersedeas petition. After final briefs were filed by both parties and the matter was scheduled by the Court of Appeals, the parties were finally able to reach an agreement settling all matters.

This case was significant for two reasons. First, it involved a number of convoluted matters that took time and effort to ferret out through discovery and review of documents to be able to prove the substantial contributions of the wife to the marriage. It also required numerous court appearances for motions, a trial and then the response to the defendant's appeal. Second, the case was a test of perseverance for me and my client. While I respected and, to this day, still respect opposing counsel in the case, I am convinced that his client thought he could win the case through a battle of attrition. My client did not have access to the finances necessary to pay as the litigation progressed and, at times, I am certain she was ready to just give up and accept what, in my opinion, were some less than fair settlement offers from the defendant. In the end, she trusted my advice and we were able to resolve the case in a favorable manner.

(b) Sandi Teal Byrd v. Billy Joe Byrd, II: This case in which I represented the plaintiff wife arose out a 19-year marriage and involved issues of custody, child support, equitable division and alimony. From the temporary hearing and throughout much of the case, the parties contested every issue especially regarding custody and visitation matters concerning the children, ages 13 and 9. There was a contempt hearing at which the court held both parties in contempt as a result of an incident that occurred in the presence of the minor children. A guardian ad litem was appointed early on in the case, and did an excellent job investigating and representing the interests of the children. Through negotiation with the defendant's capable counsel, less than six months after the contempt hearing, we appeared before the same judge to approve a written settlement agreement which included a fair division of the marital estate and, more importantly, a shared custody agreement that all concerned agreed was in the best interests of the two children.

This case was significant because it highlighted that lawyers could, and should in my opinion, zealously represent their respective clients while

maintaining a level of civility and courtesy with one another. In my experience in this and other cases, I feel that this manner of interaction between the lawyers often leads to a reduction in the animosity between the parties that tends to be magnified in domestic cases. That, in turn, resulted in the parties in this case setting aside their differences, even though they no longer wanted to be married, to the benefit of their children.

(c) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Crawford: This child abuse and neglect case in which I represented the guardian ad litem for the three children is the worst I have encountered. The children, three brothers, who were adopted by their grandfather and step grandmother were subjected to horrific physical and psychological abuse. It included being beaten with a whip and garden hose which left permanent scarring, malnourishment and forcing the children to eat hot peppers as punishment, and providing no education while purportedly homeschooling the children. Even worse, one of the three children was locked in a shed behind the home and lived in inhumane conditions including having to use a bucket to relieve himself. He also was fitted with a shock collar which was used as punishment and, at times, his own brothers were made to activate on him. Fortunately, the children were removed from this awful situation and two of the three were successfully adopted. The third child transitioned through the foster care system into adulthood. The parents were charged and sentenced to prison time in General Sessions Court.

At this point in my career, I had been involved with DSS abuse and neglect cases for about 10 years and, although I been exposed to some terrible cases, this one reached a level of depravity I had never seen. I was also a relatively new father at the time of a two year old son and could not imagine anyone treating another human being, much less a child, this way. However, I also saw the utter resilience and strength that children possess to be able to overcome these circumstances. The case was also significant for the care I saw exhibited by the trial judge, a veteran of the bench, to make certain that these children were protected and had the best chance possible to succeed.

(d) South Carolina Department of Social Services – In the Interest of: T.B, T.B. and C.B.: I represented the guardian ad litem in this case which involved three children, two boys, ages nine and 11, and a girl, age 10. The rights of the parents had already been terminated and there was an

issue as to the placement of the two boys with a prior foster mother and prospective adoptive home due to some statutory and/or policy requirements placed on DSS. One of the boys suffered from Auditory Neuropathy Spectrum Disorder (ANSD) resulting in him being hearing impaired. The boys' former foster mother had taken extraordinary efforts including hiring, at her own expense, someone to assist with the necessary documentation to gain admission for the child to the School for the Deaf and Blind. Again, due to some statutory and/or policy restrictions placed on DSS, the Department could not agree to placement of the boys with the former foster mother. I filed a motion for judicial review on behalf of the guardian and a hearing was held at which all five witnesses called, even the witness for DSS, agreed that it was in the best interests of the two boys to be placed back with their former foster mother. The Family Court judge agreed and issued an order placing the boys back with the former foster mother as an adoptive placement. The children were later adopted by the foster mother and, to this day, I have a picture of these two young men, happy to be in their forever home.

This case was significant because it is an example of "the system" working. Even though there were obstacles, everyone involved, including the court, the lawyers, the guardian ad litem and DSS staff, came together to make sure that what was in the children's best interest was achieved.

(e) Barbara E. Funderburk v. Timothy M. Funderburk and James T. Funderburk: I represented the husband, Tim Funderburk, in this case which involved a number of contested issues arising out of a 20 year marriage: divorce based on the statutory fault ground of adultery and equitable division of the marital estate, including an allegation by the plaintiff that a 107 acre tract of property titled in the name of Tim Funderburk's brother, James T. Funderburk, was being held in trust for the plaintiff and defendant and should, therefore, be included in the marital estate. As a result, an Amended Complaint was filed adding James T. Funderburk as a party and he was represented by separate counsel in the case. The case included fairly extensive discovery, research and gathering of documentation regarding the issues of adultery and the disputed 107 acre tract in order to prepare for what would be a two day trial. The parties also had two children, one of whom was a son, age 12, and a daughter who had reached the age of majority. The parties had agreed upon joint custody of the son, with the father being the primary custodian. After trial, the court ruled in favor of my client on

effectively every issue. A divorce was granted based on the plaintiff's adultery, the court found that the 107 acres were not part of the marital estate, and divided the marital property 60% to my client and 40% to the plaintiff.

This case was significant in that it was extremely contentious from the outset and involved a third party, my client's brother, whose property was at stake of being included for division in the marital estate. This necessitated additional and unique preparation for trial including coordination with my client's brother's counsel. My client and his brother were also very cooperative and accepting of advice, which certainly contributed to the positive outcome of the case.

The following is Mr. Ruffner's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Hyatt v. Hyatt, No. 01-DR-13-684 (S.C. Ct.App.) – Case settled during pendency of appeal.

(b) Hall v. Sapp, No. 07–6820 (4th Cir., filed November 28, 2007).

(c) Stutler v. South Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, No. 2012–UP–529 (S.C. Ct.App., filed September 19, 2012).

(d) Teal v. Hickman-Tedder, No. 2015–UP–569, (S.C. Ct.App., filed December 23, 2015) – I represented Mary Elizabeth Hickman-Tedder, the named insured of one of the other respondents, and my role in the appeal process, including preparation of the brief, was limited to portions relevant to her interests

The following is Mr. Ruffner's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:

State of South Carolina v. Aaron Carelock, No. 2002-UP-262, (S.C. Ct.App., filed April 9, 2002).

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Ruffner's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Ruffner "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional

qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Mr. Ruffner is married to Christy Rabon Ruffner. He has two children.

Mr. Ruffner reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Georgia Bar (Inactive status)
(c) Chesterfield County Bar Association
(d) South Carolina Association of County Attorneys
Mr. Ruffner provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First United Methodist Church of Cheraw (past member of Finance and Staff-Parish Relations Committee)
(b) Mt. Moriah Mason Lodge #58
(c) Cheraw Chamber of Commerce (past board member and chair)
(d) Pee Dee Land Trust (past board member and treasurer)
(e) Cheravian Club (local service club) (charter and past board member)

Mr. Ruffner further reported:
I believe the diversity of my 26 plus years of practice, not only in Family Court but also in Circuit Court and other areas not necessarily litigation related, have prepared me to be a capable Family Court judge. I have learned to deal with a variety of people in any number of demanding situations, be it in the midst of a trial, during a county council meeting, or negotiating settlement of a real estate matter. At age 52, my life experience has also been significant such that it will allow me to relate to and objectively see the different views of the parties to a case.

On a personal note, my parents divorced when I was 10 years old. While this was a difficult time, as I have looked back, particularly after having children of my own, I realized that neither of my parents, not once, let the fact that they were no longer married interfere with their love and encouragement of me, individually and collectively. A few years later, both of my parents remarried within a year of one another. Although admittedly, at the time, I was not thrilled to be getting a stepfather and a

stepmother, over time, I appreciated that I had now been blessed with four parents who all loved me, supported me, and helped me grow up, and I became very close with my stepparents. Each of my parents had a daughter as a result of their second marriage so I also got the joy of having two sisters after being an only child. My stepfather has since passed away and I miss him dearly. My stepmother remains an integral part of my and my family's life. While I know not all situations will turn out like mine, this experience is something I can lean on to be empathetic to parents and children when they are in the middle of a dispute in Family Court, and perhaps allow me to offer some reassurance and wisdom to them.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Mr. Ruffner on his excellent BallotBox survey responses and for his reputation in the legal community.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Ruffner qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Michelle M. Hurley
Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Hurley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Hurley was born in 1969. She is 55 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Hurley provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Hurley.

Judge Hurley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges,

particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Hurley reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Hurley testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Hurley testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Hurley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Hurley reported the following regarding the teaching of law-related courses:
The Following are my CLE Presentations:

(a) "Judicial Hollywood Squares", SC Bar Convention, January 19, 2024.

This was a fun game to test lawyers' knowledge of family law issues.

(b) "Running of a Court", Orientation School for New Family Court Judges, May 14, 2024.

Co-presented on issues such as punctuality, appearance, temperament/demeanor, recusals, court personnel, controlling the courtroom, the importance of making a record, court reporters, interpreters, time and docket management, virtual hearings and preparation for court.

(c) "Running of a Court", Orientation School for New Family Court Judges, May 23, 2023

Co-presented on issues such as punctuality, appearance, temperament/demeanor, recusals, court personnel, controlling the courtroom, the importance of making a record, court reporters, interpreters, time and docket management, virtual hearings and preparation for court.

(d) "Running of a Court", Orientation School for New Family Court Judges, May 24, 2022.

Co-presented on issues such as punctuality, appearance, temperament/demeanor, recusals, court personnel, controlling the courtroom, the importance of making a record, court reporters, interpreters, time and docket management, virtual hearings and preparation for court.

(e) "Running of a Court", Orientation School for New Family Court Judges, May 25, 2021.

Co-presented on issues such as punctuality, appearance, temperament/demeanor, recusals, court personnel, controlling the courtroom, the importance of making a record, court reporters, interpreters, time and docket management, virtual hearings and preparation for court.

(f) "Running of a Court", Orientation School for New Family Court Judges, May 29, 2019.

Co-presented on issues such as punctuality, appearance, temperament/demeanor, recusals, court personnel, controlling the courtroom, the importance of making a record, court reporters, interpreters, time and docket management, virtual hearings and preparation for court.

(g) "Things I Like to See and Things I Don't", SC Bar Family Law Hot Tips, September 22, 2023.

(h) CASA National Convention Judges Panel, October 20, 2020.

Discussed the role and importance of the guardian ad litem in abuse and neglect cases.

(i)"Civility Inside/Outside the Courtroom", SCDSS, November 13, 2020.

(j)"Temporary Hearings", Family Law Essentials August 20, 2021.

(k) "Human Trafficking", Family Court Judges Conference, April 11, 2019.

Co-presented with 3 other family court judges, an Assistant U.S. Attorney and an FBI agent regarding the dynamics of human trafficking, and presiding over cases where a party or child is a victim of trafficking.

(l)"Sample Approval Hearing", Family Law Essentials, July 29, 2019.

(m) "So You Want to Be a Judge: Judicial Bootcamp", SC Black Lawyers' Association, October 14, 2022.

(n) "Family Law Update", SC Black Lawyer's Association, September 26, 2013.

This was a panel presentation on the new laws regarding family law.

(o) "Reflections from the Newbies: Is there an Escape Clause?" Family Court Bench Bar, December 2013.

This was a panel presentation from the newly elected Family Court judges.

(p) "As Family Court Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorney's Make in Litigating Divorce", National Business Institute (NBI), November 7, 2014.

This was an all-day panel discussion on various issues related to litigating divorce cases.

(q) "Keep Out! SC and the School to Prison Pipeline", SC Bar Convention, January 24, 2015.

This was a panel discussion on the "school to prison pipeline".

(r) "Now That I Have My Sea Legs-Thoughts from the Bench", SC Bar, Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, September 25, 2015.

I provided insight on practicing in Family Court.

(s) "Tips from the Family Court Bench", SC Bar, Fifth Circuit Tips From the Bench, January 8, 2016.

I polled the family court judges and presented "pet peeves" and helpful tips.

(t)"Pathway to Judgeship in SC", SC Women's Law Association (SCWLA), June 9, 2016.

A panel of female judges from different courts discussed our backgrounds and the process of becoming a judge in South Carolina.

(u) "What Judges Want You to Know About Family Court", National Business Institute (NBI), November 14, 2016.

This was an all-day panel discussion on various issues related to Family Court.

(v) "Judicial Hollywood Squares", SC Bar Convention, January 20, 2017.

This was a fun game to test lawyers' knowledge of legal issues.

(w) "Parental Alienation, its Impact on Children and its Remedies", SC Association for Justice, Annual Convention, August 3, 2017.

I presented on the issue of parental alienation and the Noojin v. Noojin case.

(x) "Standardizing "Standard" Visitation: A View from the Bench", SC Bar, Family Court Bench Bar, December 1, 2017.

This was a presentation on the judicial view of different visitation plans.

(y) "Children and the Family Court: Evidentiary Issues", Children's Law Center, February 16, 2018.

I discussed evidentiary issues related to child abuse and neglect cases, such as presenting a child witness and S.C. Code Ann. Section 19-1-180.

(z) "Lunch and Learn" (Nelson Mullins), May 16, 2012.

I discussed handling DSS Appointments: registering the appointment; meeting with the client; information to gather from the client; discovery requests; avoiding foster care through relative/non-relative placements; time frames for hearings; the purpose of each hearing and the applicable standards of proof.

(aa) "Homeless Experience Legal Protection Project Training", October 27, 2011.

I presented on the issue of representing the Homeless in Child Protection Cases.

(bb) "Training for New Attorneys Subject to Appointment in Abuse and Neglect Cases", May 13, 2011 and August 6, 2011.

This CLE was presented in the 5th and 9th Circuits. This course was aimed at preparing new attorneys for the inevitable DSS appointment. I explained the child protection process and the applicable laws, and provided helpful navigation tips.

(cc) "Immigration Issues and Educational Needs of Children in Foster Care", May 23, 2011, June 22, 2011, July 8, 2011 and July 15, 2011.

I lectured on the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008. Particularly, the importance of a foster child having as few foster home moves as possible; the importance of school stability and the negative impact multiple homes and schools have on a foster child's success in education, relationships, and mental and physical health. Also spoke on the roles of the caseworker, guardian ad litem, and foster parent in advocating for the educational and health care needs of foster children, the law in South Carolina as it relates to school enrollment requirements for children, the roles of DSS and schools in ensuring that foster children remain in their schools of origin, and their roles and duties, under the Fostering Connections Act, when foster children must change schools.

I discussed other mandates in the Fostering Connections Act such as, the ongoing duty of child welfare agencies to locate and connect foster children with their relatives for placement and/or adoption; placement of siblings in the same foster home; the importance of children to be able

to maintain significant relationships with relatives and friends while they are in foster care, particularly when the child's permanent plan is reunification with his/her family; placement of children in foster homes within or near their home communities and school zones; and the duty of child welfare agencies to recruit foster homes near a child's biological home, when a foster home is not available in that community.

(dd) "DSS Upstate/Court Improvement CLE", 2010.

I presented on best practices in child protection hearings.

(ee) "Representing Parents in Child Maltreatment Cases", November 2010

Provided helpful tips to attorneys hired and/or subject to appointment in child protection cases.

(ff) *SCDSS Child Support Enforcement*, June 4, 2010

I spoke on child support issues in abuse and neglect cases.

(gg) "Basic Training for Juvenile Public Defenders", April 2010

I discussed home assessments vs. home studies; children being placed into emergency protective custody at disposition hearings; coordinating cases and services when both DSS and DJJ are involved with a family.

(hh) "Lunch and Learn, Handling DSS Appointments" (Nelson Mullins), June 2009

I gave a similar lecture as item "x".

(ii) "Training for Child Support Enforcement Division", November 2009

Discussed the duties of DSS county attorneys.

(jj) "Representing Volunteer Guardians ad Litem", March 14, 2008

Discussed the role of the guardian ad litem and his/her attorney in child abuse and neglect and Termination of Parental Rights cases.

(kk) "Training for Attorneys Appointed in DSS Cases", July 27, 2007

I presented on handling DSS appointments.

(ll) "Complex Issues in Family Law", March 2006.

Provided an overview of the grounds for Termination of Parental Rights.

I have taught/lectured the following law related courses:

(a) *Trial Advocacy Training for DSS Case Workers and Attorneys*, 2005-2012.

I taught a three-day lecture and mock trial course for newly hired DSS employees. The course entailed a day and a half of lecture and a day and

a half of testifying. This course was held on average once per month, except in 2009, when it was held three times per month. I lectured on the family court system, the Children's Code, Family Court Rules, evidence; standards of proof, court preparation and appearance, effective testifying, and the grounds for termination of parental rights.

During the mock trial portion of the course, a retired family court judge presided over the hearings. Using fictional case files, the participants testified in probable cause, merits, permanency planning and termination of parental rights hearings. Newly hired attorneys played the role of the DSS attorney. Both the attorneys and caseworkers were videotaped and were provided constructive feedback.

(b) *Advanced Legal Training for Caseworkers*, 2006-2012.
This was an 8-hour course for DSS caseworkers. In 2006 and 2007, I traveled to each of the sixteen circuits to teach this course. From 2008-2012, I taught this course four to five times per year in the four regions of the state. This course was designed to help caseworkers gain a better understanding and appreciation of the procedural and legal requirements of their jobs by connecting the South Carolina Children's Code, the 14th Amendment, and federal laws to the DSS policy and procedure manual.

This training covered administrative hearings, developing and using case theories, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), the Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA), The Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, Title IV-E requirements and the meaning of Reasonable Efforts, making decisions in the best interests of children, child custody and guardianship, avoiding foster care through alternative placements, diligent searches, the Responsible Father Registry, relinquishments for adoption, and termination of parental rights.

(c) *Multi-Ethnic Placement Act* (MEPA), 2010-2012.
This training was a result of the South Carolina Department of Social Services being placed under a federal Corrective Action Plan, to correct the discriminatory practices of the agency in the placement of children in foster and adoptive homes. The practices in effect delayed positive permanence and caused children to languish in foster care longer than necessary.

The Multi-Ethnic Placement Act is a federal law enacted in 1994 and amended by President Clinton in 1996. The Act prohibits the delay or

denial of the placement of a child in a foster home or prospective adoptive home based on the race, color or national origin (RCNO) of the child, foster parent or adoptive parent. MEPA applies to all public child welfare placing agencies and all private child-placing agencies that receive any federal funding either directly or indirectly.

This training was held twice per year in each of the 16 circuits. I became a federally approved MEPA trainer in 2010.

(d) Guest Lecturer*, Child Advocacy Studies,* USC Upstate, 2011.

Lectured to undergraduate students on the mandated reporting laws of South Carolina.

(e) Guest Lecturer*,* USC School of Social Work, 2010.

Lectured to graduate students on the laws pertaining to child protection. I discussed each phase of a case and the different avenues a case can take from the moment a report is made of suspected child abuse and neglect. Topics included: the investigation of the allegations, treatment cases vs. removal of children from the home, placement plans, the purpose of each court hearing, reunification, alternative placements, and termination of parental rights and adoption.

(f) Guest Lecturer, Summer Institute for School Guidance Counselors, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Lectured to guidance counselors about when and where to report suspected child abuse and neglect; the intake process and response time when a report is made; the information the reporter will need to provide to DSS and/or law enforcement; and their rights and duties as mandated reporters.

(g) Guest Lecturer, *Children and the Courts*, USC School of Law, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011.

Lectured to law students about "a day in the life of a child welfare attorney".

(h) Legal Training for Foster Care Licensing, Adoptions, and Out-of-Home Abuse and Neglect Unit (OHAN), 2007.

Provided legal training for DSS staff involved in licensing foster and adoptive homes, the unit charged with investigation institutional abuse, and the administrative hearing officers.

Judge Hurley reported that she has published the following:
While employed at the Children's Law Center, I authored or co-authored the following manuals and publications.

(a) A Guide for the Use of Expert Witnesses in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases, 2010;
(b) Guide to Title IV-E Requirements, 2010 (Provided to Family Court Judges);
(c) Termination of Parental Rights Evidence Checklist, 2010 (Provided to Family Court Judges and DSS Attorneys);
(d) Information for Clergy as Mandated reporters, 2010;
(e) Information for Healthcare Workers as Mandated Reporters, 2010;
(f) Advanced Legal Training Manual for Caseworkers, 2005, revised 2007, 2009 and 2010.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Hurley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Hurley did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Hurley has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Hurley was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Hurley reported that she was not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Hurley reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Hurley reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Hurley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Hurley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Hurley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduating from law school:

> (a) November 2001 to January 2002: I worder for the Finney Law Firm. I had previously worked for the firm as a law clerk and was offered a position after I passed the bar exam. I mostly handled juvenile and probate matters. I left this position to become a judicial law clerk.
> (b) January 2002 to September 2003: I was employed as a law clerk for the Honorable Alison Rene Lee (Retried), South Carolina Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 11. As a judicial law clerk, I managed the judge's docket, reviewed files and briefed the judge on the issues, accompanied the judge to various circuits to hear civil and criminal cases, sat with the judge and assisted her during hearings, prepared civil and criminal charges for the jury, performed research, and drafted orders.
> (c) September 2003 to October 2005: I was employed as a staff attorney for the Richland County Department of Social Services. I handled cases involving abused and neglected children, and vulnerable adults. I represented the agency in probable cause, merits, judicial review, permanency planning, and termination of parental rights hearings.
> (d) October 205 to April 2012: I was employed as a legal trainer and resource attorney for the Children's Law Center at the University of South Carolina School of Law. As a legal trainer, I trained attorneys and child welfare professionals on such topics as trial advocacy, rules of evidence, effective testifying, legal writing, best practices, best interests, case theory, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), the Fostering Connection to Success an Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008, the Multi-Ethnic Placement Act (MEPA), the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), Mandatory reporting of child abuse and

neglect, child custody and guardianship, what constitutes reasonable efforts, permanency planning, devising meaningful treatment and placement plans, kinship foster care, alternative placements, and the administrative hearing process.

As a resource attorney, I provided legal guidance to child advocacy professionals and members of the legal community who contact the children's Law Center. I also presented at CLEs on various topics and authored, co-authored, updated and/or edited manuals and publications. Additionally, I provided research and drafted legal memos for Family Court Judges.

I served as a guest speaker at the South Carolina Foster Parent Association's (FPA) annual convention and at many of the FPA's monthly county meetings, on such topics as foster parents' rights, advocating for foster children, what happens when foster parents are accused of abuse and/or neglect, and independent living services for foster children. I also served as the advisor to the Children's Advocacy Law Society at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

(e) July 2011 to March 2013: I served as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia. As a part-time judge, I held court an average of two to five days per month. With exceptions. Municipal Court has jurisdiction over criminal offenses that are subject to fines of not more than $500.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Municipal Court judges preside over criminal, criminal domestic violence, traffic, quality of life and bond courts.

(f) April 2012 to April 2013: In April 2012, I left the Children's Law Center to become the Assistant Director of the SCDSS Office of Individual & Provider Rights/Administrative Hearings. I served as the legal advisor for the department and as supervisor of four administrative hearing officers. This office is responsible for hearing and deciding appeals regarding different federal and state social services programs including, but not limited to, foster care licensing denials and revocations, adoption application denials, adoption supplemental benefits, adoption investigator certifications, foster child removals from foster homes, Out-of-Home Abuse and Neglect (OHAN) investigations of foster parents and institutions, placement of perpetrators on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect. Group home and daycare licensing,

Family Independence (FI) program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the ABC Chile Care program. This office also handles civil rights and Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) issues. Appeals from decisions from this office are heard in Family Court or the Administrative Law Court.

(g) April 2013 to Present: I serve as a Family Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. As a Family Court Judge, I have jurisdiction to hear and determine a myriad of matters, including, but not limited to, issues related to marriage, separation, divorce, division of marital property and debts, name changes, paternity determinations, child custody, visitation, child and spousal support, abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults, termination of parental rights, adoption, juveniles charged with violating laws and/or ordinances, and requests for Order of Protection by victims of domestic abuse.

Judge Hurley reported that she has held the following judicial office:

(a) July 2011 to March 2013: I was appointed by the City Council to serve as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia. As a part-time judge, I held court an average of two to five days per month. With expectations, Municipal Court has jurisdiction over criminal offenses that are subject to fines of not more than $500.00 and/or imprisonment of not more than 30 days. Municipal Court judge preside over criminal, criminal domestic violence, traffic, quality of life and bond courts.

(b) April 2013 to Present: In 2013, I was elected by the General Assembly to serve as a Family Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Family Court has jurisdiction to hear and determine a myriad of matters, including, but not limited to, issues related to marriage, separation, divorce, division of martial property and debts, name changes, paternity determinations, child custody, visitation, child and spousal support, abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults, termination of parental rights, adoption, juveniles charged with violating laws and/or ordinances and requests for Orders of Protection by victims of domestic abuse.

The following is Judge Hurley's account of her five most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Noojin v. Noojin, 417 S.C. 300, 789 S.E.2d 769 (Ct. App. 2016), this case addresses the concept parental alienation and "forced" visitation and is significant because it is the first in South Carolina to address these issues.

(b) SCDSS v. SB, L.B. and O.G., Appellate Case No.:2015-002008, 2017-UP-091. This was an appeal from a merits/removal hearing involving abused and/or neglected children. This case is significant because it demonstrates the imprint role Family Court plays in protecting the safety and wellbeing of children against the interest of tehri parents/guardians.

(c) SCDSS v. Mack, Appellate Case No.: 2014-000815, 2014-IP-363 and Appellate Case No.: 2014-000470, 2014-UP-412. This case is significant to me because it was my first case appealed after I was elected to Family Court. It was a termination of parental rights case and I was affirmed by the Court of Appeals. I listed it only because it was a moment of validation for me.

(d) SCDSS v. Frank, Appellate Case No. 2019-001084, Opinion No. 5957 (Ct. App. Filed January 4, 2023). This case is significant because it involves the application of the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA) to abuse and neglect actions. Father argued that I improperly analyzed the UCCJEA in determining that South Carolina Ha subject matter jurisdiction because the case did not involve child custody and the abuse occurred in North Carolina. The Court of Appeals affirmed the application of the UCCJEA and found that under the UCCJEA a child custody proceeding includes a proceeding involving abuse and/or neglect of a child.

(e) Thompson v. Thompson, App. Case No. 2016-000122, 2017-UP-428. This case is significant because it involves bigamy and common law marriage.

Judge Hurley reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:

(a) From 2013 until 2014, I assisted in a family-owned business. I did not receive any compensation for my services, and the business closed in 2014.

(b) From July 2011 to March 2013, I served as an Associate (part-time) Municipal Court Judge for the City of Columbia. During this time, I was employed full-time at the Children's Law Center. I received permission for dual employment from the Division of Human Resources at the University of South Carolina to accept the appointment to Municipal Court. The Chief Administrative Judge for Columbia Municipal Court during that time was The Honorable Dana D. Turner. The Director of the Children's Law Center at the time was Harry Davis.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Hurley's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Hurley to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well qualified. Committee impressed with her compassion for juveniles. Can address the tough issues now before the Fam. Ct."

Judge Hurley is married to George Craig Johnson. She has two children.

Judge Hurley reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association
(c) Family Court Bench Bar Committee, Chair 2019-2023
(d) SC Family Law American Inn of Court

Judge Hurley reported that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Moles. Inc., co-chair of Resolutions/Recommendations Committee
(b) Jack & Jill of America, Inc., Chapter Historian
(c) Columbia Historic Foundation, Advisory Committee
(d) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

(e) Midlands Foundation for Foster Children Award (2018)
(f) Superhero Award, Richland County CASA (2019)
(g) The Emanuel Nine Award, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (2022)

Judge Hurley further reported:
I endeavor every day to live by the Gold Rule. From my years of exposure to, and experience in working in the funeral industry, I learned not to judge people by their appearance, but to treat everyone with dignity and respect no matter their race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation, age or perceived statues in life. I believe that everyone's life is important and everyone has a story worth telling. A funeral director has to strike a delicate balance between the personal and professional. For example, a funeral director must be kind, patient and sympathetic to a family's situation, but at the same time, must ensure the transactional side of planning a funeral is also handled.

Like a funeral director, a judge comes to contact with people going through difficult times, which requires a certain decorum and temperament. As I judge, I believe that I have carried what I have learned to the bench. I give everyone a chance to tell their story to the Court. I constantly strive to be patient, unbiased, respectful, and understanding, while at the same time decisive, equitable, firm and professional.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
One affidavit was filed against Judge Hurley by Rhonda Meisner. Ms. Meisner provided oral testimony before the Commission. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavit, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainant, as well as oral testimony from Judge Hurley. After careful consideration of the testimonies, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Hurley in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission was impressed by Judge Hurley's passion for her work and commended her on being able to address the difficult issues that families and juveniles encounter.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Hurley qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable M. Scott Rankin
Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Rankin meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Rankin was born in 1965. He is 59 years old and a resident of Camden, South Carolina. Judge Rankin provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1993.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Rankin.

Judge Rankin demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Rankin reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Rankin testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Rankin testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Rankin to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Rankin reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Judge Rankin reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Rankin did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Rankin did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Rankin has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Rankin was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Rankin reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Rankin reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Rankin reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Rankin appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Rankin appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Rankin was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1993.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1992 – 1993 Law Clerk; Jack Swerling, Criminal Defense
(b) 1993 – 1995 Associate; D. Kenneth Baker, P.A., General Practice
(c) 1995 – 2019 Law Office of M. Scott Rankin, known as Rankin Law Firm, Solo practice firm practicing in the areas of Family Law, Family Court Mediations and Personal Injury
(d) 1998 – 2001 Public Defender; Kershaw County (by contract)
(e) 2010 – 2012 Burriss and Rankin, LLC
(f) 2006 – 2019 Part-time Magistrate, Kershaw County
(g) 2019 – Present Family Court Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit

I was the only person authorized to sign a check from the trust account with Law Office of M. Scott Rankin. My wife was the office manager and she handled accounts receivable and payable.

Judge Rankin reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Part-time Magistrate, Kershaw County, July 2006 – June 2019. Appointed. I handled the civil cases for Kershaw County and set bond one (1) week per month.
(b) Family Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3. July, 2019 – Present. Elected.

Judge Rankin provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Jessica Malcolm v. Matthew Brakefield, 2020-DR-10-2247
(b) Jeffrey Carniol v. Quashema Williams, 2018-DR-40-1140
(c) Grant Meisner v. Rhonda Meisner, 2019-DR-40-2277
(d) Richland County Department of Social Services v. Breonte Glasgow, et al., 23-DR-40-1578.
(e) Aaron Baughman v. Stephanie Sanders, 2018-DR-42-2837

Judge Rankin reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Rankin's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Rankin "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of physical health, mental stability, and constitutional qualifications; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: An asset to the Family Court bench!"

Judge Rankin is married to Charlotte Wallace Rankin. He has two children.

Judge Rankin reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Kershaw County Bar Association - President; 1995-1997
(b) South Carolina Bar Association - Member 1993 – Present

Judge Rankin provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Lyttleton Street United Methodist Church, Camden, South Carolina - Evangelism Committee 2023- Present
(b) South Carolina Courts Mental Health Initiative Task Force, Children/Families Subcommittee - 2024

Judge Rankin further reported:
While I disclosed the following when I first applied six (6) years ago, I still feel it is very relevant today. When I was 12 years old, I was a voracious reader. I would read anything I could get my hands on. It did not matter whether it was Sports Illustrated, The Hardy Boys, or even World Book Encyclopedia, I read it. It was during this period that I discovered F. Lee Bailey. I became fascinated with his life as a Criminal Defense lawyer and specifically, his defense of Sam Sheppard. It was amazing how he successfully got a not-guilty verdict after Sheppard had previously been convicted of murdering his wife. I read The Defense Never Rests and For the Defense. After reading those books, as well as a few others, I was determined to become a criminal lawyer. I wanted to get justice for my clients. I knew that was my calling. Fast forward fifteen (15) years and I graduate from the University of South Carolina

School of Law. At that time, I had no idea what kind of practice I wanted. Fortunately, Ken Baker hired me in December 1993 and he allowed me to handle a variety of matters. That is when I had my first experience with Family Court. I realized then that I enjoyed helping people solve their domestic problems. I believe part of that was due to the fact that my parents had divorced about a year earlier and their divorce was not amicable. I wanted to fix things that I could not with my parents. That carried over when I opened my own practice in 1995.

In addition, just a year prior to my serving as Family Court Judge, I had the experience of running into a former juvenile client. Samantha (name changed to protect her identity) was an assistant manager at a restaurant and she saw me walk through the door. After I was seated, she made her way over to our table. While I recognized her face, I could not place her name or how I knew her. She then told me her name and I immediately knew. Samantha was a troubled teen who had no respect for authority and she was essentially kicked out of her home by her parents. She ended up committing various crimes and spent some time at DJJ. I was appointed to represent her. This was approximately twenty-six (26) years ago. Samantha told me that she had turned her life around and had two (2) children of her own. She said she was doing well and even had a good relationship with her parents. She then said "thank you." I was taken aback and asked her why. She stated that throughout her troubles, I was the one who stood by her and did not abandon her. Needless to say, I was floored. I did not realize what kind of an impact I could have on someone. It's those moments which make me realize what an even bigger impact I can have as a judge. While I know I cannot save every troubled teen, I can try to save as many as possible.

Over the past five (5) years as a Family Court Judge, I have prided myself on being courteous and kind to the attorneys and litigants who appear before me. It is important to me that those who appear in my courtroom leave feeling that they were heard and were treated with respect. I also strive to constantly look out for the best interests of our most vulnerable, our children. In fact, I, along with other judges and attorneys, are trying to find better solutions on issues impacting children involved with Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Social Services, and Department of Mental Health. We have been holding meetings with various stakeholders in an effort to foster better communication and cooperation between these agencies.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
One affidavit was filed against Judge Rankin by Rhonda Meisner. Ms. Meisner provided oral testimony before the Commission. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavit, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainant, as well as oral testimony from Judge Rankin. After careful consideration of the testimony complaint, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Rankin in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission commented that Judge Rankin enjoys an outstanding reputation at the courthouse. They noted his reputation as a very good lawyer; specifically, that he is conscientious and smart.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Rankin qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury
Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Khoury meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Khoury was born in 1959. She is 65 years old and a resident of Lancaster, South Carolina. Judge Khoury provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1985.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Khoury.

Judge Khoury demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Khoury reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Khoury testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Khoury testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Khoury to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Khoury reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
I was a speaker for the 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 Orientation School for new Family Court Judges. My topic was Family Court Clerk Rules. I introduced the topic of Clerk Child Support Rules to newly elected judicial and offered methods for handling these matters in Family Court.

Judge Khoury reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Khoury did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Khoury did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Khoury has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Khoury was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Khoury reported that her last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Khoury reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Khoury reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Khoury appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Khoury appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Khoury was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1985.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Thomas, Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges August 1985-August 1987
(b) Goldsmith, Folks and Hodges August 1987-March 1990
(c) Goldsmith, Folks, Khoury and DeVenny March 1990-December 1991
(d) Folks, Khoury and DeVenny December 1991-March 7, 2014
(e) Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 1 March 17, 2014-present

The law firm of Folks, Khoury and DeVenny and its predecessors were general practice firms. I became a partner in the firm in January 2000. As a partner in the firm, I shared in the administrative and financial management of the firm. Throughout my legal career, I practiced predominately in the area of family law.

Judge Khoury reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Family Court Judge Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 1

March 17, 2014 – present.
Elected February 5, 2014 by the legislature, re-elected February 6, 2019 by the legislature. Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction. Exclusive and concurrent jurisdiction is conferred on this Court by the SC General Assembly. The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving family relationships including actions for separate support and maintenance, divorce, alimony, custody, visitation, child support, adoption, termination of parental rights, division of marital assets and debts, name changes, juvenile truancy and criminal matters and cases involving the abuse and neglect of minor children and vulnerable adults.

(b) Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court
2005-present
Appointed by Chief Justice

(c) Lancaster County Adult Drug Court
2018 (as needed)
Appointed by Chief Justice

In these Courts, I preside over hearings during my scheduled weeks. I review the progress of the participants and impose sanctions for violations of Drug Court rules and conditions.

Judge Khoury provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

The only Orders issued from Drug Court are bench form Orders. Five of my most significant Family Court Orders are;

(a) South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Boulware, 422 S.C. 1, 809 S.E.2d 223 (2018). This case is significant because it clarified the issue of standing to pursue a private action for adoption of children in the care of the Department of Social Services. To attain standing, the person who petitions for adoption must first be a resident of South Carolina. Second, the child must not have been placed by the Department of Social Services for adoption at the commencement of the adoption action. The South Carolina Supreme Court reversed the decision of the Court of Appeals and remanded the case to the Family Court to proceed with Petitioners' action for adoption.

(b) Stradford vs. Wilson, 378 S.C. 301, 662 S.E.2d 491 (Ct. App. 2008). This was a case that I tried as an attorney

but it remains a significant order. I have used the findings and legal arguments in deciding cases involving the name change of minor children. The parties to this action were not married. Father petitioned the Court to change the child's surname to the name of his family. The Court determined that both parents have an equal interest in a child bearing their respective surname. The Court held that the party attempting to change the child's name must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the name change is in the child's best interests. The Court further enumerated the factors to consider when making a determination as to whether the name change is in the child's best interest.

(c) Sherrie Storey vs. Scott Souzza, 2011-DR-43-1390. The case was a contested custody case involving two fit parents. Each party possessed strengths and characteristics that would be beneficial to the growth and development of the children. Each parent had the ability to provide for the children financially, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This case is significant in that it is representative of the difficulty faced by Family Court judges in crafting decisions that serve the best interest of the children, allow the children to spend quality time with both parents and provide the children with a somewhat normal life routine. Contested custody cases are always difficult for children, litigants, lawyers and judges.

(d) Kristen and Jesse Anderson vs. Justin Haile, 2018-DR-29-256. This matter involved a request to terminate the parental rights of the Defendant (Plaintiff's ex-husband and biological father of the children) and a request to adopt by the stepfather (Plaintiff's husband). Cases involving the termination of the relationship between a parent and child are some of the most difficult cases that a Family Court judge is called upon to hear and render a decision. The judge may order a termination of parental rights only after making two findings based upon clear and convincing evidence. First, the judge must find that one or more legal grounds exists for termination. Secondly, the judge must find that the termination of parental rights is in the best interest of the minor child. This case is significant because the Court found by clear and convincing evidence that a legal ground existed for the termination of the Defendant's parental rights.

(Failure to visit in excess of six months) However, the Court did not find clear and convincing evidence that best interest of the minor children would be served by terminating the Defendant's parental rights. The Defendant, while struggling with the break-up of his marriage, the effects of two combat military tours and undiagnosed PTSD, believed it was in the children's best interest to stop his physical contact with them. The Defendant, however, never stopped loving his children, supporting his children financially or trying to become a better person for them. Defendant was willing and able to provide for the needs of the children. In addition, keeping the father's rights intact did not affect the children's quality of life, disrupt their current stability or interfere with their relationship with their father, stepfather or extended families.

(e) Sheryl B. Broome vs. Barry S. Broome, 2019-DR-46-794. This was an action for divorce. The parties in this matter had been married for 32 years and the issues before the Court were divorce, equitable distribution of debts and property, alimony and attorney fees. This case is significant in that it is representative of the process used in making decisions with regards to the equitable distribution determination, the award of alimony and the award of attorney fees.

Judge Khoury reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:

(a) Lancaster County Juvenile Drug Court-2005 to present
(b) Lancaster County Adult Drug Court-2018 to present (as needed)

Drug Court is a diversion court administered through the office of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Solicitor. I preside over the hearings scheduled during my assigned weeks to monitor progress of the participants and impose sanctions for any violations of Drug Court rules and conditions. These hearings take place after regular business hours. I serve in these capacities without additional compensation.

Judge Khoury further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

In February of 2008, I was unsuccessful in my race for Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit Seat 2.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Khoury's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Khoury to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented that, "Judge Khoury is a conscientious, dedicated public servant who brings a wealth of family law experience to the Family Court bench. The committee strongly recommends that she be reelected to another term of service."

Judge Khoury is married to Jeffery L. Hammond. She has two children.

Judge Khoury reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Lancaster County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
(d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges
  a. 2018-2019 Secretary/Treasurer
  b. 2019-2020 Vice President
  c. 2020-2021 President
(e) South Carolina Family Law American Inn of Court

Judge Khoury provided that she was not a member of a civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Khoury further reported:
As a parent, community partner, teacher, lawyer and judge, I have seen how decisions made in Family Court affect the lives of litigants, families and friends. I have dealt with clients in distress and turmoil. I have experienced the stress and pressures of a Family Court practitioner. As a judge, I hope to never lose sight of the emotions of litigants, the pressures of Family Court practitioners and the importance of each and

every decision made in Family Court. Each day I attempt to behave in a way that facilitates conflict resolutions and not in a fashion that spurs emotional strife. I am courteous to litigants, lawyers and court personnel. I am attentive during hearings, well versed in the law and render decisions in a timely fashion. I try to remember that what is routine and common to me as a regular participant in Family Court is new and terrifying to most litigants and witnesses. I hope to be viewed as a judge who uses her gut, heart and head to render good, just and fair decisions. I hope that litigants and lawyers leave the courtroom feeling their stories were heard, their positions considered and they were treated with respect in the resolution of their disputes.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Khoury stands out amongst Family Court judges. The Commission noted that she is doing an excellent job.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Angela J. Moss
Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Moss meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Moss was born in 1968. She is 56 years old and a resident of Inman, South Carolina. Judge Moss provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1994. She was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1994.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Moss.

Judge Moss demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Moss reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Moss testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Moss testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Moss to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Moss reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) Presentations regarding legal practice to high school students at Spartanburg Christian Academy and High Point Academy.
(b) Seventh Circuit Tips from the Bench; presented to local attorneys regarding practicing in Family Court.
(c) 2022 Family Court Judge Orientation School; presented to newly elected Family Court judges.

Judge Moss reported the following regarding any published books or articles:
No legal books or articles. In the early 1990's, I worked as a sports reporter with the Spartanburg Herald-Journal and had articles published

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Moss did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Moss did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Moss has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Moss was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Moss reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Moss reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Moss reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Moss appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Moss appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Moss was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1994.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Albert V. Smith, P.A., Associate; 1/1995-11/1996; General practice of law concentrating in civil, criminal and Family Court cases. No management responsibilities.
(b) Seventh Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; Assistant Solicitor I, Assistant Solicitor II, Assistant Solicitor III: 11/1996-11/2000; Prosecution of General Sessions felony and misdemeanor caseloads; Prosecution of juvenile defendants in Family Court; Supervised/managed Cherokee County office (1998-1999).
(c) Phillip K. Sinclair, LLC, Associate; 2000-2006; General practice of law, concentrating in civil, criminal and

Family Court cases. Limited management responsibilities; No management of trust accounts.

(d) Seventh Judicial Circuit Public Defender's Office; Senior Assistant Public Defender III; 11/2000-3/2021; Defended accused adults in Magistrate, Municipal and Transfer Courts; Defense of juveniles in Family Court and Juvenile Drug Court; No management responsibilities.

(e) Private practice; Family Court Mediator; 2018-3/2021; guardian ad litem; 2006-3/2021; Mediation of Family Court cases and serving as guardian ad litem for children and adults in Family Court and Probate Court; Responsible for trust account.

(f) Family Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1; 3/15/2021-present; Hearing and deciding Family Court cases.

Judge Moss reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Date of Election: February 3, 2021
Dates of Service: March 15, 2021 to the present
Jurisdiction: Family Court
Judge Moss provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Richard T. Goldsmith v. Hailey W. Efird, Op. No. 2023-UP-377 (S.C. Ct. App. filed November 28, 2023). In this case the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision to allow the non-custodial mother to have extended visitation as the extended visitation was in the child's best interests. After considering the facts, I attempted to craft a visitation schedule to accommodate and protect the child. The unique facts of the case precipitated the decision to grant the Mother more time with the child than many customary schedules. This case was a great reminder that each case has unique facts which must be considered carefully.

(b) Wesley Lynn Flowers v. Heather Nicole Stephens, 2022-DR-42-2400. This action was brought by the father of the minor child to establish visitation and other related relief. I heard the Temporary Hearing in the matter. At that hearing, I ordered a step-up type schedule wherein the father would have the opportunity to work up to a standard-type visitation schedule. The mother was opposed to the visitation. I later found out that the father followed the order and established a good relationship with the child. Eventually the parties reconciled and are currently raising the child together. This is a great example of the

importance of each step of the litigation process. Temporary Hearings and Temporary Orders matter. They set the tone and pave the way for the final resolution.
(c) Virginia R. McCall v. Brett W. McCall, 2020-DR-42-0939. In this matter, the pro se Plaintiff filed a custody modification action. As the parties could not come to agreement, the case ended with a four-day trial. This was my first lengthy trial with a pro se litigant.
(d) Jayro Sales Khan v. Anna Marie Cauble, 2023-DR-11-0166. This case presented an interesting question regarding subject matter jurisdiction. There were potential UCCJEA issues as well.
(e) John Doe et al v. Sally Roe et al, 2023-DE-11-0380. This was an action for termination of parental rights. This was a lengthy trial with two pro se Defendants. Termination of parental rights is a difficult matter regardless of the facts of the case. This was a challenging trial, but the decision was obvious after hearing the testimony. The child's best interests were served with the termination of the parental rights.

Judge Moss reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Moss's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Moss to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. There were no related comments.

Judge Moss is married to Danny W. Moss. She has two children.

Judge Moss reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Spartanburg County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

Judge Moss provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

Boiling Springs First Baptist Church - volunteer

Judge Moss further reported:
Now that I have served as a judge, I have worked in practically every aspect of Family Court. With this experience, I have had the unique opportunity to view and experience Family Court through various lenses. This has been such a blessing and aided me I carry out my duties. Day by day, case by case, I have steadily accumulated life experience which have proven to be invaluable in my role. The decisions in Family Court have a real, significant and lasting impact. The magnitude of this is something I consider and carry daily. It has been such a privilege and honor to serve as a Family Court judge and I am thankful for the opportunity.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Judge Moss has a great reputation as a jurist. They encouraged her to continue her good work on the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Moss qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable M. Todd Thigpen
Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Thigpen meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Thigpen was born in 1970. He is 54 years old and a resident of Roebuck, South Carolina. Judge Thigpen provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Thigpen.

Judge Thigpen demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Thigpen testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Thigpen testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Thigpen to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I co-presented and prepared the written materials for the Case Law Update: "Custody, Child Support, and Visitation" at the 2007 South Carolina Trial Lawyers' Association Annual Convention;
(b) In 2010, I lectured to a group of student therapists from Converse College about HIPAA, subpoenas, qualification as an expert witness, a therapist's role in child custody cases, and other areas of family law;
(c) I was a panel member for a panel discussion at the 2012 Program Attorney Training: Information to Represent Volunteer Guardians ad Litem;
(d) I assisted in training volunteer guardians ad litem for the Spartanburg County Guardian ad Litem Program on four or five occasions between 2002 and 2015;

(e) On March 18, 2022, I spoke at the South Carolina Family Court Summit about Pro Se Day along with the Honorable Amy W. Cox, Spartanburg County Clerk of Court;
(f) On May 6, 2022, I presented Tips from the Family Court Bench at the Seventh Judicial Circuit Tips from the Bench seminar sponsored by the South Carolina Bar CLE Division and South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division along with the Honorable James F. Fraley, Jr. and the Honorable Angela J. Moss;
(g) On April 14, 2023, I served on a panel about Judges' Observations and Advice at a Family Law CLE hosted by KD Trial Lawyers along with the Honorable Usha J. Bridges, the Honorable James F. Fraley, Jr., and the Honorable Angela J. Moss; and
(h) On or about June 2, 2023, I spoke to lawyers appointed to represent defendants in DSS child abuse and neglect cases under Rule 608, SCACR, along with the Honorable Usha J. Bridges.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Thigpen did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Thigpen did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Thigpen has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Thigpen was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Thigpen reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Thigpen appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Thigpen appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Thigpen was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) After I was admitted to the South Carolina Bar on November 18, 1996, I opened my own law office as a sole practitioner in Spartanburg, South Carolina; my practice was devoted almost exclusively to Family Court cases; and I handled thousands of Family Court cases in the twenty-two and one-half years I practiced law;
> (b) From 1997 until 2004, I represented indigent Family Court clients through Piedmont Legal Services' Private Bar Involvement Program;
> (c) From 1998 until 2019, I was appointed to serve as the guardian ad litem in about nine hundred private Family Court cases involving the issues of child custody, visitation, adoption, termination of parental rights, and name change;
> (d) From about 2002 until June 30, 2015, I was a contract attorney for the Spartanburg County Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program, and I represented volunteer guardians ad litem in thousands of DSS child abuse and neglect hearings during that time;
> (e) I have been a certified Family Court Mediator since 2002, and I mediated approximately five hundred Family Court cases between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2019;
> (f) From about 2004 until 2019, I did legal work on occasion for the General Counsel's Office at Spartanburg Regional Health Services District, Inc. primarily filing petitions in Probate Court to have a guardian and/or conservator appointed for its patients who were incapacitated and did not have adult relatives who were willing or able to serve as their guardian or conservator; and

(g) On February 6, 2019, I was elected to serve as Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon the retirement of the Honorable James F. Fraley, Jr., and I have served as a full-time judge since July 2, 2019.

Judge Thigpen reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): On February 6, 2019, I was elected to serve as Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, and I have been a full-time Family Court judge since July 2, 2019. Because the Family Court is a statutorily created court, its jurisdiction is limited to the exclusive jurisdiction set forth in Section 63-3-530 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and other statutes.

Judge Thigpen provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Blackwell v. Blackwell, 2018-DR-42-1590. This was a high-conflict child custody modification action between father and mother, who shared true joint custody of their four minor children on a week-to-week schedule when the case was filed. This case was significant to me because it was my first five-day trial as a judge; I heard from nine witnesses, including four experts; and I reviewed thirty-six exhibits consisting of hundreds of pages. In addition, the case is memorable to me because the trial was interrupted by two tornado warnings, and a tornado actually passed within one black of the courthouse during the trial. Therefore, because of the tumultuous relationship between the parents and their inability to co-parent, I concluded it was in the best interests of the parties' four minor children for father to be awarded sole custody and for mother to be granted standard visitation.

(b) SCDSS v. Turner, et al., 2020-DR-42-1235. This was a two (2) day DSS child abuse case wherein mother and her boyfriend were accused of physically abusing mother's seven-year-old son. Although I have tried many DSS child abuse and neglect cases over the years, this case was significant because I concluded after hearing the testimony of the child's therapist that the child should be allowed to testify outside the presence of mother and her boyfriend, who were able to view the child's testimony on a television in another room, under the procedure adopted in SCDSS v.

Wilson, 352 S.C. 445, 574 S.E.2d 730 (2002). Thus, after carefully considering all of the evidence before me, I made a finding of physical abuse against mother and her boyfriend and directed them to complete a treatment plan. Mother's parental rights were subsequently terminated by another Family Court judge, and the Court of Appeals affirmed that decision in SCDSS v. Turner, Unpublished Opinion No. 2024-UP-202.

(c) Privette v. Garrity, Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-316, and Privette v. Jefferies, Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-317. These opinions are from a termination of parental rights and adoption action I tried for two days. After carefully considering all of the evidence before me, I concluded it was in the minor child's best interests to terminate the parents' parental rights and allow the grandparents to adopt the child. Because both parents appealed, the Court of Appeals issued two separate opinions affirming my decision. Although I have been affirmed in several DSS termination of parental rights cases over the past five years, this case is significant to me because it is the only private termination of parental rights and adoption action that I have heard that was appealed.

(d) In the Interest of Da'Careian G., a Juvenile Under the Age of Eighteen, 2019-JU-42, 187. This was a case where the juvenile was charged with murder, and the state requested for jurisdiction over the murder charge to be transferred from Family Court to Circuit Court. This case was significant to me because it was the first waiver hearing I had ever been involved with in my career. At the beginning of the hearing, the juvenile's attorney requested that I hold a hearing pursuant to Jackson v. Denno, 378 U.S. 368 (1964), to determine if the juvenile's confession to police was voluntary and admissible at trial. After the attorneys consented to me reviewing five separate videos of the juvenile's statements to police in chambers prior to the start of the trial, I specifically considered the relevant factors and concluded the juvenile's statements were voluntary. Thereafter, the state called three (3) witnesses, including the psychologist who conducted the juvenile's Pre-Adjudicatory Transfer (Waiver) Evaluation, and introduced eighteen exhibits; the juvenile testified he had freely and

voluntarily decided not to testify after his attorney had explained all of his rights to him; and the juvenile's attorney only called the juvenile's mother to testify. Therefore, after taking the matter under advisement and carefully considering the relevant statutes and case law, I concluded it was necessary to transfer the juvenile's pending murder charge to the Circuit Court where the juvenile ultimately pled guilty and was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

(e) Jolley, et al. v. Spade, 2010-DR-42-3372. This was a case where the parental rights of the biological father (Mr. Spade) were terminated and the stepfather (Mr. Jolley) was allowed to adopt the minor child in 2012. On October 18, 2018, Mr. Spade filed a motion for new trial based on newly discovered evidence and fraud upon the court (motion). After several continuances for various reasons, the motion appeared on my docket on January 9, 2023 for an evidentiary hearing to determine if Mr. Spade was entitled to any relief under S.C. Code Ann. § 63-9-770(B) or Rule 60(b)(5), SCRCP. However, at the commencement of the hearing, the parties and their attorneys informed me that the parties waived their right to present testimony because they believed I could issue a decision based on the nineteen exhibits they agreed to introduce into evidence, including transcript excerpts from three separate trials, multiple emails, and various court orders. In short, although it took me several months to review the exhibits and over ten years of court records, I issued a sixteen-page order denying Mr. Spade's motion; I denied Mr. Spade's motion to reconsider; and it is my understanding the case is currently being appealed to the Court of Appeals. The reason this case is significant to me is because it is the first and only time I have been required to rule on a post-trial motion where I was not the trial judge.

Judge Thigpen reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Thigpen further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) In 2012, I was a candidate for the newly created seat for Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6; the JMSC

found me Qualified, Not Nominated; and the Honorable David E. Phillips was elected to that seat; and

(b) In 2016, I was a candidate for the newly created seat for Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 7; the JMSC found me Qualified, Not Nominated; and the Honorable Thomas T. Hodges was elected to that seat.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Thigpen's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Thigpen to be "Well Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee provided no summary statement or related comments.

Judge Thigpen is married to Laurie Lynn Ver-Cauteren Thigpen. He does not have any children.

Judge Thigpen reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar, Member of Family Law Section;

(b) American Bar Association, Member of Family Law Section; and

(c) Spartanburg County Bar; Member of Family Court Committee (2012-2019); and Chair of Family Court Committee (2018-2019).

Judge Thigpen provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Thigpen further reported:
Because I have had family members involved in Family Court litigation, I understand firsthand how every decision I make as a judge affects the lives of litigants, but most importantly the lives of children involved in the cases before me. In addition, because I was a Family Court

practitioner for twenty-two and one-half years before I became a Family Court judge, I make every effort to be courteous, respectful, and fair to every lawyer and litigant who appears before me. In short, I believe my almost twenty-eight years of experience as a Family Court lawyer and judge should reflect positively on my candidacy to be reelected as a Family Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commented that Judge Thigpen contributes to efficient docket management as a Family Court Judge and has an outstanding temperament as a jurist. They noted that his ability to be friendly, fair, but firm has ably served him in discharging his responsibilities in Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Thigpen qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Bryan C. Able
Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Able meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Able was born in 1961. He is 63 years old and a resident of Laurens, South Carolina. Judge Able provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1987.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Able.

Judge Able demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Able reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Able testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Able testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Able to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Able reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Judge Able reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Able did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Able did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Able has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Able was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Able reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Able reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Able reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Able appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Able appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Able was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1987.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1987-1991 - Culbertson, Whitesides & Turner – Associate – General Practice
(b) March 1991 – 1994 – Laurens City Judge – City of Laurens SC
(c) 1991-1996 - Culbertson, Whitesides, Turner & Able – Partner – General Practice – I was involved daily with the administrative and financial management of the firm including the management of trust accounts.
(d) 1992 - September 2004 - Contract Attorney for the South Carolina Department of Social Services – I appeared as attorney of record for DSS in Laurens, Greenwood, Abbeville and Newberry Counties handling all abuse and neglect cases involving children and vulnerable adults.
(e) 1996-1999 - Turner & Able, L.L.P. – Partner – General Practice – I was involved daily with the administrative and financial management of the firm including the management of trust accounts.
(f) 2000-2001 - Turner, Able and Burney L.L.P. – Partner – General Practice – I was involved daily with the administrative and financial management of the firm including the management of trust accounts.
(g) 2002 to present - Bryan C. Able, Attorney at Law – General Practice – I am a sole practitioner. I am involved daily with the administration and financial management of my firm including the management of my trust account.

(h) 2005 – 2006 - Assistant Laurens County Public Defender – I handled appointed criminal cases before the Court of General Sessions.
(i)2013 - 2016 - Contract Criminal Attorney for South Carolina Commission of Indigent Defense – I handled appointed criminal cases before the Court of General Sessions in Laurens County.
(j)June 2013 - present – Associate Judge of Probate, Laurens, SC - I am responsible for hearing and adjudicating all contested hearings concerning all aspects of the courts' jurisdiction under Section 62-1-302; decedents' estates, trust, and Article 5 protective proceedings. During my tenure as judge, I have presided over numerous cases, not only in Laurens County but from other counties as well. I have had the honor of being appointed by the Supreme Court to hear and preside over cases in other counties.
(k) July 2014 – present – Family Court Mediator
(l)February 2018 – present – General Counsel – Laurens Commission of Public Works.

Judge Able further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:
Divorce: I have handled hundreds of divorce cases over my 37 years of law practice. Some cases were very complex involving substantial marital estates and support issues. Others were simple involving no-fault grounds for divorce and little or no property issues. I have brought divorce actions involving all grounds of divorce. Many divorce cases I have handled have been highly contested and have taken several days to try. Some have been settled prior to trial by mediation or negotiation and were placed on the record in 15 minutes. I have handled cases for separate support and maintenance and common law marriages.

Equitable Division of Property: Many of the divorce cases I have handled have involved the division of the martial estate. Often these marital estates can be quite substantial and consist of real and personal property, retirement accounts, stocks, brokerage accounts, cash value of life insurance and cash held in savings or checking accounts. I have worked with experts to value property and businesses that are part of marital estates. I have handled cases that involve issues of transmutation of non-marital assets and the validity of pre-nuptial agreements.

Child Custody: Many divorce cases I have handled have involved issues of child custody and visitation issues. I have represented parents of children ranging in all ages including adult disabled children and children that were special needs. I have represented both fathers and mothers in paternity actions where the issues of custody and visitation were litigated. I have represented grandparents and great grandparents who have brought custody actions.

Adoptions: I have handled many adoptions during my career. I have handled adoptions involving stepparents adopting stepchildren where the parental rights of the biological parent had to be terminated. I have handled adoptions for couples who have adopted children born out of state. I have handled adoptions for grandparents or great grandparents adopting grand children or great grandchildren. I have handled adoptions for foster parents. I have handled adoptions for persons who are unrelated by blood or marriage to the child(ren) being adopted.

Abuse and Neglect: I was a contract attorney for the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) for 12 years. In 1992 I began contracting with DSS in Laurens County. In 1993 I contracted with Greenwood and Abbeville County. Lastly, I contracted with Newberry County. In my 12 years as a DSS contact attorney I handled all of the abuse and neglect for the four counties named above. I handled all 72 hour Probable Cause hearings, all merits hearing and trials, all review hearings and all termination of parental rights hearings and trials. In addition, I handled all aspects of any appeals filed naming DSS as a party. I handled all cases involving vulnerable adults.
When my contract with DSS ended in 2004, I began representing parents that have been accused of abuse and neglect. I have handled cases where the Family Court has ruled that DSS did not meet its burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the parent(s) had abused or neglected the child(ren) and dismissed the case.

Juvenile Justice: I have represented juveniles before the Family Court who have been accused of committing crimes. I have handled all aspects of juvenile cases involving the detention hearing, trial and disposition. I have represented juveniles where the issue before the court is whether the charge should be waived up to General Sessions or retained in Family Court.

On average appear before the Family Court 2-3 times each week.

Judge Able reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: ;
(b) State: 100%.

Judge Able reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 10%;
(c) Domestic: 85%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Able reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 15.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0.

Judge Able provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Able's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
(a) State of South Carolina v. Ashley N. Hepburn, Appellate Case No. 2011-190695.
Tried in Laurens County; Court of General Sessions February 22 to March 3, 2011

I represented Ms. Hepburn at trial. Ms. Hepburn was charged with homicide by child abuse. On the evening of October 13, 2009, Ms. Hepburn's sixteen-month-old daughter (the victim) became unresponsive and was admitted to the hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina. She eventually died in a Greenville hospital on October 17, 2009. No one, including Ms. Hepburn, disputed that the victim died from child abuse. There were only two people that could have killed the

victim, either Ms. Hepburn or her boyfriend, as they were home with the victim on the night she sustained her fatal injuries.

At the close of the States evidence, I moved for a directed verdict pursuant to Rule 19 SCRCrP claiming the State had fail to present substantial circumstantial evidence that Ms. Hepburn committed the crime charged. I argued the State's evidence merely rose to a suspicion that Ms. Hepburn committed the crime, and this mere suspicion was insufficient to survive a directed verdict motion, in that the State had only proven that Ms. Hepburn was in the home when the victim sustained the fatal injuries. I conceded that the State had proven that the child died from homicide by child abuse but argued that the State had not proven that the child abuse was inflicted by Ms. Hepburn.

The Court denied my motion for a directed verdict. The jury found Ms. Hepburn guilty of homicide by child abuse and she was sentenced to 45 years imprisonment.

I did not handle the appeal; however the Supreme Court directed a verdict of acquittal finding the trial court erred in refusing to grant my mid-trial motion for directed verdict. The Supreme Court held in reversing the trial courts refusal to direct a verdict of acquittal that the State did not put forward sufficient direct or substantial circumstantial evidence of Ms. Hepburn's guilt.

(b) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Robert David Johnston Jr. and Christy Dawn Johnston
Tried in Laurens County Family Court; December 13, 14,15, 17,20, 21, and 22, 2010
2007-DR-30-648
2007-DR-30-775
This was a child abuse case. I represented Mr. Johnston. DSS sought an Order of the Court to make an affirmative determination that Mr. Johnson did sexually and physically abuse his four (4) children and ordering that Mr. Johnston's name be listed in the Statewide Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect. The case involved the testimony of many medical experts and one of the children. After seven (7) days of trial the Court found that DSS had failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Mr. Johnston sexually or physically abused his children and ordered the case dismissed.

(c) Belinda Godfrey v. William R. Godfrey
Tried in Laurens County Family Court; December 3-4, 2007
06-DR-30-485
This was a divorce case. I represented Ms. Godfrey. Prior to trial the parties reached an agreement on all issues raised in the pleading with the exception of whether or not the lake lot inherited by Mr. Godfrey had been transmuted to marital property and if so transmuted, how was it to be divided between the parties.
The court found that the evidence and testimony presented clearly showed it was the intent of Mr. Godfrey to transmute the lot on Lake Greenwood into marital property.
The court ordered that Ms. Godfrey and the parties minor child could remain in the marital home upon the Lake Greenwood lot until the minor child graduated from high school and at that time the property would be listed for sale and the net proceeds divided equally between the parties.

(d) James H. Holliday v. Tiffany M. Holliday
Tried in the Laurens County Family Court; June 13-14, 2005
04-DR-30-519
This was a child custody and relocation case. I represented Ms. Holliday. Mr. Holliday brought the action seeking full custody of the parties minor child based on a substantial change of circumstances. By prior Order of the Court dated August 9, 2001 the parties had been granted joint custody of the minor child "with the child living with the mother on a final and permanent basis." By subsequent divorce order dated June 12, 2003 all provisions concerning custody and visitation contained within the previous Order dated August 9, 2001 were to "remain in full force and effect." Subsequent to the parties divorce Ms. Holliday relocated with the minor child from Laurens County, SC to Greencove Springs, Florida. Ms. Holliday's move to Florida was alleged by Mr. Holliday to be a substantial change of circumstances.
The court found that a substantial change of circumstances that would warrant a change in custody or that would warrant changing the minor child living with his mother and having visitation with his father had not occurred. The Court ordered that the parties would have joint custody of the minor child being defined as the child living with mother and mother making the day-to-day decision concerning the child and father having visitation.

(e) Derry Julian Bundrick v. Melissa Ann Darnell Bundrick
Tried in Laurens County Family Court; April 24, 2012

2010-DR-30-316
This was a divorce case. I represented Ms. Bundrick. The issues to be decided by the court were equitable division of a considerable marital estate, alimony, restraining orders and attorney's fees.
The parties had been married for 40 years at the time of the pleadings being filed.
After a day of trial, the Court divided the marital estate equally between the parties with Ms. Bundrick being awarded the martial home and ordered Mr. Bundrick to pay Ms. Bundrick permanent periodic alimony together with Ms. Bundrick's attorney's fees.
The following is Judge Able's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Johnny Lee Johnson v. Phillip Flaugher – SC Supreme Court
(b) Jennifer Satterfield by her Guardian Ad Litem, Pam Satterfield v. Dillard Department Store – SC Court of Appeals
(c) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Jason Ihnatiuk et al. - SC Court of Appeals
(d) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Jacqueline D. Sims et al. - SC Court of Appeals
(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Grace Williams, Robert Williams, Jr. and Briana J. A. W. and Justin L. W. - SC Court of Appeals

The following is Judge Able's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:
Municipality of Fountain Inn v Monique Tucker
Greenville County Court of Common Pleas
August 11, 2014
(Municipal Court appeal to Court of Common Pleas)

Judge Able reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
(a) Laurens City Judge, Appointed, City of Laurens, SC - March 1991 – 1994
Criminal jurisdiction up to limit of the statutory fine or thirty (30) days in jail.
(b) Associate Judge of Probate, Appointed, Laurens County, SC - February 2013 – Present
Jurisdiction pursuant to Section 62-1-302

Judge Able provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Deborah Parsons, Personal Representative of the Estate of William Edward Carr v. Darlene Brashwell, Ralph L. Braswell, Jr., Tammy Foster and Melissa Glass
2011-ES-30-0081 (Tried February 2, 2016)
(b) Ralph Wayne Ramsey and Marshall E Ramsey v. Roger Dean Ramsey and Janet Ramsey
2007-ES-30-408 (Tried May 19, 2015)
Appealed to Laurens County Court of Common Pleas. 2015–CP–30–727. By order of Jean Hoefer Toal, Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas it was ordered that the Orders of the Probate Court (2007–ES–30-0408), including the order dated September 9, 2015, "are final and subject to immediate enforcement."
(c) Bianca Jackson v. Angela Brunside
In the matter of: the Estate of Willie C. Jackson 2014–ES-30-0222 (Tried May 12, 2015)
(d) In the matter of: The Estate of Stanley W. Davis
Victoria Laura Bishop v. Eugene M. Griffin, Lonnie Griffin, Mary E. Raines, Joan G. Rook and Betty G. Tollison
2016–ES–30-146 (Tried July 19, 2016)
(e) Nancy Valdivia v. Ann Kelly
2016-GC-30-18 (Tried October 27, 2016)

Judge Able reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

(a) 2002 to present - Bryan C. Able, Attorney at Law – General Practice
(b) 2013 - 2016 - Contract Criminal Attorney for South Carolina Commission of Indigent Defense – I handled appointed criminal cases before the Court of General Sessions in Laurens County. Supervisor: Jana Nelson
(c) July 2014 – present – Family Court Mediator
(d) February 2018 – present – General Counsel – Laurens Commission of Public Works.

Judge Able further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Family Court, At-Large Seat 2 - 2019
Family Court, Eighth Circuit, Seat 1 - 2017
Circuit Court, Eighth Circuit, Seat 1 - 2009
Circuit Court, Eighth Circuit, Seat 2 - 2008
Solicitor, Eighth Judicial Circuit – 2004

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Able's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Able "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Of all of the candidates for this seat, Mr. Able offers the widest and deepest experience. He has judicial experience as an Associate Probate Judge, and his compassion, commitment to service, and humility are remarkable. The Committee strongly commends him for the Commission's consideration."

Judge Able is married to Esther Ruth Myers Able. He has three children.

Judge Able reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Association of Probate Judges

Judge Able provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Able further reported:
Over the past 37 years, I have met many different people while practicing law in the Family Court. I have represented and worked with people of great wealth and high levels of education. I have also represented and worked with people who have been very poor and could not read or write. I often can be at the courthouse talking with a judge and a group of lawyers between hearings about everyday topics like family or sports but then stop to speak to the custodians or sheriff's deputy in the hall to ask about his or her family or their plans for the weekend. I was raised to believe that a person is not judged by his station in life or how much money or education he or she has, but what that person is doing with their life.
I want everyone who appears in front of me as a judge to leave my courtroom believing that they had been treated fairly by someone who is

patient, understanding, compassionate and willing to listen. No matter their station in life or their resources I want everyone to know that they appeared in front of a courteous, ethical and honorable judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Able has a reputation for being an excellent lawyer. They also noted that Judge Able would be a great steward and ready to go on day one, if he was elected as a family court judge.
(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Able qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Robert W. Cone
Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Cone meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Cone was born in 1971. He is 53 years old and a resident of Greenwood, South Carolina. Mr. Cone provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1998.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Cone.

Mr. Cone demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Cone reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Cone testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Cone testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Cone to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Cone reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I present a CLE on Federal Laws impacting the child welfare system in S.C. in 2023 for SCDSS attorneys.
(b) I have presented at CLEs for the Department of Social Services' new attorneys boot camp on the roles and responsibilities of agency attorneys annually from 2017 to the present.
(c) I have presented at a CLE on "Effective Advocacy in Termination of Parental Rights Proceedings" in February, 2017.
(d) In September, 2013 and 2014, I presented a CLE on Abuse and Neglect cases for attorneys and volunteer guardians ad litem in Greenwood and Abbeville counties.
(e) I have taught the course on "Consumer Law and Debt Collection in South Carolina" for the South Carolina Bar's Law School for Nonlawyers at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood, South Carolina in 2007, 2008, and 2011.
(f) I presented a seminar on "Mechanic's Liens and Collections in South Carolina", Greenwood Home Builders Association. January, 2002
(g) I presented a seminar on "The Church Under Fire, Youth Ministry and the Law" Greater Greenwood Youth Ministries (GYM), October, 2003.
(h) I presented a seminar on "Sexual Harassment and Schools", Ninety-Six Primary School Faculty, September, 2005.
(i) I taught a class on Business Law at Lander University during the Fall Semester of 2000.

Mr. Cone reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Cone did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Cone did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Cone has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Cone was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Cone reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Cone reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Cone reported that he has held the following public office:
I served as the Town Attorney for the Town of McCormick, South Carolina from 1999 to 2008. I was appointed to that position by the Town Council and reappointed on an annual basis. I ended my service when I was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Ninety-Six, SC. I filed all necessary State Ethics Commission reports.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Cone appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Cone appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Cone was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1998.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) McDonald, Patrick, Baggett, Poston, and Hemphill, L.L.P., 414 Main Street, Greenwood, South Carolina. Associate attorney.

From 1998 to 2002, my practice primarily involved insurance defense litigation in personal injury in automobile accident cases for several automobile insurance companies, medical malpractice cases for the Joint Underwriters Association, and tort cases filed against state agencies insured through the South Carolina Insurance Reserve Fund. I also handled all rule 608 appointed cases for the other 10 attorneys in the firm, including child abuse & neglect cases, post-conviction relief cases, and serving as guardian ad litem in juvenile justice and probate matters.

Due to the firm's changing client profile, expanded contact with clients in the business community and my Family Court experience. I began moving into paid representation of clients in Family Court matters in 2002. In addition, from 1998 to 2005 I also handled estate planning, probate matters, business formations, debt collection, and bankruptcy matters for business clients. I supervised one paralegal while employed with the firm, but did not manage its trust account.

(b) The Cone Law Firm, PC, 128 Maxwell Avenue, Greenwood, SC 29646, November 2005 to April 2012.

I opened my own law firm in 2005 and operated as a solo practitioner. My practice focused on family law and civil litigation. I also handled probate matters, bankruptcy cases, debt collection, business formations and estate planning. During this time, I became a contract attorney for the Department of Social Services, representing the agency in child welfare, abuse and neglect cases. During this time I also served as town attorney for the Town of McCormick, South Carolina. From 2008 to 2012, I also served part-time as the Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Ninety-Six, South Carolina. I served as the sole attorney, managing the firm's trust account and paralegal staff.

(c) South Carolina Department of Social Services, April 2012 to April 2016. Managing Attorney for Greenwood, Abbeville, and Newberry counties.

I became a full-time employee of the Department of Social Services and represented the agency in child welfare, abuse and neglect cases. I had an average caseload of 140 cases across three counties during that time. I handled contested trials on issues of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect of children and infants, termination of parental rights, as well as

petitions for protective custody of vulnerable adults. I would also handle appeals of cases from these counties. I primarily operated in the Eighth Judicial Circuit but would conduct trials in other counties across the state when other agency attorneys were unavailable. I supervised two paralegals during this time.

(d) South Carolina Department of Social Services, April 2016 to July 2019. Regional Managing Attorney for the Second, Eighth, and Eleventh Judicial Circuits.

I was promoted to Regional Managing Attorney for the Department in 2016, supervising a legal staff of 7 attorneys and 8 paralegals across 11 counties. During my tenure the legal staff grew to 10 attorneys and 13 paralegals, plus three contract attorneys. I was responsible for the overall management of the Department's caseload across the 11 counties of the three Circuits. I handled all personnel matters, procurement, addressed specific case issues, conducted legal research, and handled high priority or complex legal cases in the counties. I also filled in as county attorney when there were vacancies or absences. I also maintained professional relationships between the Department and other participants in the Family Court system related to abuse and neglect cases, including judges, clerks of court, law enforcement, the Department of Juvenile Justice, guardians ad litem, and opposing counsel.

(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services, July 2019 to present. Assistant Managing Attorney for County Operations, Office of General Counsel.

In 2019 I was promoted to this position, managing all county legal operations across the state. In this position, I am responsible for developing and conducting training programs for agency attorneys, paralegals, and case management staff on issues pertaining to the Department's participation in the Family Court system. I also administer the agency's Legal Case Management software system and train users on its proper use. I serve as agency liaison to the state's Court Improvement Project and the Bench/Bar Committee on child welfare issues.

I have continued to provide county level management when there have been vacant positions. From 2020 to 2024, I have served as the county

attorney for Barnwell County. I also assisted in Aiken County with trials and general legal services. From January to June 2024, I have served as interim Managing Attorney for Richland County DSS, and Interim Regional Managing Attorney for the DSS Midlands region, encompassing Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Chester, Fairfield, Kershaw, Lancaster, Richland, Union and York Counties. In these roles, I was responsible docket management, staff recruitment, personnel management, staff training, legal research, policy implementation, case assignments and personally handling a caseload of approximately 130 cases in Richland County.

Mr. Cone further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

From 1998 to 2012 when I became a full-time attorney for the state, I handled more than 200 private Family Court cases. I represented husbands, wives, mothers, fathers, and grandparents in cases involving divorce, equitable division of property, and child custody/child support. From 1998 – 2006, as an appointed attorney I represented parents against the Department of Social Services in child abuse and child neglect cases.

During my private practice, I served as a private Guardian ad litem in more than 40 cases, representing the interests of children in contested custody matters. I also represented 19 families in private adoption cases. I was appointed to represent juveniles as their Guardian ad Litem in a number of Juvenile Justice cases.

Beginning in 2006, I began representing the Department of Social Services as a contract attorney, handling child abuse, child neglect, adult abuse, and adult neglect cases. My contract initially covered Greenwood County, with Abbeville and Newberry counties added later. In addition to my private cases, I managing a caseload of 75-130 cases at any given time as part of my contract with the Department.

In April, 2012, I joined the Department of Social Services as a full time attorney. I continued to represent the Department in child abuse, child neglect, adult abuse, and adult neglect cases. These cases included sexual abuse, physical abuse, educational neglect, medical neglect, adult abuse/neglect, termination of parental rights actions and appeals. From 2012 to 2016, my average active caseload was 130 cases at any given time spread across three counties.

In 2016, I was promoted into a managerial role across additional counties, culminating in state-wide responsibility today. In these roles, I am often called upon to assist in complex cases. Such cases include a wide variety of issues. Some examples would be: contested adoptions where current or former foster parents intervene in abuse cases contesting placement of children with relatives versus foster families, cases involving children who are foreign nationals, interstate and international jurisdiction issues regarding custody of children, addressing the needs of foster children who also have open cases with the Department of Juvenile Justice, and cases involving children with complex mental health or behavioral issues requiring special treatment or management. I also continue to represent the Department in trials in numerous counties, appearing in court, evaluating cases for litigation, and training new attorneys. I also work with the Department of Social Services, Department of Children's Advocacy, Judicial Department, and Children's Law Center of the University of South Carolina to develop policies, programs, training materials, and procedures to improve the practice of child welfare law in South Carolina.

Mr. Cone reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal:
(b) State: I appear in Family Court anywhere from 1 to 4 days per week, every week excluding holidays.

Mr. Cone reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 1% (Probate matters relating to vulnerable adults or mental health cases);
(b) Criminal: 3% (Cases involving the Department of Juvenile Justice);
(c) Domestic: 96%;
(d) Other:

Mr. Cone reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 110 (estimated).

(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: < 25
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: Not applicable.

Mr. Cone provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel, with exception of cases where he was training a new attorney.

The following is Mr. Cone's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Burton v. Molen, 2008-DR-01-35 (Abbeville County).

This is a case where I represented the biological father in a custody dispute. The child in question was three years old when the mother left South Carolina without warning and took the child to Texas. Over a period of nearly 2 years, we engaged in complex legal proceedings, with hearings in both South Carolina and Texas, to try and return the child to South Carolina. While the case was on appeal, we were able to negotiate a settlement that resulted in joint custody for my client. This was one of the most challenging cases of my legal career, involving multiple hearings in more than one jurisdiction, and working with agencies such as the FBI, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

(b) SCDSS v. Sharpe, et al. 2007-DR-01-190; 2012-DR-01-46 (Abbeville County)

This was a contested termination of parental rights action where the minor children had been victims of sexual abuse, and because of many procedural delays, the minor children had been in foster care for nearly 5 years without a resolution. A particular challenge was the mother's continued participation in some treatment efforts and regular contact with the children, but this had to be considered in the context that she remained in contact with the children's abuser. After a lengthy trial, we were successful in having the parents' rights to the children terminated, making them free for adoption.

(c) Carter v. Hayford, 2006-DR-24-583 (Greenwood County).

This was a case where I served as the Guardian ad litem for a young girl whose parents had been divorced for several years. The mother had remarried, and was seeking to relocate with the child to the state of

Kentucky. The father opposed the move and sought a change of custody. Ultimately, we were able to resolve the case on the eve of trial and established a visitation plan that allowed the child to move, but still gave father substantial visitation throughout the year. This case was significant to me because of the challenge involved in choosing between two good parents, both of whom were deeply involved in the child's life.

(d) SCDSS v. Williams, 2019-DR-06-228, 2022-DR-06-0147, 2023-DR-06-93 (Barnwell County)

I handled multiple related cases regarding the mother of two children, I.W. and I.W.2, both placed in DSS custody at birth. The mother had multiple cases with SCDSS over the years, but had also left the state for extended periods of time. She had her parental rights terminated to another child after the birth of I.W. While I.W's case was progressing, the mother became pregnant again, and I.W.2 was born and immediately taken into protective custody while the termination of parental rights action was pending for I.W.

I chose this case because it is a classic example of situations we see regularly in SCDSS. We had a mother with uncontrolled mental health and substance abuse issues, chronic unemployment, frequent homelessness, and her children tested positive for illegal drugs at birth. The mother would engage in services to try and address her problems for short periods of time, but could not maintain any progress, even when provided intensive inpatient treatment for her mental health and substance abuse issues.

The children were placed in pre-adoptive homes fairly quickly, but the process of terminating the mother's parental rights and making the children free to be adopted was delayed multiple times due to complications such as: I.W.'s alleged father lived in Maryland, and it took several months to locate him, only succeeding after serving him by publication. After service, he requested placement of I.W., but it then took several months to have him participate in a paternity test, which ultimately determined he was not the father. After these procedural issues were resolved, the case was continued more than once due to the mother being hospitalized on the eve of trials, in a county that only has DSS court 3 hours per month, and one of the resident judges had represented the mother in a case prior to becoming a judge, so the hearings could only be set when another judge would be holding court.

Unfortunately, this is not the only case with this many complications I've dealt with during my time representing SCDSS. I am the first to agree that it should not be easy to end the parent-child relationship, and that the rights of parents must be respected and protected. However, it was also damaging to these children to have to wait so long to achieve permanency. When I.W.2 was born, we were able to take the case directly to termination of parental rights, so this child's situation was resolved more quickly, but the problem of getting cases moved timely through our existing system persists, and finding the balance of protecting parents' rights versus the best interests of the children is a never-ending challenge.

(e) SCDSS v. Chisolm 2019-DR-02-758 (Aiken County)
This case is significant because it represents for me another example of the complex issues that arise in SCDSS cases. In this case, the child, Z.S., initially came into DSS custody at the age of 13 due to altercations between herself and her mother that included physical violence. As the case progressed, it was determined that the child's behavior was the major contributing factor in the altercations. She would engage in sexual activity with adult men in exchange for money or gifts, sometimes bringing the men to her mother's home where her younger siblings resided. This led to mother and Z.S.'s frequent fights.

Mother attempted to work with SCDSS and Z.S. to address the situation. Over the years, Z.S. continued to run away from her foster homes, would assault foster family members, SCDSS staff, and relatives. She would engage in property damage and had multiple criminal charges with the Department of Juvenile Justice during this time. Even placements in psychiatric residential treatment facilities and other intensive mental health services did not resolve her behaviors. She received residential treatment at a program specifically designed to address the needs of children who are victims of sex trafficking, but she would run away from the facility and return to the streets. SCDSS would try to return her home with in-home services, hoping her behaviors would improve in a family setting, but eventually the same problems would re-occur.

I was involved for two years on this case, working with SCDSS staff, Department of Mental Health, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children's Advocacy, the Guardian ad Litem program, and the Family Court for multiple hearings trying to find a solution that would get Z.S. the care she needed and keep her safe. Her continued

running away made it difficult to get treatment started, as we would have to wait until she was located, sometimes months later, to find a new foster care facility that would take her, then get services started. Often, by the time all this was done, she would run again.

Unfortunately, this case does not have a happy ending, and I don't consider it a success of any kind. Z.S. turned 18 last year and left SCDSS custody, refusing to sign a voluntary placement agreement. I have learned she's been arrested on various charges since leaving SCDSS. I chose this case because it is another example of the challenges Family Court and the child welfare system in general are dealing with when it comes to children with special needs, mental health needs, behavioral problems, etc.

The following is Mr. Cone's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Joubert v. South Carolina Department of Social Services, 341 S.C. 176, 534 S.E.2d 1 (Ct. App. 2000)
(b) Allegiant v. Emerald Inns, Inc., 2007-UP-325, Court of Appeals, 2007.
(c) South Carolina Dept. of Social Services v. Driggers, 2015-UP-038, Court of Appeals, 2015.
(d) South Carolina Dept. of Social Services v. Gary, 2006-UP-288, Court of Appeals, 2006.
(e) South Carolina Dept. of Social Services v. May, 2017-UP-447, Court of Appeals, 2017.

Mr. Cone reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Cone further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) In 2010, I ran for the office of Probate Judge for Greenwood County. After a contested primary in June, 2010, I was the Republican candidate for Probate Judge. I lost in the general election in November, 2010.
(b) In 2012, I was a candidate for Family Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3. I was found qualified, but not nominated for the position.
(c) In 2019, I was a candidate for Family Court Judge, At-large, Seat #2. I was found qualified, but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Cone's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Cone to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented, "Mr. Cone has unparalleled experience in DSS matters, in particular, and significant experience in other areas of practice relevant to the Family Court bench. His doggedness, good nature in the face of daunting and often tragic family disputes, and strong work ethic make him well-suited for the Family Court bench."

Mr. Cone is married to Emily Willard Cone. He has one child.

Mr. Cone reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Greenwood County Bar Association

Mr. Cone provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Cub Scout Pack 921, Greenwood SC. Den Leader 2014-2015; Cubmaster 2016-2019.
(b) Boy Scout Troop 313, Greenwood, SC. 2019 – present; Scoutmaster 2022 – Present.
(c) F3 Men's Fitness Club, 2015 – present.
(d) Greenwood County Library Board. Chairman, 2014-2016.

Mr. Cone further reported:
Throughout my life, I have had a strong desire to serve and help people. I once considered careers in ministry and later, in medicine, but found that my skills and abilities were best suited for the practice of law. Over the years, I have seen the tremendous impact the court system can have on families. I think I was drawn to family law because you can have a

real impact on the lives of families and individuals in the decisions you make in cases you pursue in family court. Family law has given me great personal satisfaction, helping individuals and families deal with some of the most tumultuous events of their lives.

In recent years, serving the state as an advocate for child welfare, I have seen the critical role Family Court judges have to make each day. Most decisions they are called upon to make will have life-long impacts on families and their children, but they are forced to make those decisions in a limited span of time and without complete information. While a prestigious post, Family Court judges are required to work at a demanding pace, week-in and week-out. At the same time, it promotes injustice and causes harm to children and families when decisions are left "in abeyance" or "under advisement" for prolonged periods of time, leaving children and families in limbo as to their future.

Based on these experiences, I have come to believe that, as a judge, it is crucial that you listen carefully to the evidence presented to you, consider the facts and the law, and then decide as quickly as possible. After 26 years of law practice, I believe more than ever in the old axiom, "Justice delayed is justice denied." Particularly in family court cases, it is crucial that children and families know what the outcome of their cases will be as quickly as possible, as uncertainty or delay only exacerbates the stresses caused by domestic litigation. Children lingering in the foster care system, juvenile offenders forced to wait for treatment or rehabilitative services, or adoptive parents who must sometimes wait years for their adoption to be finalized and their family made whole, are just a few examples of how delayed decisions cause real harm when it comes to families and children.

I have dealt with many complex cases that involve every aspect of a family's life that can go wrong. I have dealt with issues of all types, from physical abuse, domestic violence, sex trafficking, illegal immigration, international issues in family law, and the vast complexities that our child welfare, juvenile criminal, mental health, and financial support services face in trying to meet the needs of families and children in crisis. I've also worked with couples in divorce, facing the challenges that come with dividing up a life, from property to pets to children. I have the great pleasure of assisting families grow through adoption, and I have forever ended families by terminating parents' parental rights. Because of my wide range of experience, I am the person many DSS attorneys and other staff go to for advice when facing unusual or complex situations. While I will never say I've seen it all, I can say with confidence that I have seen more than most. Many family court

attorneys handling routine divorce or custody actions will never develop the range of skills and body of knowledge I have over the past decades. I would hope that my experience would allow me to resolve cases quickly, fairly, and with wisdom and courtesy for all the parties and attorneys. That is how I have tried to conduct myself in my practice, and how I plan to continue as a judge. That, plus my many years of experience make me an excellent candidate for the Family Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Cone has an outstanding reputation and is an incredibly hard-working attorney. They noted his plethora of experience and ability to be called on for advice or assistance.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Cone qualified, and nominated for election to Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

James Conway "Jim" Todd, IV
Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Todd meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Todd was born in 1986. He is 38 years old and a resident of Laurens, South Carolina. Mr. Todd provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2013.
(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Todd.

Mr. Todd demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Todd reported that he has made a total of $ 470.38 in campaign expenditures for name badges, printing, and postage.

Mr. Todd testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Todd testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Todd to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Todd reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I have led internal firm family law lectures and a podcast to other attorneys within our firm relating to current family law matters.
(b) I have not lectured or taught at any other bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Todd reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Todd did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Todd did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Todd has handled his financial affairs responsibly.
The Commission also noted that Mr. Todd was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Todd reported the following regarding his rating by legal rating organizations:
Super Lawyers: Rising Star in the area of family law in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Greenville Business Magazine: Legal Elite in the area of family law in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.
AVVO: is 8.4 or Excellent in the practice of family law.
Greenville TALK Magazine: included in the Top Lawyer edition in the practice of family law in 2024.

Mr. Todd reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Todd reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Todd appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Todd appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Todd was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2013.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) August 2013- June 2016: Townsend & Thompson, LLP. After passing the South Carolina Bar examination, I joined Thomas J. Thompson's law firm in Laurens after his longtime partner, Richard Townsend, passed away unexpectedly. As an associate attorney, my practice consisted of domestic, civil, real estate, probate, and both state and federal criminal defense cases. I represented numerous clients in a wide range of Family Court cases. I drafted wills and trusts for clients. I closed numerous real estate transactions. I represented clients in both General Sessions and Magistrate Courts. I represented clients in civil actions in both Common Pleas and Magistrate Courts. In time, I gained more responsibilities within the firm, including various administrative tasks and personnel management. I had minimal involvement in the firm's trust accounts as that was left to the managing partner.
> (b) June 2016-September 2018: Eighth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. After a desire to gain more trial

experience, I accepted an offer to become an Assistant Solicitor in Laurens County. As an Assistant Solicitor, I handled one of the largest dockets in the State of South Carolina, averaging between 700-900 warrants. I negotiated plea deals with attorneys in the Public Defender's Office and members of the private bar. I tried numerous cases to verdict as sole counsel or co-counsel, including murders, armed robbery, burglary, safecracking, trafficking methamphetamine, and other violent and non-violent crimes. I had no management or trust account responsibilities.

(c) October 2018 to Present Date: Cordell & Cordell, LLP. Upon fulfilling my desire to gain more trial work experience, I accepted the position of Litigation Attorney in Greenville, South Carolina, with one of the largest family law firms in the nation. Since joining the firm, I have solely practiced family law, representing numerous clients in a wide variety of Family Court cases, including high conflict divorce cases, high conflict custody cases, simple divorces, declarations of paternity, adoptions, name changes, drafting prenuptial and postnuptial agreements, and termination of parental rights. As a Litigation Attorney for the firm, I had no administrative or trust account responsibilities. In August 2021, I was promoted to Litigation Manager within the firm. In addition to representing my own clients, I was responsible for managing five (5) South Carolina attorneys relating to their own family law practice. In addition to supervising these attorney's work product, I was responsible for administrative duties including personnel retention, termination, and other internal firm policies. I had no trust account responsibilities in this role. In February 2024, I was promoted to Regional Managing Attorney within the firm. In addition to representing my own clients, I manage and supervise the work product and implement firm policy for all 10 of the firm's South Carolina attorneys. I regularly have case strategy conferences with these attorneys relating to various complex family law and procedural issues that arise in their practice. In addition to managing all of the firm's South Carolina attorneys, I am one of two direct reports for 42 attorneys, paralegals, and administrative assistants across six (6) states pertaining to internal

management and conflict resolution. In my current role I have significant involvement in the management and administrative duties within the firm. I do not have any involvement with the firm's trust accounts.

Mr. Todd further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

(a) Divorce and Equitable Division of Property

Throughout my years of practicing law, I have been sole counsel in numerous Family Court. I have resolved cases where the parties had short term marriages and others with marriages lasting multiple decades. I have represented clients for decrees of separate support and maintenance, as well as all statutory grounds for divorce. I have been involved in cases where a marriage was determined to be voidable or void.

I have represented clients of different educational, financial, and social backgrounds. I have represented both women and men for divorce. I have used discovery in most of my cases, to include depositions. I have handled cases involving permanent periodic alimony, lump sum alimony, and rehabilitative alimony. I have represented clients seeking an award of alimony and those that were obligated to pay alimony. I have represented clients in international divorce.

Given my large volume of domestic cases, I have had the opportunity to represent clients in complex divorce actions that included dividing multi-million-dollar estates. I have also represented clients with minimal, if any, marital estate value. I have retained and used forensic accountants as experts to determine a marital estate's value, determine the value of a marital business, confirm incomes of the parties, and assist to project past and future stock and pension values for the purpose of division. I have represented clients where issues of special equity and transmutation were alleged. I have identified both marital and non-marital assets and debts for the purpose of division. I have utilized appraisers to value real property, fair market value, and prospective future value. I have drafted and explained both prenuptial and postnuptial agreements.

(b) Child Custody

I have represented both married and unmarried Mothers and Fathers involving complex and high conflict child custody and visitation cases. I have also represented Mothers and Fathers who needed a formal

custody, visitation, and child support agreements. I have represented third parties such as Grandparents, siblings, and others who had legal standing to pursue child custody, visitation, and child support from a biological parent. I have handled both declarations of paternity and non-paternity declarations. I have been involved in countless cases where a guardian ad litem was appointed to serve the best interests of minor children. I have represented clients petitioning or defending a minor child's name change.

I have been a part of cases where Mothers and Fathers had abused drugs and alcohol in the presence of their minor children. I have been involved in cases where claims of sexual and/or physical abuse had been alleged, which required law enforcement and DSS intervention. I have litigated cases where a party was required to follow DSS safety plans and/or other safeguards implemented for the minor child(ren).

I have represented clients that required retaining third parties to assist in issues involving child custody and visitation, to include: therapist, counselors, and doctors. I have been involved in many cases where third-party screenings were necessary, including psychological evaluations, drug treatment programs, anger management counseling, PETH testing, multi panel screenings, "parental alienation evaluations," and co-parenting counseling.

(c) Adoption

I have represented clients as sole counsel or co-counsel in adoption cases. I have been involved in cases where an adoption was initially contested and ones that were done by consent. I have represented clients who desired to terminate another's parental rights and clients whose parental rights were sought to be terminated. I have represented clients and worked with guardian ad litems involving the termination of parental rights. I have been involved in cases terminating a third party's presumed parental rights when a child is born to a third party while still married.

(d) Abuse and Neglect

I have represented clients in private actions who have alleged that their spouse had committed physical or mental abuse toward their minor child. I have also been involved in cases where a parent alleged the other exposed their child to drug or alcohol abuse. I have been involved in private cases where the minor child(ren) were allegedly sexually abused by one of the parents or a third party. I have represented clients where

domestic violence has transpired in the presence of their minor children. I have litigated cases where a forensic interview of a minor child(ren) was necessary to determine whether abuse had occurred or not. I have been involved in cases where one parent or a third party was alleged to have physically abused the minor child(ren). I have represented numerous clients where a Department of Social Services (DSS) safety plan had been issued. I have also been sole counsel or co-counsel on cases where DSS has indicated a parent due to alleged abuse toward their minor child.

(e) Juvenile Justice

As an Assistant Solicitor for almost three (3) years, I prosecuted hundreds of warrants through guilty pleas including: cruelty to children, unlawful neglect, domestic violence, and a wide range of other violent and non-violent offenses. I have tried many cases to verdict, including murders, drug offenses, armed robbery, burglaries, and other violent and non-violent offenses. In private practice, I have defended many adult clients who were charged with a crime. I am well versed in how the criminal justice system works from both the defense and prosecution side. I believe my background is a strong foundation to continue to become more familiar and knowledgeable regarding future DJJ hearings, if elected. In anticipation of this judicial election, I have met with the Eighth Circuit Chief Public Defender, private members of the bar and multiple assistant solicitors to become more familiar with DJJ hearings and procedure. I have participated in an online course with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense relating to juvenile justice. I plan to observe multiple DJJ hearings and review procedures to become more knowledgeable and prepared for this area of the Family Court system.

(f) During the past five years of my practice, I have maintained no fewer than 40 active Family Court cases as sole counsel. I appear in Family Court on a regular and frequent basis. My weekly appearances vary. In one week, I may appear before a Family Court judge three to four times. In other weeks, I will appear before a Family Court judge once or have no appearances at all for that week. On weeks that I am not before a Family Court judge, I am attending mediations, preparing for Court, or drafting or responding to discovery.

Mr. Todd reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: none;
(b) State: I estimate I average around 100 Family Court appearances per year.

Mr. Todd reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 95%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Todd reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial: 95%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 5%.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0%.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: N/A

Mr. Todd provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
I have primarily served as sole counsel in my practice. On occasion, I may serve as co-counsel to assist a younger attorney or colleague within my firm.
The following is Mr. Todd's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Green.

This was a jury trial I prosecuted. The Defendant and his girlfriend lured a high school senior over to their home, where they beat him to death. After murdering the victim, the Defendant drove the victim's body to an isolated area where he burned the remains. The Defendant was charged with murder and desecration of human remains. This was a tragic case and was tried to a verdict, resulting in the Defendant being found guilty on all counts and receiving a sentence of 45 years. The victim in this case was Hispanic, and his family spoke very little English. After the trial, the victim's family was extremely grateful. Despite the language barrier, I felt their sincere gratitude by helping them find closure after such a heinous crime against their son. This case is also important to me due to

the procedural motions and appeal that followed. It was revealed that a bailiff had made questionable remarks to a member of the jury during their deliberation, prompting a motion for a mistrial. After hearing arguments from the State and defense, the motion was denied. This case was later appealed and was eventually granted a writ of certiorari by the South Carolina Supreme Court, which affirmed the trial court's decision to deny a mistrial.

(b) State v. Bowers.

This involved the cold case murder of a well-known elderly man in Laurens who had been a staple in the community, and volunteered at the Laurens V.F.W. at the time of his murder. The local fair was in town, and it was believed that a member of the traveling fair was the culprit. Early investigations did not uncover enough evidence to officially make an arrest. Years later, I was serving as an Assistant Solicitor and the Solicitor stated he had reopened the investigation as new evidence had been discovered. That evidence would lead to the arrest of the Defendant. The case was tried over four (4) days and resulted in guilty verdicts for murder, armed robbery, and conspiracy. I felt immense pride and relief by helping the victim's family members receive some closure after waiting 14 long years for justice. I was also proud to help resolve one of Laurens County's most storied murders.

(c) Burns v. Burns.

This case was significant because it was a high conflict divorce which had complex fact patterns in almost every issue of the case. There were allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, adultery, secreting marital funds, and determining the value of a convoluted high net worth marital estate. The case involved contempt actions, motions to compel, motions for temporary relief, and extensive discovery. The case required retaining multiple third parties to value a multimillion-dollar business, determine party incomes, address "parental alienation" allegations, and implement co-parenting counseling.

(d) Wallace v. Wallace.

This case involved a married couple with two (2) minor children under the age of five (5). It began after my client filed an Emergency Motion for Temporary Relief. His wife overdosed on heroin in the presence of their two minor children while father was at work. At the hearing, my client was given temporary custody with limited supervised visitation to mother. A guardian ad litem was appointed to complete an expedited

investigation. On one of mother's supervised visits, she showed up under the influence of illegal drugs which resulted in her visitation being suspended. The mother was ordered to complete a phase in program to allow her additional time with the children; she refused to participate. Ultimately, my client was granted a divorce on the fault-based ground of habitual drug use. My client received sole custody of the minor children on a final basis. Three years later, my client now remarried, returned to my office again for help. The mother of their children continued to have crippling addiction issues, and was constantly causing issues with their children's daily lives. In this new case, I filed to terminate mother's parental rights, and have client's new wife, a teacher, adopt client's children. After litigating the case and dealing with the biological mother's antics throughout, the Court terminated biological mother's parental rights and allowed for the adoption to take place. This case was very important to me because of the dire situation my client and the minor children initially faced. It gave me great satisfaction to know I helped protect these two sweet and innocent children in what could have become a deadly set of facts. I witnessed firsthand the love and support my client and his new wife gave their children and how much of an impact these cases made on the children's life and future. They now operate as a blended but nuclear family. This case is a constant reminder to me of the importance the Family Court.

(e) State v. Harbuck.

This was a jury trial and resulted in the Defendant being found guilty on charges of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, failure to stop for blue lights, and resisting arrest. This case was impactful to me as it was my first General Sessions jury trial. The Defendant was from out of state and in a fit of road rage, began driving erratically at high rates of speed on I-385, putting innocent lives in danger. After a State Trooper was able to make a traffic stop, the Defendant began ramming the Trooper's vehicle, pushing him into oncoming traffic. Fortunately, traffic had yielded at this point which prevented this from becoming a potentially fatal incident. This trial helped build confidence in my abilities and confirmed my passion for the law.

Mr. Todd reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Todd's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Todd to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, character, professional and academic ability, experience, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Mr. Todd is a dedicated family court practitioner with a wide range of experience in family court matters. Though younger than many candidates, he brings an impressive level of diligence and a strong work ethic to his candidacy."

Mr. Todd is married to Ashley Harris Todd. He has two children.

Mr. Todd reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Laurens County Bar Association, President (2018-present)
(b) Greenville County Bar Association, member
(c) South Carolina Bar Association, member
(d) South Carolina Bar Family Court Section, member
(e) South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualification's Committee, past member

Mr. Todd provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Laurens Education Assistance for District No. 55 (LEAD), board chairman
(b) The Laurens County Landmarks Foundation, board member
(c) Laurens County Museum, member
(d) Main Street Laurens, past board member
(e) Laurens County Trails Association, past board member
(f) Trillium Links and Lake Club, legacy member
(g) Poinsett Club, member
(h) 2019 Rookie of the Year Award, law firm's top internal award for a first-year attorney
(i) 2020 Excellence Award, law firm's top internal award for internal practice metrics

Mr. Todd further reported:
Born and raised in the City of Laurens, my upbringing instilled in me core values, which have influenced my approach to life and the law. From a young age, my parents, who were pillars of support and love, taught me the fundamental principle of treating everyone equally, regardless of their background, circumstances, or possessions. This principle has been the cornerstone of my personal and professional life.

Throughout my life, I have always had a strong work ethic. My first job, at the age of 14, was with the maintenance crew for a local retirement community. Through various jobs and experiences, I have had the privilege of working with individuals from diverse backgrounds. I have gained invaluable insights into the challenges and aspirations which shape our community. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the importance of empathy, fairness, and understanding in all interactions. These are the qualities I intend to bring to the judiciary.

Beyond my professional endeavors, I am deeply committed to serving my community. I am an active member of Laurens First Presbyterian Church. I participate in various community boards, where I collaborate with fellow community members to address local issues and promote positive change. These experiences have taught me the importance of listening and making decisions. These characteristics have also helped shape my legal philosophy. I have always tried my best to consider all opinions, backgrounds, and circumstances when making decisions in my practice. I believe the same attention to detail will help me become a successful member of the Family Court judiciary.

I have always made it a point to be kind and courteous to others. I believe there is a way to be firm without being disrespectful or humiliating someone. If elected, I would bring with me a profound respect for the rule of law, and a dedication to upholding justice with integrity and impartiality.

My small-town roots have grounded me in a deep appreciation and understanding for diverse perspectives and backgrounds faced as a judge. I will remain committed to applying these principles to foster a courtroom environment where fairness, compassion, and respect prevail.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found that Mr. Todd has earned a great reputation among the Family Court Bar. The Commission noted he has gained a great deal of experience in the Family Court and is seen as a rising star among his peers.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Todd qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal
Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Smithdeal meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Smithdeal was born in 1967. He is 57 years old and a resident of Greenwood, South Carolina. Judge Smithdeal provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1992.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Smithdeal.

Judge Smithdeal demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Smithdeal testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Smithdeal testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Smithdeal to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
Law School for Non-Lawyers - Lectured multiple times over the years on topics ranging from Family Law, Workers Compensation, Probate, and the SC Court System. I have also spoken at quite a few CLE seminars on the topic of Family Law. I am currently scheduled to speak at a community Law Talk on Family Law in September."

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Smithdeal did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Smithdeal did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Smithdeal has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Smithdeal was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Smithdeal reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Smithdeal appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Smithdeal appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Smithdeal was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1992.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Judson Ayers & Associates, P.C. 1992-1995, Associate attorney – Family Court, general civil & criminal litigation (Circuit Court and Federal District Court), Workers Compensation, real estate and employment law.
(b) Ayers & Smithdeal, P.C. 1995-1997, Partner – Family Court, general civil & criminal litigation (Circuit Court and Federal District Court), Workers Compensation, real estate and employment law.
(c) Ayers, Smithdeal & Bettis, P.C. 1997-2013, Managing Partner and President – practice areas were substantially the same, but I was responsible for administrative and financial management of the firm which included the Firm's trust account.
(d) Family Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3-2013-present.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected by the legislature as Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3. I was sworn into office on April 1, 2013 and have served continuously since. Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction as set forth in S.C. Code §63-3-530. The Family Court is without jurisdiction to hear or determine matters outside of its subject matter jurisdiction.

Judge Smithdeal provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Rish v. Rish, Op No 28223 (S.C.Sup.Ct. filed July 31, 2024) - This was a case of first impression. The parties were divorced in 2003 and the divorce order incorporated the parties' alimony agreement. The agreement set periodic alimony and made the award non-modifiable. The Family Court modified the alimony order in 2011. The non-modifiable provision was not raised and no appeal was taken in 2011. In 2016, the husband requested another modification. Prior to this hearing, the wife raised the non-modifiable provision contained in the 2003 divorce order. I denied the motion as the prior Family Court has already modified the 2003 order and there was no appeal. At the trial, I terminated the husband's alimony obligation based on the law and equities of the case. The wife filed a motion for reconsideration under Rule 59(e), SCRCP and to void the order under Rule 60(b), SCRCP, arguing the 2011 modification order was void because the divorce decree made alimony non-modifiable and the Family Court was without subject matter jurisdiction to address alimony. I denied these motions. The Court of Appeals agreed with the wife and reversed my order. The Supreme Court found that I was correct in my rulings that the Family Court never loses subject-matter jurisdiction and that the intervening 2011 order effectively eliminated the non-modifiable provision since it was not raised, ruled upon or appealed. The Supreme Court corrected a long line of cases that had unartfully used the general term jurisdiction. The Supreme Court also found the termination of alimony appropriate.

(b) Lexington case – This case involved a long term "marriage" with disabled adult children. Husband had obtained a Dominican Republic divorce from his first wife while they were both residents of South Carolina. He then "married" wife. Wife claimed that she and husband were not validly married because the Dominican divorce was not legal. As the validity of marriages is reserved to the Court of Common Pleas pursuant to §20-1-510, 520 and NOT to the Family Court under its jurisdictional statute, I was forced to dismiss husband's divorce complaint so they could litigate that issue in the Court of Common Pleas.

(c) DSS v. Walls and Walls, 16-UP-483 and 16-UP-482 (Ct.App. filed November 16, 2016)– A twenty-three day old baby had skull fractures, bleeding on the brain, a fractured vertebra, broken leg, broken ankle, broken ribs, and internal injuries in various stages of healing. Neither parent knew who done it. Based on the evidence presented, I was compelled to remove the child and terminate the parents' parental rights. The defense argued that this was a case of res ispa loquitor and that concept was not recognized in South Carolina. I ruled that this was a case of circumstantial evidence and the evidence was clear.

(d) Greenwood case – This was the second marriage each for an elderly couple. The wife and her attorney presented a prenuptial agreement to the husband before the marriage. Husband willingly signed it as both spouses had substantial pre-marital property to protect and children from their prior marriages. A few years after the wedding, Wife's health declined and she started suffering from dementia. She then deeded all her property to her children in an effort to lay the cost of nursing home care on her husband. Husband sought the advice of an attorney and then filed for divorce to protect his pre-marital estate. Wife, through her adult children, attempted to set aside her own prenuptial agreement. She also requested alimony even though the agreement barred each from alimony. After significant consideration, I found that each party's pre-marital property was non-marital. I also denied wife's alimony claim and upheld the prenuptial agreement even though the husband was unrepresented at the time of the signing of the agreement.

(e) Beaufort case – This was a heartbreaking case involving a long-term marriage with five daughters. The middle daughter accused the father of sexually assaulting her during the litigation. Several experts testified, but this issue essentially came down to a classic "he said-she said", and the preponderance of the evidence did not weigh more heavily on one side or the other. I did not find sexual assault occurred, but I could not grant visitation to the father with that daughter because of the toxic relationship.

Judge Smithdeal reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Smithdeal further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
2009 - I was qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Screening Commission and then withdrew my name from consideration prior to the vote of the Legislature. 2010 - I was qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Screening Commission and then withdrew my name from consideration prior to the vote of the Legislature.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Smithdeal's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Smithdeal to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Judge Smithdeal is a compassionate, experienced family law practitioner who brings an unparalleled work ethic and deep sense of service to the Family Court bench. The Committee warmly commends him to the Commission for consideration for another term."

Judge Smithdeal is married to Elizabeth C. Smithdeal. He has five children.

Judge Smithdeal reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Greenwood County Bar Association

Judge Smithdeal provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Knights of Columbus. My family received the family of the month award.
(b) Citadel Alumni Association – Life Member
(c) Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church – Sunday school teacher

Judge Smithdeal further reported:

My wife and I have five children. Three of my children are college graduates, one is in college now, and one is a high school senior. I have a daughter in law and son in law and two grandsons – so far. In other words, I understand families and the issues they face. I get to work between 7:30-8:00 a.m. I prepare for court every morning and am ready to start on time with a working knowledge of all the cases which are to come before me that day – no matter which county I am working in. Often, I am in the courthouse working before the clerks arrive. I utilize Saturdays for order writing, research and preparation for Monday mornings. When I ran for this judgeship I promised to be diligent, hard-working and courteous. I believe I have honored my promise.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Smithdeal maintains a positive reputation amongst lawyers who appear before him. The Commission noted he is a hard worker with a good demeanor that has served him in discharging his responsibilities on the Family Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Smithdeal qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

The Honorable Alice Anne Richter
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Richter meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Richter was born in 1977. She is 47 years old and a resident of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. Judge Richter provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Richter.

Judge Richter demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Richter reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Richter testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.
Judge Richter testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Richter to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Richter reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) Adjunct professor at Charleston School of Law 2009-2010, Legal Research and Writing.
(b) Assisted with organizing and spoke frequently at Charleston County Guardian ad Litem Association monthly lunch CLE programs 2013-2015 on issues related to child custody and other issues relevant to guardians ad litem.
(c) Guest lecturer for Family Law Course at Charleston School of Law taught by the Honorable Brian Gibbons on issues of custody, termination of parental rights, assisted reproduction, and jurisdiction issues in family court for several years.
(d) Presented in June, 2016, at the South Carolina Family Court Orientation School for new Judges on issues facing new Judges.
(e) South Carolina Bar Family Court Bench Bar CLE, December 1, 2017, speaker on Judges' Panel addressing child support, visitation, and other topics relevant to Family Court.

(f) Speaker as panel member at CLE In the Best interest of the Child: 2018 Guardian ad Litem Training and Update 2018 on issues relevant to the work of guardians ad litem in Family Court.
(g) South Carolina Family Court Orientation School for New Judges. Presented on Protection from Domestic Abuse and Issues Relating to Pro Se Litigants, May, 2023, and May, 2024.

Judge Richter reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Richter did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Richter did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Richter has handled her financial affairs responsibly.
The Commission also noted that Judge Richter was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Richter reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Richter reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Richter reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Richter appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Richter appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Richter was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Following graduation from law school, I served as law clerk for the Honorable Diane S. Goodstein in the South Carolina Circuit Court for the First Judicial Circuit. No financial management in this position.

(b) From 2003-2004, I worked with partners and associated as a contract attorney at Moore and Van Allen Law Firm in Charlotte, North Carolina. I worked on various litigation teams in the defense of large corporate clients involved in complex, multi-state litigation. No administrative or financial management in this position.

(c) In 2004, while still in North Carolina, I began working remotely as a contract attorney for Richter and Haller, LLC, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. This primarily involved work on behalf of plaintiffs in civil cases, and much of this work involved complex legal issues. No administrative or financial management in this position.

(d) In 2005, I returned to the Charleston area and became an associate at the Richter Firm, LLC, where I continued to work until my election to the judiciary in February, 2015. I continued to work on civil litigation matters in South Carolina and Federal courts, as well as multi-district litigation, bankruptcy court, criminal courts, probate court, and family court. I assisted in hiring personnel and was a co-signer on office accounts.

(e) In February 2015, I was elected to the South Carolina Family Court, was re-elected to this position in February, 2019, and continue to serve in this position. I have performed all of the functions and duties of my office, have served as Chief Administrative Judge for both Charleston and Berkeley Counties, and seek to continue my service.

Judge Richter reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): I have served on the South Carolina Family Court since my election on February 4, 2015, as Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat two, Charleston. The South Carolina Family Court is a Court of limited jurisdiction pursuant to S.C. Code.

Judge Richter provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) The State of South Carolina v. TJW, 2020-JU-10-0570, 2020-JU-10-0571, 2020-JU-10-0573, 2020-JU-10-0574, and 2020-JU-10-0575.

Order from Hearing on The State of South Carolina's Request to Transfer to the Court of General Sessions, Associated Motions, and Competency of Juvenile. This Order issued from a hearing that took place over five days in relation to whether jurisdiction over a Juvenile who was charged with Murder, Armed Robbery, and multiple counts of Attempted Armed Robbery should be transferred to the Court of General Sessions to be tried as an adult or should remain in Family Court and receive the benefits of the Juvenile system. My Order addressed the Defense Motion Asserting a Right to Confront Witnesses Against Him, Defense Motion to Call Witnesses to Rebut State's Witnesses, Co-Defendants' counsel's request to have access to the Transfer Hearing, the request of members of the press/public to have access to the Transfer Hearing, Juvenile's Motion to Declare S.C. Code Section 61-19-1210(6) Unconstitutional, the Defense request for a Competency Hearing, the Defense Motion in Opposition to Waiver, and the Court's decision on the State's Motion for Transfer. I ruled that the State had met its burden and jurisdiction over the Juvenile should be transferred to The Court of General Sessions, that the Juvenile was Competent, that S.C. Code Section 61-19-1210(6) is Constitutional, and addressed the additional Motions. The issues related to access to the proceedings by Co-Defendants and the media/public were addressed in depth as well.

(b) Scheidweiler v. Phoenix, 2015-DR-10-965, 2018-UP-036.

I denied Plaintiff Father's request that the Defendant Mother's parental rights should be terminated, found that Father had failed to meet his burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence, and found that termination of Mother's parental rights would not be in the child's best interest. The Father filed his TPR action shortly after a Final Order was issued in the parties' prior initial custody litigation and the case required careful analysis of the Termination of Parental Rights statute and caselaw on the issue, as applied to the unique facts of this case. My Order was appealed by Father, and my decision was affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in an unpublished opinion.

(c) Burns v. Burns, 2020-DR-10-2450.

This Order addressed a Motion to Seal an entire file in a Domestic Relations action. The issue is one that arises frequently in Family Court actions and which has been dealt with repeatedly by the Appellate Courts

in our State. My Order addressed the request to seal and applied Rule 41.1 as well as Statutory and Case Law in denying the Motion to Seal.

(d) Mendez v. Franco, 2018-DR-10-871.

This Order issued from a joint hearing with the State of California on Plaintiff's Motion for Home State Finding under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). This case had a complicated factual history and extensive analysis of the UCCJEA, South Carolina Law, specific substantive and jurisdictional issues, and consultation with the Court in California. Coordination of a Joint Hearing with the State of California was required, and the hearing resulted in a determination by both the South Carolina and California Courts that California was the home state of the minor children and that litigation in relation to the children was within the Jurisdiction of the California Courts.

(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Jeffrey T. McCue and Radina A. Franks, in the Interest of A Minor Under the age of Eighteen, 2019-DR-10-2814, 2021-UP-033.

This Termination of Parental Rights action was brought by the Department of Social Services and involved a five-year-old child who had been in the custody of the Department in excess of thirty-six months. The case was highly contested and required particular analysis of parents' fundamental interest in the care, custody, and management of their children when a parent's interest conflicts with the best interest of the minor child. In keeping with applicable statutory and case law, I ruled that, in balancing these interests, the best interest of the child is paramount to that of the parent. SCDSS v. Smith, 423 S.C. 60, 814 S.E.2d 148 (2018). The case was appealed by the Defendant Father, and my ruling was affirmed.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Richter's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Richter to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Caring, dedicated, smart, personable, hardworking, excellent judge."

Judge Richter is married to Joseph Paul Cerato, Sr. She has two children.

Judge Richter reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar.
(b) Charleston County Bar.
(c) South Carolina Family Law American Inn of Court-Master
(d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Vice-President 2023-2024
Secretary/Treasurer 2022-2023.

Judge Richter provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Mount Pleasant Cotillion
(b) Ashley Hall Alumnae Association
(c) University of North Carolina Alumni Association

Judge Richter further reported:
I believe I have answered fully, but I am glad to provide any additional information the Commission may find necessary or helpful.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Richter is a phenomenally bright, caring person and that she is bringing the right touch to this role.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Richter qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Cahoon meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Cahoon was born in 1974. She is 50 years old and a resident of Summerville, South Carolina. Judge Cahoon provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2000.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Cahoon.

Judge Cahoon demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Cahoon testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Cahoon testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Cahoon to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has taught or lectured at the following bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.
I have spoken in the past regarding family law, elder law, estate planning and probate matters.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Cahoon did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Cahoon did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Cahoon has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Cahoon was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Cahoon reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Cahoon appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Cahoon appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Cahoon was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2000.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) Young Clement Rivers and Tisdale, LLP, Charleston SC. From June 2000-May 2001, I was a first-year associate with the firm in the practice areas of estate planning, probate, state and federal taxation and nonprofit law. I was not involved with the administrative or financial

management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

(b) Berry Quackenbush and Stuart, PA, Columbia SC. From August 2001 – September 2006. I was a general practice associate with the firm practicing primarily in the areas of estate planning, state and federal taxation, probate, elder law, family law, nonprofit law and general business issues. I had no responsibility for the administrative or financial management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

(c) MerrittWebb, PLLC, Columbia SC. September 2006-March 31, 2011. I followed the managing partner of Berry Quackenbush and Stuart to MerrittWebb where I continued as a general practice associate with the firm practicing primarily in the areas of estate planning, state and federal taxation, probate, elder law, family law, nonprofit law and general business issues. I had no responsibility for the administrative or financial management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

(d) Cahoon Law Firm, LLC, Columbia SC. April 1, 2011-present. I opened Cahoon Law Firm, LLC, on April 1, 2011. Since that time, I have primarily practiced in Family Court where I have handled clients matters related to all cases over which the Family Court has original jurisdiction. This includes divorce, child custody and child support, equitable apportionment of property, protective orders, alimony issues along with modifications of child custody and visitation, alimony and child support. I have been involved in all aspects of adoption. I have represented parents, grandparents and other caregivers. While I encourage my clients to try and resolve their issues without the need for a contested hearing, I have handled contested trials on these issues. I had a 608 contract with the State of South Carolina through the Office of Indigent Defense to represent indigent parties in abuse and neglect cases since the program's inception. I have a contract with SCDSS to represent the agency in Family Court. Currently, approximately eighty-five percent of my practice involves Family Court matters with the remaining fifteen percent of my practice related to estate planning, elder law, probate and general business work. As the owner and sole member, I am responsible for

all administrative, accounting and financial management. The operating and trust account are held and operated in accordance with the required rules.

Judge Cahoon reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
Family Court, Ninth Circuit, Seat Four
Elected April 17, 2024, Took the bench May 6, 2024 – current

Judge Cahoon provided the following regarding a list of her most significant orders or opinions:
I do not have any significant orders or opinions yet having just started

Judge Cahoon reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Cahoon further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 in 2019. I was found qualified and removed my name from consideration before the scheduled vote by the Legislature.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Cahoon's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Cahoon to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented, "Judge Cahoon has considerable experience in all facets of the family court. She has an excellent temperament and is well versed in family law. She explained to the Committee that she established residency in the circuit shortly after her interview last year. Residency was the only drawback noted by the Committee last year."

Judge Cahoon is married to Frank Ellwood Cahoon, III. She has two children.

Judge Cahoon reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Berkeley County Bar Association
(c) SC Women Lawyers

Judge Cahoon provided that she was not a member of a civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Cahoon further reported:
From my personal experience as a child of divorced parents, as a parent to two children, from my daughter's adoption through foster care and my professional work with clients in all aspects of Family Court I truly believe I can help other children and families who are navigating the Family Court system. Family Court more than any other court is about personal issues and relationships that affect children and families. With my personal history and work experience I understand the personal and legal issues that are being brought before me every day.

Family Court is a frightening and stressful place for everyone. A courtroom where all parties feel safe, heard and respected can make a huge difference in how parties perceive and experience Family Court. This is an adversarial system so absent an agreement between the parties; one or both parties will disagree with my ruling as the decision maker. I work hard to follow the law and word my ruling in such a way to help parties who consider themselves the "loser" to understand that I did hear and consider their viewpoint when making my ruling. Words matter and taking time to ensure to address the issues before the Court from both sides in a respectful and impartial manner makes a difference.

I try every day to ensure that my demeanor, courtesy, empathy, attention, knowledge and diligence help facilitate a positive experience even when the parties disagree over the outcome. Even though they may not agree with my decision, I want the people who leave my courtroom, whether lawyers, pro se litigants, other parties or court personnel, to have felt that they were in a safe place, that their voice was heard, that they were respected and that their outcome was based on a thoughtful, deliberate decision which was issued within the confines of the existing laws that govern Family Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Cahoon has an outstanding reputation as a jurist during her short time on the bench. They noted her great intellect, which has ably served her in discharging her responsibilities on the Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Cahoon qualified, and nominated her for re-election to the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

The Honorable David J. Brousseau
Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Brousseau meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Brousseau was born in 1976. He is 49 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Judge Brousseau provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Brousseau.

Judge Brousseau demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Brousseau reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Brousseau testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Brousseau testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Brousseau to be intelligent and knowledgeable.
Judge Brousseau reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I taught an Introduction to Law course at Anderson University from 2015-2018.
(b) I lectured on all topics at the Advanced Family Law Seminar CLE by NBI on March 18, 2015.
(c) I lectured on the topics of appeals, alimony, and equitable distribution for the 2023 Family Court Seminar by the Anderson County Bar on February 3, 2023.

Judge Brousseau reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Brousseau did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Brousseau did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Brousseau has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Brousseau was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Brousseau reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was 4.4 out of 5.

Judge Brousseau reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Brousseau reported that he has held the following public office: 2009-April, 2024: Anderson County Tax Assessor Appeals Board, Member. This is an appointed position by the Anderson County Council that serves as part of the Assessor's Office. No report is required with the State Ethics Commission for this position. I have never been subject to a penalty

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Brousseau appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Brousseau appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Brousseau was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2002-2003, law clerk at McIntosh, Sherard & Sullivan; Anderson, South Carolina. I assisted the attorneys on their files while I awaited the results of the Bar Exam and getting sworn in. I did title searches for the real estate attorneys at the firm, and particularly assisted in discovery, legal research, and trial preparation on the litigation side of the firm.

(b) 2003-2009, Associate attorney at McIntosh, Sherard & Sullivan; Anderson, South Carolina. During this time period my practice consisted of general civil litigation. By 2005, I took over all domestic relations cases at the firm. Over fifty percent of my caseload was in all facets of domestic relations law. Additionally, I was handling a number of cases involving personal injury, breach of contract, construction litigation, and real estate disputes in Circuit Court.

(c) 2009-April 2024, Partner at McIntosh, Sherard, Sullivan & Brousseau; Anderson, South Carolina. In 2009, I became partner at the firm. My practice continued to be in

civil litigation with an emphasis in domestic relations law, personal injury, real estate litigation, and construction litigation. Over fifty percent of my caseload involved Family Court cases. I also served as mediator on Family Court cases by agreement of the attorneys. I was involved in the administrative decision of the firm, management of trust accounts on my cases and other related financial matters directly related to the litigation side of my firm.

(d) 2015-2018, Adjunct Professor, Anderson University; Anderson, South Carolina. In 2015, Anderson University asked me to teach an Intro to Law course. It was offered every fall term. I lectured on the basics of American law and jurisprudence; including, but not limited to: constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure, civil law and civil procedure.

(e) May 2024 – current, Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat One. On April 17, 2024, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Family Court bench to fill the unexpired term of the late Honorable Edgar H. Long. My first day of work as Family Court Judge was May 6, 2024.

Judge Brousseau reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat One; May 6, 2024 – Current. I was elected by the General Assembly to this position on April 17, 2024. Family Court is a Court of limited jurisdiction as set out by statute. The Family Court general jurisdictional statute is found at S.C. Code Ann. § 63-3-530. Generally speaking, the Family Court hears matters pertaining to divorce, division of marital property, support, child custody, DSS actions, and DJJ actions.

Judge Brousseau provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

As of the drafting of this application, I have only held court for twelve weeks. Three of those twelve weeks were sitting with other judges during training. Accordingly, the significance of any orders is very limited at this time.

(a) Leggieri v. Cason; This was modification of custody action. It was a difficult trial by virtue of the fact that the testimony was conflicting. Ultimately, I decided that the

Plaintiff did not meet their burden of proof to modify custody, but that she did meet her burden of proof to modify visitation.

(b) Johnson v. Weatherall; This was a divorce action where equitable division of the marital estate was at issue. This case presented unique issues of transmutation and special equity interests as to certain assets.

(c) Takacs v. Cruz; This was a custody action. This case presented issues of compliance as Mother rarely complied with prior temporary orders. A prior judge had held Mother in contempt, but held sanctions in abeyance for the trial judge. This allowed me to attempt to have Mother comply with the Final Order as I was able to condition sanctions upon compliance with the Final Order.

(d) Hammonds v. Hammonds; This was a divorce action involving custody of children and equitable division of property. I divided the marital estate, and issued a custody / visitation order.

(e) Capps v. Capps; This was a divorce action involving custody of children. It was a sad case because Mother had not seen or visited the children for over a year during the pendency of the case despite no court order preventing her from doing so.

Judge Brousseau reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Brousseau further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Yes. I ran for Family Court Judge in 2018. I withdrew my application.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Brousseau's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Brousseau to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of physical health, mental stability, and constitutional qualifications; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Brousseau is married to Amy Boggs Brousseau. He has one child.

Judge Brousseau reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar, member
(b) Anderson County Bar Association, member
(c) Anderson County Inns of Court, member

Judge Brousseau provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Anderson County Inns of Court, member
(b) Cobb's Glen Country Club, golf and social member

Judge Brousseau further reported:
I have thoroughly enjoyed my short time of being on the Family Court bench. It has been an absolute pleasure serving the citizens of our State. It is a challenging, but also fulfilling, job where I feel as though I am making a difference in people's lives. Every week, I have seen unique cases. I believe I have treated each litigant, lawyer, and staff member with courtesy and respect. I look forward to coming to work each and every day. It is my sincere hope that I will be able to continue to serve in this role for many years to come.

Prior to my election to the Family Court bench, I was a private practice attorney handling all types of family court cases. Those cases ranged from court-appointed cases involving DSS to divorces involving millions of dollars in assets. Additionally, I served as mediator on cases by agreement of counsel. I also handled a wide-range of cases in the Court of Common Pleas. I am well-versed in the procedural and substantive law that is often presented in the Family Court. I am also married to a wonderful spouse, and we are the parents of a middle schooler.

I am mindful of the fact that decisions in my courtroom can affect parents and children for years. I take those decisions seriously, and truly try my absolute best to rule in accordance with the facts as applied to the law.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Brousseau has begun his service on the bench with admirable passion and ability. The members

of the Commission expressed that they are impressed with the quality of Judge Brousseau's BallotBox comments.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Brousseau qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable M. Scott McElhannon
Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McElhannon meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge McElhannon was born in 1962. He is 62 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Judge McElhannon provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McElhannon.

Judge McElhannon demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McElhannon testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McElhannon testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McElhannon to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I was a speaker at a juvenile justice seminar in Biloxi, Mississippi. I spoke about the Anderson County Juvenile Arbitration Program for first time juvenile offenders.
(b) I was a panel member for the juvenile prosecution seminar which was part of the annual Solicitor's Conference. The panel discussed various issues in juvenile justice and fielded questions from the audience.
(c) I have spoken to several high school classes regarding juvenile justice law.
(d) I have been a panel member at two Family Law CLE Seminars in Anderson County.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge McElhannon did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McElhannon did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McElhannon has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McElhannon was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McElhannon reported that he has not been rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McElhannon appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McElhannon appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McElhannon was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Dowling, Sanders, Dukes, Svalina & Williams
Beaufort, South Carolina
August 1988 – April 1989
Associate attorney practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas

(b) Svalina, Richardson & Smith
Beaufort, South Carolina
April 1989 – November 1990
Associate attorney practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas

(c) M. Scott McElhannon, Attorney at Law
Honea Path, South Carolina
January 1991 – March 1992
Sole practitioner practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas. I was directly and solely involved in the administrative and financial management of this firm, including management of the trust account.

(d) Law Office of Raymond Mackay
Anderson, South Carolina

April 1992 – June 1995
Associate attorney practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas

(e) M. Scott McElhannon, Attorney at Law
Anderson, South Carolina
July 1995 – December 1999
Sole practitioner practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas. During this period, I was also a contract Public Defender handling juvenile cases in Family Court. I was directly and solely involved in the administrative and financial management of the trust account.

(f) Solicitor's Office, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Anderson, South Carolina
Assistant Solicitor
January 2000 – March 2009
From January 2000 to June 2005 I prosecuted all juvenile cases in Family Court. I was Director of Juvenile Services which included the Juvenile Arbitration Program. From June 2005 to March 2009, I prosecuted cases in General Sessions, as well as continuing to prosecute juvenile cases in Family Court as needed.

(g) M. Scott McElhannon, Attorney at Law
Anderson, South Carolina
March 2009 – September 2015
Sole practitioner practicing in Family Court, General Sessions and Common Pleas. During this period, I was also a conflict 608 attorney for the Office of Indigent Defense handling conflict criminal adult and juvenile cases in Anderson County and Oconee County. I was solely and directly involved in the administrative and financial management of this firm, including the management of the trust account.

(h) South Carolina Department of Social Services
Anderson, South Carolina
September 2015 – March 2017
Staff attorney prosecuting child abuse and neglect cases, termination of parental rights, and abuse of vulnerable adult cases. After nine months I was promoted to Managing Attorney for the Tenth Judicial Circuit.

(i)Solicitor's Office, Tenth Judicial Circuit
Anderson, South Carolina
Assistant Solicitor
March 2017 – February 2020

I prosecuted General Sessions cases in Circuit Court for Anderson County. In addition, I prosecuted juvenile cases in Family Court as needed.

(j)Family Court Judge
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Seat 3

I was elected to the Family Court Bench on February 5, 2020. I began working as a Family Court Judge on March 2, 2020 to the present.

Judge McElhannon reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3
Elected February 5, 2020, serving continuously to the present.

The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine actions for divorce, separate support and maintenance, legal separation, other marital litigation between the parties, and for settlement of all legal and equitable rights of the parties in the actions related to the real and personal property of the marriage. The family court also has jurisdiction to hear adoptions, matters involving truancy and delinquency of juveniles, and abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults.

Judge McElhannon provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) SCDSS v. Kimberly Spearman, et al, (Op. No. 2021-UP-362) (Ct. App. filed October 18, 2021)

This was a termination of parental rights case in which Mother appealed my decision to terminate her parental rights to child. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. The Court of Appeals upon a thorough review of the record and my findings of fact and conclusions of law found no meritorious issues in the appeal.

(b) SCDSS v. Chasya Gilbody, et al, (Op. No. 2023-UP-242) (Ct. App. filed June 12, 2023)

This was a termination of parental rights case in which Mother appealed my decision to terminate her parental rights to children. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. The Court of Appeals upon a thorough review of the record and my findings of fact and conclusions of law found no meritorious issues in the appeal.

(c) SCDSS v. Danielle Gay, et al, (Op. No. 2023-UP-273) (Ct. App. filed July 19, 2023)

In this case, the intervening foster parents appealed my ruling that custody of the minor children should be returned to Mother. The Court

of Appeals affirmed my decision finding that a preponderance of the evidence supported my finding that reunification with Mother was in children's best interest. This case also had the dynamic of COVID-19 which played a part in the delay of reunification, together with foster parent's motion to intervene. The Court of Appeals also affirmed my finding that Mother demonstrated due diligence in remedying the conditions that led to children's removal. This was a difficult decision because foster parent's expert witnesses presented testimony that returning children to Mother would cause trauma for children due to their bond with foster parents. However, the experts had never evaluated children's bond with Mother. The DSS caseworker and the children's guardian ad litem testified that children were bonded to Mother and returning children to her care was in their best interest.

(d) SCDSS v. Haley Vanderford, et al (Op. No. 2024-UP-289) (Ct. App. filed July 29, 2024)

This was a termination of parental rights case in which Mother's parental rights were terminated. Mother appealed my decision terminating her parental rights. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision finding that clear and convincing evidence showed Mother failed to remedy the conditions that caused children's removal. The children were removed due to domestic violence in the home, Mother's substance abuse, and her failure to protect the children. The Court of Appeals believed that I properly found that Mother was unlikely to provide a safe, stable and drug-free home in the foreseeable future.

(e) Henderson v. Henderson (2020-DR-37-183)

This case involved Mother relocating child to another state without Father's consent.

The parties had made multiple reports against each other, either to law enforcement or DSS. The minor child was diagnosed with severe ADHD. The main issue in the case was where the child would reside in order to attend the most beneficial educational setting for his diagnosis. Eight expert witnesses testified over a four day trial. I found that both parties were fit parents. The case came down to what is in the best interest of the child. Father had secured admission for child in a specialized school in South Carolina. Father testified that he would be willing to exercise week to week custody if Mother moved back to South Carolina. Mother testified that she would not consider moving back to South Carolina. The parties were awarded joint custody with Father having primary placement.

Judge McElhannon reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge McElhannon further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for position of Family Court Judge for the Tenth Judicial Circuit in 2008 upon the retirement of the Honorable Barry W. Knobel. I was successfully screened and found qualified. I withdrew from consideration prior to the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McElhannon's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee reported Judge McElhannon to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of physical health, constitutional qualifications, and mental stability. The Committee had no related or summary remark.

Judge McElhannon is married to Shirley H. McElhannon. He has one child.

Judge McElhannon reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Anderson County Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association

Judge McElhannon provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge McElhannon further reported:
I was raised by two wonderful and loving parents who instilled in me the philosophy of treating others as I would want to be treated. I have tried diligently to live my life by that premise, and to judge in the same manner. I will continue to do so if re-elected.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission thanked Judge McElhannon for his service to the state and had a productive discussion regarding his recommendations to improve the functions of the Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McElhannon qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

The Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch
Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Crouch meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Crouch was born in 1972. She is 52 years old and a resident of Lexington, South Carolina. Judge Crouch provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1998.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Crouch.

Judge Crouch demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Crouch reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Crouch testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Crouch testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Crouch to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Crouch reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I lectured at the South Carolina Bar Convention 2016 in Charleston, South Carolina as part of the Children's Law Committee CLE. I presented on the topic of Father's Rights, Alienation, and Ethical considerations for practicing family law attorneys.

(b) The Honorable Anne Gue Jones invited me to speak at the December 2016, Family Court Bench/Bar CLE on the issues of guardians ad litem in Family Court. I also presented on the importance of the Form 4 in Family Court.

(c) I lectured at the Scouts of America Law Day 2020 with The Honorable James Lockemy and The Honorable Joseph F. Anderson teaching middle school and high school students about the SC court system and the differences between civil and criminal court proceedings, along with constitutional implications in both.

(d) I presented at Hot Tips 2019 with The Honorable Vicki Snelgrove on the topic of bankruptcy in Family Court, the Brown v. Odom appellate opinion, and how to secure a judgment in Family Court.

(e) I presented at the Family Court Bench Bar CLE on December 7, 2018, addressing tips for attorneys from a newly elected judge's perspective.

(f) I presented at the Family Court Judges' Spring Conference on April 28, 2022, addressing the Family Court bench to present on the background of the members of the bench, along with listing various committees on which Family Court judges served. The result of this presentation is an informal publication

maintained and provided by Court Administration to educate members of the bench about ways they can serve and what committees and contacts may be available to them should issues arise.

(g) I was invited by Chief Judge Bruce Williams to be part of a panel to address the SC appellate courts at The Good, The Bad and the Ugly on March 3, 2023, presenting on the trial courts' perspective of appellate review.

(h) I presented with The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons and The Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros at a CLE on Select Topics in South Carolina Civil Procedure. As a panel we addressed different rules of Civil Procedure and how best to utilize them in the various courts from Family, Circuit, and Court of Appeals.

(i) New Judges Orientation is held annually as a teaching and training period for newly elected judges. For the years 2022, 2023, and 2024, I presented the topic of alimony to the newly elected Family Court judges. In 2019, I presented to the newly elected judges on my year as a new judge.

(j) I have been invited to speak at Hot Tips 2024, and the title of my presentation is The Buck Stops Here: The Implications of Bankruptcy in Family Court

(k) Judge Zimmerman and I have joined forces to present a CLE on August 30, 2024 based on the pyramid game show, where we will present on mental health and substance abuse with the assistance of experts and professionals, relaying information on how attorneys can take care of their mental and physical health to be the best representatives for their clients while also gleaning information on how to identify red flags in themselves and their clients.

Judge Crouch reported that she has published the following:

(a) I have not written any books or articles, but as a research assistant for David G. Owen, Carolina Distinguished Professor of Law, I assisted with research, writing chapters and editing Owen, Products Liability Law*,* West*, 2005.*

(b) While not a formal publication, I created an introduction to Family Court notebook for use by participants in the Judicial Observation Experience (JOE) program.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Crouch did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Crouch did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Crouch has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Crouch was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Crouch did not report any rating by a legal rating organization

Judge Crouch reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Crouch reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Crouch appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Crouch appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Crouch was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1998.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

1998-1999 Law Clerk to the Honorable Wyatt T. Saunders, Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit

1999-2010 Brown, Jefferies & Boulware; contract attorney with general practice firm. No involvement in management from an administrative or financial aspect at all.

2010-2014 Cofield Law Firm: associate attorney hired to create Family Law division in general practice firm. No involvement with financial management of this entity and no authority over and no management of trust accounts. Some involvement in management from an administrative/personnel standpoint, as I was included in the hiring and firing of employees and in calling meetings when necessary to address any issues or concerns related to personnel.

2014-2016 Cofield Law Firm: partner in five attorney general practice firm heading up Family Law division. No involvement with financial management of this entity and no authority over and no management of trust accounts. Some involvement in management from an administrative/personnel standpoint, as I was included in the hiring and firing of employees and in calling meetings when necessary to address any issues or concerns related to personnel.

2016-2018 Law Offices of Huntley S. Crouch, LLC: member, solo practice firm practicing in the area of family law and family court mediations. Solely responsible for all aspects of the firm, including management and reconciliation of all accounts.

2018-present South Carolina Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Judge Crouch reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): 2018-present elected Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit.

Judge Crouch provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) In the Interest of L.D.; unreported
(b) SCDSS v. Doe; unreported
(c) SCDSS v. Doe; 2023-UP-084
(d) Brooke A. Grooms v. Fred Hopkins; 2022-UP-371

(e) Katherine Coleman v. Kristin Fields Coleman; 2024-UP-291

Judge Crouch reported no other employment while serving as a judge:

Judge Crouch further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for Family Court for a Lexington County seat in Spring 2014. I was found qualified but not nominated.
I ran for Family Court for an at-large seat in Spring 2017. I was found qualified and was nominated. I withdrew prior to the vote, and The Honorable Thomas Hodges was elected.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Crouch's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Crouch to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well Qualified. No comment needed."

Judge Crouch is married to Charles Martin Crouch, Jr. She has three children.

Judge Crouch reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Family Law Inn of Court- executive committee and Judicial Chair of Liaison Committee
(b) Bench/Bar Committee Eleventh Judicial Circuit
(c) South Carolina Bar Association

Judge Crouch provided that she is not a member of a civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations,

Judge Crouch further reported:
In the past, I wrote of the influence my father had on the type of lawyer I wanted to be and the type of lawyer I was, writing of growing up in the law library, back when there were such things, in my father's law firm. I would pull the books from the shelves, pretending that I was a great lawyer like my father, preparing to argue a landmark case. That was in the fifth grade. As a child, I thought my father was the greatest attorney. As an adult, I still believed that, but now I understand that it was not his skill at arguing a case before a jury which made him great, but his greatness was seen in his approach to his practice and his treatment of his clients. Even after practicing for over forty years, he approached every case as if it was the most important case and every client as if he or she was the most important client. As an attorney, I tried to mimic the very best attributes that I learned from my father. I treated my clients with respect. I approached every case, no matter the size, no matter the issue, very seriously, striving to be prepared for any scenario in the courtroom. I was sensitive to the fact that my clients entrusted me with some of the most important aspects of their lives—children, homes, finances, their futures. I respected the trust which they placed in me. As a judge, I recognize now that there are few attorneys who practice law like my father and lawyers from his generation. The practice of law has changed over the years, as has the approach to the practice of law. I recognize that while change may be difficult, sometimes it is necessary. I have had to adjust certain expectations within the courtroom, but I still believe it is imperative that the court uphold the integrity of the legal system and apply the rule of law fairly and impartially. Oftentimes, the application of the rule of law is misunderstood, but a failure to apply the rules and the law is a failure to the system and a failure to the administration of justice. I have always been a rule follower, and as a judge that has not changed. It is my earnest hope that litigants and their representatives leave my courtroom knowing they were treated respectfully and fairly by an ethical and knowledgeable judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission respects Judge Crouch's knowledge and application of the law. The members commended her temperament, noting that she listens and works through litigants' concerns in order to "get the job done."

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Crouch qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Robert E. Newton
Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Newton meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Newton was born in 1964. He is 60 years old and a resident of Lexington, South Carolina. Judge Newton provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Newton.

Judge Newton demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Newton reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Newton testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Newton testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Newton to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Newton reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have presented at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges on the topic of DSS Abuse/Neglect cases every year since 2015.
(b) Since 2018, I have been privileged to have seven of our newly elected family court judges sit with me at various times for a week of court as part of their required training.
(c) I have presented at the Lexington County Volunteer Juvenile Arbitrator Training Program every year since 2014 except one.
(d) Since 2014, I have regularly presided over numerous ceremonies which included giving a speech and administering the oath to new guardian ad litems for the Lexington Guardian ad Litem Program. Thus far, I have administered the oath to over 100 volunteers who have offered to serve as guardian ad litem in DSS abuse / neglect actions.
(e) I participated as a presenter at the Lexington County Bar Association Judicial Panel CLE on April 16, 2012, and September 28, 2016.
(f) I served as moderator / presenter as an attorney with a panel of Family Court Judges at the Family Court Bench / Bar CLE in December 2011, on the topic of "How to settle cases in today's economy".
(g) I served as a panel member for a presentation at the Family Court Bench / Bar CLE in December 2008, on the topic of "Blended Mediation and Arbitration in Family Court".

Judge Newton reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Newton did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Newton did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Newton has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Newton was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Judge Newton reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Newton reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Newton reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:

Judge Newton appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Judge Newton appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:

Judge Newton was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) 1988 until 1992 – Coleman, Sawyer, Breibart, & McCauley. I began working as a law clerk during law school for this firm and joined as an associate after graduation. Our firm had offices in Saluda, SC and Lexington, SC. This was a litigation intensive firm where my practice was devoted to approximately 75% domestic / family court matters (including all aspects of divorce, child custody, visitation, child support, alimony, equitable division), 20% civil litigation (including personal injury), and 5% criminal defense (including juvenile matters). This firm dissolved its

association when C. David Sawyer was elected to the Family Court bench in 1992.

(b) 1992 until December 2003 – Breibart & McCauley, P.A. (subsequently Breibart, McCauley & Newton, P.A.). My practice remained essentially as described above divided between domestic / family court (approximately 75%), civil litigation (20%), and criminal defense (5%). I assisted in managing and maintaining the firm trust account related to my files. I left this firm and it was dissolved in December of 2003.

(c) January 2004 until June 2012 - The Dooley Law Firm, P.A. This firm was comprised of 3 other attorneys upon my departure. My practice remained devoted to the areas as described above until approximately 2009 when I began to cultivate a practice limited to Family Court Mediation and Arbitration. At the time of my departure to become a Family Court Judge, my practice was almost exclusively devoted to Family Court Mediation and Arbitration which I conducted statewide. I managed and maintained my individual trust account as well as assisted in managing the firm operating account as a shareholder.

(d) July 2012 until the present time - I am currently honored to serve as a Family Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, and have served continuously since my election in 2012.

Judge Newton reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): I was elected by the General Assembly of South Carolina to serve as Family Court Judge for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, in May 2012, and have served continuously since that time. The Family Court generally has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships to include validity of marriages, divorce, child custody, visitation rights, termination of parental rights, adoption, child support, alimony, equitable division of marital property, and change of name. Family Court has jurisdiction over child abuse and neglect proceedings as well as over issues involving vulnerable adults. The court also generally has exclusive jurisdiction over children under the age of eighteen alleged to have committed any criminal offense.

Judge Newton provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) S.C.D.S.S. v. Freeman, et. al., Op. No. 2023-UP-286 (S.C. Ct. App. July 31, 2023). This case was a termination of parental rights action that involved a child who had been in foster care for approximately forty-eight months at the time of trial. The primary issue on appeal was the statutory ground of the child having been in foster care for fifteen of the most recent twenty-two months and whether DSS had met its burden of proof in that regard. This case had some complexity due to arguments involving the delay being attributable to issues in procuring and completing services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, while it was not addressed on appeal, the decision also required an analysis of the alleged disability of the mother and the impact that would have on the decision to terminate her parental rights. Ultimately, I determined termination was in the child's best interest and the Court of Appeals affirmed that determination.

(b) S.C.D.S.S. v. Heath, et. al., Op. No. 2022-UP-318 (S.C. Ct. App. August 3, 2022). This matter was before me on a Motion to Compel Discovery filed by the Defendants against the Plaintiff, South Carolina Department of Social Services. I granted the Motion of the Defendant and ordered SCDSS to pay fees and costs incident to the Motion in the amount of $1,070.05 pursuant to Rule 37, SCRCP. I found this appropriate based upon their failure to comply with the applicable discovery rules finding that SCDSS, as a litigant, was subject to the rules of court just as any other litigant. SCDSS appealed the ruling and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision.

(c) S.C.D.S.S. v. Degnan, et. al., Op. No. 2020-UP-088 (S.C. Ct. App. March 26, 2020). This was a contested termination of parental rights action wherein the father appealed my decision at trial to terminate his parental rights in his child on various grounds. While various findings were contested, a primary point in contention was the investigation and testimony of the guardian ad litem. Father contended the guardian ad litem had failed to conduct an independent investigation. However, I found the investigat ion proper and considered the recommendations of the

guardian ad litem which was determined by the Court of Appeals to be proper. I found the history of extensive drug use and other factors warranted termination of parental rights as being in the child's best interest.

(d) S.C.D.S.S. v. Montiel, et. al., Op. No. 2017-UP-132 (S.C. Ct. App. March 24, 2017). This was a complex termination of parental rights action that was tried before me over the span of two days wherein SCDSS sought to terminate the parental rights of both the mother and the father. Both parents appealed the ruling. Mother's appeal was summarily dismissed and father's appeal resulted in the above cited unpublished opinion affirming the decision at trial. The mother had a total of 13 children that were the subject of this action. The father was the father of three of the thirteen children at issue in this case. Father required an interpreter at trial, as he was unable to speak and understand English. Therefore, this was a complicated trial with numerous parties and legal issues as well as the logistical issues of the language barrier. Ultimately, the ruling was affirmed.

(e) In the Interest of Kevin R., 409 S.C. 297, 762 S.E.2d 387 (2014). This case involved a juvenile trial for the charge of carrying a weapon on school grounds. At the call of the case, the juvenile made a motion for a jury trial which I denied. Ultimately, the decision was affirmed on appeal by the Supreme Court in the above cited opinion. While the case is significant for the legal issues addressed in the opinion, it will always be significant for me because it was the very first contested trial before me as a Family Court Judge as the case was tried on only my second day of serving on the bench alone.

* In listing the above cases in response to this question, I feel compelled to note that having been honored to serve as a Family Court Judge for twelve years, I am keenly aware of the fact that every single case that has and will come before me is "significant" to the litigants it affects. My choice of these cases is due to their significance to me due to the legal issues they addressed and what I was able to learn from them to help me improve as a judge.

Judge Newton reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Newton further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In 1992 I ran unsuccessfully for the South Carolina House of Representatives, House District 39 (Saluda and Lexington Counties). I ran unsuccessfully for the Lexington School District One School Board in 2002. In the Fall of 2006 (election February 2007) I ran unsuccessfully for Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Newton's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Newton to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated, "No Comment Needed."

Judge Newton is married to Caroline Steppe Newton. He has one child.

Judge Newton reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges
-Since the filing of my original PDQ, I was honored on October 2, 2024, to be elected by my peers to serve as Secretary of the Organization.
(c) South Carolina Family Court Judges Advisory Committee

Judge Newton provided that he is not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge Newton further reported:
I have been a member of the South Carolina Bar for 35 years and have spent the majority of my professional life involved in the Family Courts of South Carolina. I began as a lawyer who practiced in Family Court and have been honored to serve as a Family Court Judge for the past 12 years. I truly believe that my life experiences as a judge for 12 years, a practicing attorney for 23 years, a husband for 38 years and a father for

28 years have all combined to make me very well qualified to continue to serve.

I would respectfully submit that I am more qualified now than when I was previously found "qualified and nominated" by this Commission in 2007, 2012, and 2019. I have matured and worked hard to improve both my knowledge of the law and my courtroom conduct and demeanor. I feel compelled to note that, at this time, there are only ten actively serving family court judges in the State of South Carolina who have served longer. Therefore, I believe I have a depth of experience and a record of dedicated, faithful service that I am hopeful will be deemed worthy of the honor of continuing to serve for another term.

Since I began in 2012, I have approached being a Judge much the same as I did the practice of law. I work each day to be a better Judge than the day before. I carry with me every day the belief that the Family Court is one of the most important courts in the State, since our decisions affect the lives of so many people in real time at what is often the most emotional and difficult time in their lives. As a result, I work hard to treat every case as the most important case I will hear that day because to the litigants involved, it is the most important case.

During my tenure as a Judge, I have worked hard to improve not only the job that I do and the role I play in the Family Court system, but to also improve and elevate the system as a whole and maintain the professionalism and integrity of the process and all those involved. I am immensely proud of the work done in the Family Courts. I hope the work I have done both in the courtroom and by involvement in other areas to improve the system, shows my level of commitment to continue to improve what we all do and maintain the highest standards of professionalism and integrity that the citizens are entitled to expect from the judiciary.

I sincerely hope that I will be given the opportunity and privilege of serving another term to continue the work I have come to enjoy and value so much.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Newton has an outstanding reputation as a jurist. They spoke to his great experience and compassion, noting that they appreciated his service on the bench.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Newton qualified and nominated for his re-election to Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson
Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Richardson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Richardson was born in 1970. She is 54 years old and a resident of Britton's Neck, South Carolina. Judge Richardson provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Richardson.

Judge Richardson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Richardson reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Richardson testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Richardson testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Richardson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Richardson reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have taught numerous law enforcement in-service training classes on juvenile and Family Court issues from 2001 – 2011 when I was the Senior Assistant Solicitor in the Family Court division. I do not have an accurate list of the dates and courses, but I did participate in the following: Horry County Police In-service training on multiple occasions, Loris Police Department, Myrtle Beach Police Department on multiple occasions.
(b) I taught and presented for multiple years at the Juvenile Officers Association Annual meeting held each year in Myrtle Beach, including as recently as 2018-19. Topics include juvenile crime, mandated reporting of abuse and neglect, issues related to sexual abuse, changes in legislations, and guidelines for juvenile detention
(c) I participated in a presentation for principals, assistant principals, and attendance clerks with the Horry County School District (year unknown)
(d) I participated in a Juvenile Fire Setters Program with the Horry County Fire Department (year unknown)
(e) 2014 Prosecution Boot Camp for new prosecutors. I presented on victim issues and judged and gave constructive feedback on opening statements and closing arguments
(f) August 19, 2011 Prosecuting Cases in Family Court, South Carolina Solicitor's Association
(g) December 5, 2007 and December 3, 2008, Fifteenth Circuit Solicitors Office Annual Law Enforcement Training Program. I taught a section on Juvenile Issues and Family Court and prepared materials which were included in a binder provided to all participants.
(h) Presented and participated in round-table discussions in Family Court continuing education courses presented at the South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference on multiple occasions prior to 2011
(i)In service training with the Georgetown Police Department and Georgetown Sheriff's Office as Deputy Solicitor
(j)I have presented a section on juvenile issues at the Horry County Family Court CLE, (year unknown)

(k) Participated in training for Volunteers with the Juvenile Diversion Program, Youth Mentor Program, and Juvenile Arbitration Program on multiple occasions (years unknown)
(l)Taught some classes for Project Lead at McDonald Elementary School, Georgetown, SC. This is a program providing law related education to elementary school students.
(m) I have spoken on topics of law related education and career days at multiple elementary, middle, and high schools throughout my legal career.
(n) December 2023 – I spoke at the Telehealth Summit of South Carolina on the use of Forensic photography in sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

Judge Richardson reported that she has not published any books or articles; however, she has prepared materials for Continuing Legal Education Trainings and Law Enforcement training.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Richardson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Richardson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Richardson has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Richardson was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Richardson reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Richardson reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Richardson reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Richardson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Richardson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Richardson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Law Office of Edward Whittington, Mullins, South Carolina 1995-1995. Worked as an associate in the primary areas of family law and real estate. I had my own trust account.
(b) Marion County Public Defender, Juvenile contract attorney, 1995-2000. I served as public defender for juvenile offenders in Marion County. This was a part-time contract position with the Marion County Public Defender.
(c) Law Office of Alicia A. Richardson, Marion, South Carolina 1999-2000. Sole practitioner in the primary areas of family law and real estate. I handled the financial management of the practice including bank accounts and trust accounts.
(d) Assistant Solicitor, Family Court. Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. January-March 2001. Worked with two other attorneys prosecuting juvenile cases in Family Court and then was promoted to Senior Assistant Solicitor.
(e) Senior Assistant Solicitor, Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, Horry County, March 2001 – 2012. I was Senior Assistant Solicitor for the Family Court division of the Solicitor's Office in Horry County. I supervised the division and was responsible for the prosecution of juvenile cases in Family Court. I also occasionally handled child support extradition cases for the Solicitor's Office.
(f) Senior Assistant Solicitor, General Sessions, Sexual Assault and child abuse cases, Horry County, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. I was one of two attorneys prosecuting sexual assault and child abuse cases.
(g) Deputy Solicitor Georgetown County, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, January 2013 – December 2023. Prosecuted cases in the Georgetown County Solicitor's office in General Sessions Court.

Supervised the Georgetown office including General Sessions, Family Court, and Magistrates Court attorneys.
(h) Family Court Judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. In February 2023, I was elected as the resident Marion County Family Court Judge to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue upon his mandatory retirement on December 31, 2023. My term began January 2, 2024 and expires June 30, 3025. I am seeking re-election to this seat.

Judge Richardson reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
Family Court Judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1
Elected February 2023 to fill the unexpired term of the Honorable Timothy H. Pogue
Term began January 2, 2024 and expires June 30, 2025
The Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction.

Judge Richardson provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:
(a) Brody v. Brody, This was a contested divorce and child custody case tried for five (5) days during my first solo week on the bench. The Plaintiff was a self-represented litigant, the Defendant was represented by an attorney, and there was an attorney guardian ad litem for the minor children. The Plaintiff contested subject matter jurisdiction and alleged that the purported twenty-year marriage was invalid based on the timing and language of an out-of-state Annulment Decree. Both parties pursued divorce on fault grounds including adultery, habitual drunkenness, cross complaints of physical cruelty, as well as allegations of abandonment, before supplementing the pleadings on continuous separation without cohabitation for one year. Other issues before the Court included alimony, bar to alimony, discovery violations, default, determination of whether federal civilian disability retirement was income or an asset, VA disability benefits, equitable distribution, valuation of time shares, child custody with allegations of alienation, multiple Department of Social Services investigations, multiple instances of law enforcement encounters with the family, mental health concerns, complaints regarding access to subpoenas by the self-represented litigant, voluminous and improper court filings, attorneys fees and costs, and guardian ad litem fees. As the Plaintiff was self-represented, I drafted and issued the lengthy Final Order. A Motion for Reconsideration was filed and heard on the issues involving the children. A Motion for

Reconsideration is pending on some of the financial matters based on alleged errors in the exhibits. The parties are participating in post-trial discovery and will schedule a hearing to supplement the record to determine if corrections are needed.

(b) Rivers v. Hooks – This two -day custody trial involved the issue of whether exposure to sexually-themed art and a parent's pursuit of a doctorate degree in the field of Clinical Sexology was a factor to be used in determining child custody.

(c) Glowe v. Glowe – This was a contested three-day divorce, equitable division, and custody case. The parties did not schedule sufficient time to try the case and the matter had to be re-scheduled for additional time during a subsequent court term. Each party alleged fault grounds for divorce. Both parties alleged adultery, the Plaintiff alleged habitual drunkenness, and the Defendant alleged physical cruelty. Custody was contested for the parties' youngest child. The Defendant requested alimony, the Plaintiff alleged alimony was barred, and the Plaintiff also pled the affirmative defenses of condonation and recrimination. There was an incomplete attempt to join third-party defendants who had an ownership interest in a vacation home owned by the parties. The third-party owners had initiated a foreclosure action against the parties in another county. The most highly contested issue in the case was whether or not a business that began prior to the marriage had been transmuted into marital property. The parties did not hire an expert and valuation of the business was an issue for the Court to determine with the parities having over a two-million-dollar difference in alleged value. A lengthy oral ruing was issued in the case, and it is awaiting Final Order.

(d) Woodley v. Black – This was a contested child custody modification action The Plaintiff was represented by an attorney, and the Defendant was self-represented. A lay guardian ad litem had previously been appointed for the child. Shortly before trial, the paternal grandmother was made a party to the case and was awarded temporary custody of the child after an emergency motion by the guardian ad litem. There were allegations of alcohol and/or substance abuse by both parents, alienation of the child, involving the child in the parental disputes, homelessness and/or lack of stable housing, and non-compliance with prior court orders. The parties accumulated legal fees and litigation costs that they could not afford based on their reported incomes, yet they both participated in extending the litigation. It was tried over approximately three days. I am not aware of any appeals or motions to reconsider.

(e) Clevinger v. Clevinger – This was a bi-furcated divorce case where I heard the financial issues and the divorce, as well as a Motion to sell the marital home, and two Contempt actions. The issues involving the minor child were previously decided in a contested trial before another Judge, and the case was bi-furcated as the parties were in bankruptcy proceedings at the time of the custody hearing. The divorce itself was uncontested but a contested hearing was held on the issues of equitable distribution and attorney's fees, as well as the Plaintiff's Motion to sell the marital residence, and two Contempt actions against the Defendant for failing to pay guardian ad litem fees, child support, and attorney's fees as previously ordered. The Defendant was a self-represented litigant, and complained of unfairness. I ordered the home to be sold with the Clerk of Court authorized to sign the deed if the Defendant failed to cooperate. I established a list and priority schedule of the obligations to be paid from the proceeds. I am not aware of any appeals or post-trial motions.

Judge Richardson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Richardson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Richardson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Richardson is married to Charles Thomas Richardson. She has three children.

Judge Richardson reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association 1995-present;
(b) Georgetown County Bar Association, approximately 2014 – present;
(c) former member, Horry County Bar Association;

(d) former member, Marion County Bar, Secretary-Treasurer for a few years approximately 1996-2000; and,
(e) Marion County Bar Association, current member.

Judge Richardson provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations, and was recognized with the following awards:

(a) Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution, Family Court 2009
(b) South Carolina Supreme Court Docket Management Task Force, Family Court 2011-12
(c) Completed Leadership Challenge Workshop, 2021
(d) Completed, What You Do Matters Lessons from the Holocaust 2021
(e) Completed, South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault "Helping Juries Understand Sexual Assault," 2012
(f) Attended, Public Agency Training Council, "Rape and Sex Crimes Investigation," 2005
(g) Completed, American Prosecutors Research Institute Prosecutorial Leadership Course, 2003
(h) Completed, South Carolina Council for Conflict Resolution Family/Divorce Mediation Training, March 8, 1999
(i) Attended, Twelfth International Conference of Shaken Baby Syndrome/Abusive Head Trauma, Boston, MA, September 29 – October 1, 2012

Judge Richardson further reported:
In preparing my first application packet, I found drafts of my law school application essay I wrote over half of my lifetime ago. It was a humbling reminder of why I became a lawyer, why I have spent the majority of my career in public service, and why I am applying for re-election to the position of Family Court Judge. It is who I am and who I have always been. This is some of what I wrote over 30 years ago:

The unique circumstances and experiences of my life have instilled in me the qualities that I feel are necessary for a legal career. Much of who I am is derived from my family. I am the daughter of a Southern Baptist Minister. My mother suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis since her

teens, but she never let her physical disabilities stop her from helping others. At the age of fifteen, I lost my older brother in an automobile accident. From that moment on, I realized that life itself is the most precious gift we have, and that family should never be taken for granted. My parents were foster parents from the time I was eight years old.

I have added a vast array of personal and professional experience and life lessons that have prepared me for this position. I have been married for thirty years and have three wonderful children. I have balanced a demanding legal career with the demands of motherhood.

I want to be the type of Judge who is fair, honest, decisive, and sees the big picture. Safety, security, happiness, and being a productive citizen begin in the home. When disputes and problems arise with families and children, when children are abused or neglected, and when juveniles begin down the wrong path, there must be clear, fair, and decisive resolutions and guidance to ensure to help individuals become whole again.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Richardson has transitioned to the job of Family Court judge well, as demonstrated by the feedback on her from members of the SC Bar. They remarked that it is rare for a Family Court Judge to receive no negative comments and complimented her on achieving this as a new Family Court Judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Richardson qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable FitzLee H. McEachin
Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McEachin meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge McEachin was born in 1982. He is 42 years old and a resident of Florence, South Carolina. Judge McEachin provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McEachin.

Judge McEachin demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McEachin reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McEachin testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McEachin testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McEachin to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McEachin reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

> (a) I taught Business Law at Florence Darlington Technical College from 2009 to 2016.
> (b) I taught Constitutional Law at Florence Darlington Technical College in 2015.
> (c) I taught Probation, Pardon and Parole Law at Florence Darlington Technical College in 2015.

(d) Tips from the Bench and Pheasant Hunt, CLE, October 2019. Panel Discussion with Circuit Court Judges. Discussed criminal aspects within the Family Court arena.
(e) South Carolina Bar Convention 2024, Hollywood Squares, Panel Discussion regarding various issues in the South Carolina Family Court.

Judge McEachin reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge McEachin did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McEachin did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McEachin has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McEachin was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McEachin reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge McEachin reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McEachin reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McEachin appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McEachin appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McEachin was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk, Honorable Michael G. Nettles, South Carolina Circuit Court Judge (2007-2008)
(b) Twelfth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (2008 – 2018) – switched from full time to part-time in May 2011. As an assistant Solicitor, I have handled a wide range of cases ranging from property crimes and drug crimes, to murders and child-related criminal sexual conduct cases.
(c) McEachin & McEachin, P.A. (2011 – 2018) – My private practice focuses primarily in the areas of domestic relations litigation and civil litigation. I have been involved in the administrative and financial management of our two-man firm since 2015, and I currently maintain and manage the firm's trust account.
(d) South Carolina Family Court Judge (2019 – present) – I preside over all matters brought in the Family Court of this State; including, but not limited to, private actions, Department of Social Services actions, Department of Juvenile Justice actions, and adoptions.

Judge McEachin reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
South Carolina Family Court Judge (January 2019 through present). The Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction that obtains its authority through the grant of jurisdiction through laws passed by the South Carolina General Assembly.

Judge McEachin provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Gandy v. Gandy, 442 S.C. 340,898 S.E.2d 208 (Ct. App. 2024)(cert. pending).
(b) Scherba v. Scherba, 2020-DR-32-1732 (Lexington Co.)
(c) Mace v. Mace, 2021-DR-26-0781 (Horry Co.)
(d) Hadzijahic v. Hadzijahic, 2021-DR-10-3473 (Charleston Co.)

(e) State v. L.A.M., a juvenile, 2024-JU-21-0299 (Florence Co.)

Judge McEachin reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McEachin 's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge McEachin to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge McEachin is married to Erin Olivia Tarte McEachin. He has two children.

Judge McEachin reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Florence County Bar Association, 2007-present.
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, 2007-present.
(c) South Carolina Young Lawyers Division, Circuit Representative, 2009-2011.
(d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges, 2019- present.

Judge McEachin provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Assistant Scout, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 477, Florence, South Carolina
(b) Den Leader, Cub Scouts, Troop 475, Florence, South Carolina
(c) Coach, Florence Soccer Association, Florence, South Carolina
(d) Assistant Coach, Little League Baseball, Florence, South Carolina
(e) The Pee Dee Area Citadel Club, President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer

(f) The Citadel Alumni Association, Life Member
(g) The Citadel Brigadier Foundation

Judge McEachin further reported:
I was born and raised in Florence, South Carolina. I went to public school from first grade through twelfth grade. I participated in youth baseball at McLeod Park and youth soccer for the Florence Soccer Association. I received my Eagle Scout from First Presbyterian Church. I attended Palmetto Boys State. I am a fifth generation, life-long member of St. John's Episcopal Church. I went to the Citadel and then to the Charleston School of Law. All of these experiences have helped to mold my temperament. My habit and custom in life has been to treat people with courtesy and respect, and that will not change if I am re-elected to this position.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission is pleased with Judge McEachin's experience on the bench and the positive feedback he has received from members of the Bar.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McEachin qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Conits
Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Conits meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Conits was born in 1965. She is 59 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Conits provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1992.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Conits.

Judge Conits demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Conits reported that she has made $38.72 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Judge Conits testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Conits testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Conits to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Conits reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I taught briefly at the South Carolina Court Administration Orientation for Family Court Judges on July 11, 2007.
(b) I participated as a judge at the South Carolina Bar High School Mock Trial Competition on February 23, 2008, in Greenville, SC.
(c) I participated as a judge at the Carol N. New National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 26, 2010.
(d) I participated as a panel speaker at the National Business Institute Judicial Forum on February 18, 2011.
(e) I participated as a speaker at the Greenville High School Law Week on April 5, 2911.

(f) I participated as a speaker at the Children's Law Center Ethical Issues in Abuse and Neglect Cases on November 18, 2011.
(g) I participated as a speaker at the South Carolina Bar Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on December 2, 2011.
(h) I participated as a speaker at the National Business Institute Judicial Forum on February 16, 2012.
(i)I participated as a judge at the Carol N. Ney National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 23, 2012.
(j)I have hosted a student intern each summer through the NMRS Center on Professional Judicial Observation and Experience Program.
(k) I hosted a student from the South Carolina Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission to observe court on October 2, 2012.
(l)I participated as a panel member at the South Carolina Family Court Bench/Bar Seminar on December 7, 2012.
(m) I participated as a speaker at the South Carolina's Women Layer's Meeting in Greenville on December 13, 2012.
(n) I participated as a speaker at the Greenville County Bar Associated Year End CLE on February 15, 2013.
(o) I taught at the South Carolina Bar Bridge the Gap Seminar at the University of South Carolina on March 11, 2013.
(p) I participated as a judge at the Carol N. New National Mock Trial Tournament at Furman University on March 15, 2013.
(q) I taught at the South Carolina Bar Bridge the Gap Seminar at the University of South Carolina on August 5, 2013.
(r) I spoke at the Legal Staff Professionals of Greenville on October 16, 2013.
(s) I spoke to the Palmetto Girls State in Clinton, South Carolina on June 12, 2014.
(t)I spoke at the Greenville Bar Luncheon on October 16, 2014.
(u) I completed the SC Supreme Court Pilot Mentoring Program for the newly elected Summary Court Judge on November 11, 2014.

(v) I spoke at the SC Bar Conventional Family Court Judge's Meeting in Columbia on January 22, 2015.
(w) I participated on the panel presentation of "What do Judges Want from the GAL & Best Practice Tips from the Bench" at the SC Bar Best Interest of the Child: 2015 Guardian ad Litem Training and Update CLE on February 6, 2015.
(x) I spoke at the SC 2015 Annual Judicial Conference on Access to Justice Issues on August 20, 2015.
(y) I spoke at the Wade Hampton High School Career Day on October 1, 2015.
(z) I participated in the South Carolina Summit on Access to Justice of All in Columbia, SC on October 24, 2016.
(aa) I spoke at the SC Bar and SC Equality Post-DOMA Litigation Task Force Modern Family Seminar on March 24, 2017.
(bb) I attended and participated in the 2017 Southern Regional CCJ/COSCA Models for Change Juvenile Reform Summit in Nashville, Tennessee on April 19-21, 2017.
(cc) I spoke at the Best Interest of the Child: 2018 Guardian ad Litem Training on January 26, 2018
(dd) I spoke at the Northwood Middle School Career Day on May 4, 2018.
(ee) I hosted The Honorable Jean H. Toal and The Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros to speak to the Saint Mary's Elementary School on the South Carolina Judiciary on May 9, 2019.
(ff) I spoke at the 2019 Greenville County Bar Association CLE on February 8, 2019, providing a case-law update.
(gg) I participated in a panel discussion CLE Lunch and Learn for the Upstate Mediation Center on February 22, 2019.
(hh) I spoke at the Family Court Judges Spring 2022 Meeting on Enhanced Supervision One Case One Judge on April 29, 2022.
(ii) I participated in the Family Court Hollywood Squares at the Family Court Section of the SC Bar Meeting on Friday, January 19, 2024.

Judge Conits reported that she has published the following:

Marital Litigation in South Carolina Substantive Law Third Edition Roy T. Stuckey (S.C. Bar CLE 2001), Editorial Board.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Conits did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Conits did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Conits has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Conits was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Conits reported that her last available rating by a legal rating organization, Matindale-Hubbell, was AV.

Judge Conits reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Conits reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Conits appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Conits appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Conits was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1992.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) I graduated from law school in May 1992, and my son was born in October 1992. After law school graduation, I worked part-time as a law clerk/paralegal at Harris &

Graves, Columbia, South Carolina and the Law Offices of Betty Gambrell Cobb, Columbia, South Carolina.

(b) In January 1993, I accepted my first practicing position as an Associate Attorney at the Law Offices of King & Vernon, P.A., Columbia, South Carolina. I worked primarily for Kermit S. King, focusing on private family court litigation.

(c) In January 1997, my son and I relocated to Greenville, South Carolina, after the death of my first husband, and I accepted a position at Wilkins & Madden, P.A., where I continued my family court practice.

(d) In March 2000, I was promoted to Partner at Wilkins & Madden, P.A.

(e) In February 2006, Wilkins & Madden, P.A. merged with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, and I was employed as an Attorney of Counsel with NMR&S until I was sworn in to the Family Court bench in May 2006 and stopped practicing law. I took the bench to fill the unexpired term of Stephen S. Bartlett in September 2006, and I started my own term in June 2007.

(f) I have devoted my entire legal career to the area of family law. While I was not involved in the financial management of any of these firms, I did supervise my secretarial and paralegal staff. I did not manage or oversee trust accounts; however, I did ensure that my timesheets were accurately reflected on monthly statements to clients.

Judge Conits reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): Since September 1, 2006, I have held Seat #1 South Carolina Family Court Judge in Greenville County. I was elected by the South Carolina Legislature to this position in February 2006.

The Family Court is a court of limited, exclusive, and concurrent jurisdiction pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 63-3-510; 63-3-520; 63-3-530; 63-3-640; 62-5-201; 63-7-2520; 63-17-2920; 62-1-302; 63-7-1610; 63-9-40; 63-19-1210.

Judge Conits provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Hirschi v. Doe, Op. No. 2019-UP-323 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Oct. 1, 2019) (per curiam). I denied this

out-of-state adoption case, and the Court of Appeals affirmed this decision.

(b) Jeffrey Spencer Fossett v. Melissa Renee Fossett, 440 S.C. 576, 891 S.E.2d 515 (Ct. App. 2023), cert. denied, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated February 7, 2024. This was a two-day child custody modification action. Father appealed my denial of his request for sole custody, and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision.

(c) Jessica Dull v. Robert Dull, Op. No. 2021-UP-274 (S.C. Ct. App. filed July 14, 2021) (per curiam), cert. denied, S.C. Sup. Ct. Order dated February 22, 2022. This was a complex child custody psychological parent dispute. Father appealed my denial of his request to make a finding that he was the psychological parent of his Wife's child. The Court of Appeals affirmed by decision.

(d) S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Brooks, Op. No. 2024-UP-188 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed May 20, 2024) (per curiam). This was a complex case in which a DSS abuse and neglect/termination of parental rights action was consolidated with a private termination of parental rights and adoption action involving medically fragile twins in which the DSS foster parents sought adoption. The Court of Appeals upheld my decision to terminate the parental rights of Mother and allow the foster parents to adopt.

(e) Smith v. Wilson, Op. No. 2023-UP-216 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed May 26, 2023 (per curiam). This was a termination of parental rights case involving a parent who struggled with drug addiction, but sought the return of his child. The Court of Appeals upheld my decision to terminate the Father's parental rights.

Judge Conits reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Conits further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for a seat on the Court of Appeals in 2014; however, I was not selected for the final election although I was found to be well-qualified in all areas.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Conits's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Conits to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee did not leave any comments.

Judge Conits is married to Spero John Conits. She has two children.

Judge Conits reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Greenville County Bar
(c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges, Secretary-Treasurer 2023-2024
(d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges, Vice-President Elect 2024-2025
(e) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges, Specialty License Plate Member Representative 2013-present.

Judge Conits provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Co-Chair Self-Represented Litigants Sub Committee of the SC Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission
(b) Member of the SC Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission
(c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Specialty License Plate Representative for the SC Highway Department
(d) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Recording Secretary

(e) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges Vice-President Elect
(f) St. Mary's Catholic School Spring Fling Committee
(g) 3rd/4th grade Sunday school teacher at St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
(h) St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Junior Girls Basketball Coach:

Judge Conits further reported:

There have been several life experiences which have affected the kind of judge I am. I strongly believe that judge's personal life experiences come into play when exercising the wide discretion afforded a judge in make decisions and rulings.

I grew up in Lexington, South Carolina. I am 1 of 4 children. Mr. father was a concrete finisher, and my mother was a physical therapist. I have two (2) older sisters and one (1) younger brother. My oldest sister, Barbara, died of cancer when she was in the 7th grade. My older sister, Tracy, is a 7th grade school teacher and has been teaching school for 38 years. My younger brother, Hayne, is a small business owner (concrete finishing) in Hot Springs, Virginia. I married the late Thomas H. Williamson, III, who died in November 1996 from cancer. I have one (1) son from this marriage, who is now 31 years old. He graduated from the Citadel Military College of South Carolina, earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in Sports Management. He currently represents the United States as a professional javelin thrower for Team USA, USA Track & Field. Capers was 4 years old when his father passed away. I remarried in 2007, 11 years after Tom passed away. I was a single mother to Capers during the majority of his childhood. I remarried Spero Conits, and he and I have one daughter together.

My father operated his own concrete finishing company, and he worked extremely hard. Although he did not have more than a high school education, his hard work provided us with a comfortable lifestyle. I learned from my father the value and reward of hard work. My father had an incredibly strong worth ethic, and he did not let the fact that he did not attend college hold him back or affect his self-esteem in any manner. I gained self-esteem and confidence from my father.

My mother was a soft-spoken, kind person. She literally saw nothing but the good in every person, even those where were not always nice to her. She treated everyone as if they were wonderful, special, and deserving. I learned the true value of every person from my mother, and the fact that every person, regardless of circumstance, is worthy of fair and respectful treatment.

I have learned the hardship of being a single parent from the tragedy of Tom's death. I have a unique perspective of the impact being without a parent can have on a child, as I watched [my son] grow up without a father. I understand the difficulties of single parenthood, and I believe this understanding helps me make good decisions for parents and children leaving Family Court. I also understand how critically important it is for children to have healthy relationships with both parents. I believe I am especially vigilant in promoting and protecting a child's relationship with both parents.

I have the experience of blending children and families from prior marriages. I have three (3) grown step-children from my first marriage, and three (3) grown step-children from my current marriage, one of whom primarily resided in my home during the school year. I have a real understanding of the challenges and issues facing families as they blend together and move forward as a new family unit.

As a Family Court judge, I understand the value of every person who comes before me. I try to look at the totality of the circumstances involving litigants and their situations. I believe in the basic goodness of people, and I believe most people generally do the best they can do. I am concerned with the long-term impact of my rulings; and I try to make sure that people leave my courtroom with a sense of being treated fairly and hope for their future. I know how short and unpredictable life can be, having lost a sister and a husband to cancer. These life experiences have afforded me a true appreciation of what is important and what ultimate does not matter at all. I have a special place in my heard for the parent/child relationship, having watched [my son] miss Tom and learn to grow up without him. I have a special place in my heart for children of divorced parents, having watched my 6 step-children miss their Moms and learn to cope with temporary separation from them.

If re-elected I will continue to do all I can to ensure that children have the opportunity to have a meaningful relationship with both parents, even

in situations of divorce. I will strive to offer real solutions of permanency, stability, and safety to our children who are abused or neglected I will continue to offer guidance and hope to our juvenile offenders as they seek to re-establish themselves and move on to become productive citizens despite poor or unhealthy choices. It has always been my hope to better the lives and situations of the divorce litigants who come before me so that they may leave Family Court with a sense of fairness and justice and the necessary encouragement to lead productive and meaningful lives.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
An affidavit was filed against Judge Conits by Ms. Cynthia Glenn. The Commission reviewed the affidavit, documents, and transcripts, provided by Ms. Glenn, while carefully considering the allegations and the nine evaluative criteria provided in statute. At the public hearing, the Commission heard testimony from the complainant.

The underlying matter is based on a family court case. The record for this matter has been sealed, which limited the specifics that the Commission could discuss on the record and limited what response Judge Conits could provide.

Judge Conits was questioned by staff on her understanding of the Judicial Canons, specifically Judicial Canon 3(b)(7).

After reviewing the materials provided by Ms. Glenn and considering Ms. Glenn's testimony, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Conits in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission members commented that Judge Conits has an outstanding reputation as a jurist. They commended her for her extensive service on the bench and the number of positive comments she received during screening.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Conits qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The Honorable W. Marsh Robertson
Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Robertson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Robertson was born in 1963. He is 61 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Robertson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Robertson.

Judge Robertson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Robertson reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Robertson testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Robertson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Robertson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Robertson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) While in private practice, I lectured multiple times at the annual family law "Hot Tips" South Carolina Bar seminars, on topics dealing with divorce, alimony, and family court procedure.

(b) Since joining the bench, I have participated or offered to participate annually in the summer Judicial Observations Program for law students.

(c) In 2011, I presented as a guest lecturer at College of Charleston on issues pertaining to South Carolina adoption law.

(d) In 2012 and again in 2016, I served as a full-day panelist for a National Business Institute CLE titled "What Family Judges Want You to Know."

(e) In 2015, I presented at an orientation/training meeting for attorneys who assist Safe Harbor victim's advocates with hearings for orders of protection from domestic abuse.

(f) In 2017, I participated as a panelist at the SC Bar's Family Court Bench Bar CLE on the topic of visitation.

(g) In 2017, I participated as a full-day panelist in the NBI CLE, "As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Family Court."

(h) I have participated multiple times in an annual court-observation/Q&A session for Furman University's Medical Legal Partnership class on the topic of child support collection and enforcement in South Carolina.

(i)In 2021, I participated on the Family Court Judges Panel for a CLE sponsored by the Upstate Mediation Center.

(j)In 2021, 2022, and 2024, I spoke to lawyers on a variety of family law topics as a panelist at the Greenville Bar's Year-end Review CLE.

(k) In 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, I presented at the Orientation for New Family Court Judges on the topic of private contempt cases.

Judge Robertson reported that he has published the following:

(a) Marital Litigation in South Carolina: Substantive Law, 3rd Ed. (SC Bar - CLE Division 2001), Roy T. Stuckey, Editorial Board;

(b) Marriage and Divorce Law in South Carolina: A Layperson's Guide (SC Bar – CLE Division 2001), Roy T. Stuckey, Editorial Board.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Robertson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Robertson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Robertson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Robertson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Robertson reported the following regarding his last available rating by a legal rating organizations:
Immediately prior to my election the Family Court in 2010, I maintained an AV rating by Martindale Hubbell, the publication's highest designation for legal ability and ethics. I was also selected for inclusion in South Carolina Super Lawyers in both years that I was eligible, 2008 and 2009.

Judge Robertson reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Robertson reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Robertson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Robertson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Robertson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) 1988 through 1990: Lewis, Lide, Bruce, and Potts, Columbia, SC. I was an associate in this law firm and practiced in a wide array of areas but with an emphasis on real estate law. I had no management or trust account responsibilities.
> (b) 1990 through 1995: Robertson and Robertson, PA, Greenville, SC. – I practiced for this five-year stretch in a two-attorney partnership with my father, W.F. Robertson III. Our firm practiced family law. I assisted in management of the firm's administration and financial responsibilities, including trust accounts.
> (c) 1996 – June, 2010: After the retirement of my father, I continued practicing exclusively in the area of family law, either in sole practice or in the following partnerships: Robertson & Quattlebaum, LLC; Robertson & Coleman, LLC; Robertson, Hodges, and Coleman, LLC; and finally, Robertson & Hodges, LLC. I had significant involvement in management of these firms' administration and financial responsibilities, including trust accounts
> (d) July 2010 – Present: Judge, Family Court, Seat 2, 13th Judicial Circuit. I served as Greenville County Family Court's Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes (CJAP) in 2013 and 2017; and as Pickens County's CJAP from July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016; and am on deck to serve as Greenville County's CJAP in 2025.

Judge Robertson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
In February 2010, the South Carolina General Assembly elected me to Seat 2, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. I began sitting on or about July 8, 2010. The same body reelected me to the same seat in February, 2013 and again in February, 2019.
Quoting from the South Carolina Judicial Branch's website, "The Family Court has exclusive jurisdiction over all matters involving domestic or family relationships …, is the sole forum for the hearing of all cases concerning marriage, divorce, legal separation, custody,

visitation rights, termination of parental rights, adoption, support, alimony, division of marital property, and change of name, [and] also generally has exclusive jurisdiction over minors under the age of seventeen alleged to have violated any state law or municipal ordinance."

Judge Robertson provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Youngblood v. S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs., 402 S.C. 311, 741 S.E.2d 515 (2013): This case involved an adoption dispute between a child's previous parents (Plaintiffs) and her current foster parents (Defendants). After declining to overrule a previous family court judge's finding that Plaintiffs had standing to adopt, I held a 5-day trial and granted adoption to Plaintiffs as being in the child's best interest. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. Youngblood v. DSS, Op. No. 2012-UP-172 (S.C. Ct. App. filed March 8, 2012). In a groundbreaking decision, the Supreme Court reversed, holding that foster parents do not have standing to adopt a child once the Department of Social Services has placed the child for adoption elsewhere. Rather than granting adoption to Defendants, however, the Court remanded the child to DSS custody and directed DSS to "consider Child's best interests in placing her for adoption." The Youngblood opinion became one of a series of adoption cases that led the South Carolina General Assembly in 2018 to overhaul S.C. Code Ann. §63-9-60 to make clear that all South Carolina residents, including foster parents and former foster parents, have standing to petition for adoption of a child regardless of which individual or entity (including D.S.S.) has custody.

(b) Broom v. Jennifer J, 403 S.C. 96, 742 S.E.2d 382 (2013): The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed my order terminating the defendants' parental rights and granting an adoption to Plaintiffs, agreeing with my determination that "the statutory grounds for termination were satisfied and termination of Defendant-Mother's parental rights was in Child's best interest." In the opinion, the Supreme Court also addressed a previous family court judge's erroneous denial of Mother's right to counsel, but found that Mother was not prejudiced by that judge's error.

(c) Fredrickson v. Schulze, 416 S.C. 141 785 S.E.2d 392 (Ct. App. 2016): In this published opinion, the Court of Appeals affirmed my identification, valuation and apportionment of a relatively complex marital estate in a case that involved considerable transmutation issues. The Court also affirmed my denial of the husband's request for attorney's fees.

(d) Turner v. Thomas, 431 S.C. 527; 848 S.E. 2d 104 (Ct. App. 2020): A protracted three-way child custody dispute between a grandmother, a grandfather, and a quasi-stepfather culminated in a three-day trial featuring seventeen witnesses and sixty exhibits. In my final order, I granted custody to the grandmother and established a visitation plan for the other two litigants. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision, agreeing with my findings that (1) the quasi-stepfather had standing to pursue custody or visitation as the child's "psychological parent;" (2) that the child's best interest would be served in the custody of the grandmother; and (3) that I properly apportioned responsibility for the attorney's fees and guardian ad litem's fees.

(e) Swicegood v. Thompson, 435 S.C. 63, 865 S. E. 2d 775 (2021): In 2014, I dismissed for want of subject matter jurisdiction an action brought by a female alleging to have established a common law marriage with another female. While the appeal of my order was pending, the Supreme Court of the United States held "that same-sex couples may exercise the right to marry." *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, 2599 (2015). Consequently, the Court of Appeals remanded the case back to me "to consider the implications of Obergefell on its subject matter jurisdiction." (See Swicegood v. Thompson, 2016-UP-013). In my Order on Remand, I reaffirmed my previous dismissal of the case, finding that under the pertinent facts, *Obergefell* cannot retroactively create a common law marriage between the two litigants. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision (See Swicegood v. Thompson, 431 S.C. 130, 847 S. E. 2d 104 (Ct. App. 2020). Ultimately, the South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed the result, i.e., that no common law marriage was established.

Judge Robertson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Robertson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was qualified and nominated for Seat Six, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, but withdrew my candidacy prior to the February, 2009 election. I was qualified and nominated for Seat Three, Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, but withdrew my candidacy prior to the May, 2008 election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Robertson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Robertson to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related comments.

Judge Robertson is married to Patricia Teasley Robertson. He has three children.

Judge Robertson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Greenville County Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Bar (Family Law Section)
(c) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association: President (2021-2022); Vice President (2020-2021); Secretary/Treasurer (2019-2020).

Judge Robertson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
Greenville Country Club

Judge Robertson further reported:

Now serving my fifteenth year as a Family Court Judge, I take great pride in the confidence and respect afforded to me by my esteemed

colleagues on the Family Court. During the current term, I was elected by my peers as an officer of our Family Court Judges association, ultimately serving as the group's president; I began presenting annually at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges; and I accepted a request to join Judge Tim Madden in taking over the Family Court Judge's Toolkit, a comprehensive software resource package widely utilized by the South Carolina Family Court bench. I routinely receive emails and phone calls from my fellow judges asking me for guidance or sample orders. Through hard work and a commitment to doing things the right way, I have positioned myself moving forward to act as a mentor or role model to my more recently elected brothers and sisters on the Family Court bench.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Robertson is an even-keeled judge who is always helpful to the lawyers appearing in his courtroom. The Commission noted that the State is grateful to have Judge Robertson on the bench, in that he has a wealth of knowledge and is able to mentor younger judges. They believe he will continue to be an asset to the Judiciary.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Robertson qualified and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Jonathan D. Hammond
Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Hammond meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Hammond was born in 1976. He is 48 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Hammond provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hammond demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Hammond reported that he has made $19.66 in campaign expenditures for postage and fees for fingerprinting.

Mr. Hammond testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Hammond testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Hammond to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Hammond reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Hammond reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Hammond did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Hammond did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Hammond was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Hammond reported that he is not aware of any rating by any legal rating organizations.

Mr. Hammond reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Hammond reported that he has held the following public office:
I was previously employed as the County Director of Spartanburg County Department of Social Services from February 2017 to February 2018. Although this position was not an elected position, I believe that I was required to submit a report to the State Ethics Commission during my service in that position.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Hammond appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Hammond appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Hammond was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) United States District Court for the District of South Carolina, Spartanburg, SC, 2001-2002, Law Clerk, Served as Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Margaret B. Seymour; drafted orders, opinions, and jury charges for civil and criminal matters before the United States District Court; prepared memoranda; assisted Judge with legal research; provided support to Judge during hearings and trials.

(b) Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., Greenville, SC, 2002-2004; 2005-2006, Attorney, Served as counsel to individuals and entities in legal matters related to products liability claims, premises liability claims, construction claims, and general business matters.

(c) Jackson Lewis, LLP, Greenville, SC, 2004-2005, Attorney, Served as counsel to entities in legal matters related to employment law claims and employee benefits claims.

(d) Ohio Casualty Group/Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Greenville, SC, 2007-2008, Staff Attorney, Served as staff counsel to individuals and entities in legal matters related to personal injury, premises liability claims, and construction claims; managed office administrative matters.

(e) Turner Padget Graham & Laney, P.A., Greenville, SC, 2008-2011, Attorney,

Served as counsel to individuals and entities in legal matters related to products liability claims, premises liability claims, construction claims, personal injury claims, and general business disputes.

(f) Weldon Hammond Law Firm, LLC, Greenville, SC, 2011-2015, Attorney/Owner

Served as counsel to individuals and entities in legal matters including domestic relations and general civil matters; managed administrative matters related to law practice.

(g) South Carolina Department of Social Services, Greenville, SC, 2015- 2017, County Attorney, Served as counsel for agency in abuse and neglect matters pending in Family Court; provided counsel to agency employees regarding legal matters pending before the Family Court.

(h) South Carolina Department of Social Services, Spartanburg, SC, 2017- 2018, County Director, Served as County Director for one of the largest offices of state agency responsible for administration of human services, economic

services and emergency preparedness; managed daily operations of county office including personnel, fiscal, policy, compliance, and quality improvement matters; coordinated, promoted and maintained relationships with community partners and external stakeholders.
(i)Jonathan D. Hammond, Attorney at Law, Greenville, SC, 2018 - Present, Attorney, Serve as counsel to individuals and entities in legal matters including domestic relations and general civil matters; manage administrative matters related to law practice.

Mr. Hammond further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

Since 2011, my experience in Family Court has included serving as lead counsel for parties in hundreds of actions involving divorce, equitable division of property, custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights. I have had only limited involvement in juvenile justice actions since 2011, but I have had indirect involvement in such matters during my time as a County Attorney for Greenville County DSS. I routinely represent individuals as plaintiffs and defendants in private domestic relations litigation. I previously have represented the Department of Social Services as a County Attorney prosecuting abuse and neglect matters. I currently represent Guardians ad Litem in abuse and neglect actions in three different counties in the Upstate. I regularly serve as a Guardian ad Litem for minor children in contested matters throughout the Upstate of South Carolina. I represent foster parents seeking adoption of children in DSS custody. I also represent individuals who are named as Defendants in actions filed by DSS and child protective services investigation conducted by DSS.

I regularly appear before the Family Court throughout the Upstate counties of South Carolina, such as Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Anderson, Cherokee, Union and Laurens. I also occasionally appear in other counties throughout the State, such as York, Greenwood and Lancaster. I am comfortable handling all aspects of matters that take place in the Family Court. I believe I maintain a favorable reputation among the members of the bar and the Family Court Judges I encounter professionally and personally.

Mr. Hammond reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 0%
(b) State: 100%

Mr. Hammond reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 2%;
(b) Criminal: 1%;
(c) Domestic: 97%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Hammond reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 99%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 30-40.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0.

Mr. Hammond provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Hammond's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Stephanie Collins v. Gary Collins, 2014-DR-04-2105. This divorce involved a dispute regarding the value and equitable division of significant marital assets. I represented Plaintiff, along with my former law partner. After multiple days of trial, the Family Court awarded my client nearly three quarters of a million dollars in funds as part of a division of assets, along with a significant attorney's fee award.

(b) John and Jane Smith v. Candis Sheffield, Richard Matthews, SCDSS, 2021-DR-46-1671. This matter involved a consolidated private action and an underlying DSS removal Action of two minor children. I represented the foster parents of one of the children, who was in DSS

custody. SCDSS was recommending a plan of reunification with the birth parents at the beginning of the litigation. After a multi-day contested trial, the Family Court terminated the parental rights of the birth parents, clearing the path for my clients to adopt the child.

(c) John Smith and Jane Smith v. Devin Wilson, David Mize, SCDSS, 2022-DR-23-0255. This matter involved a contested action for termination of parental rights. I represented the foster parents of the child, who were seeking to adopt the child. The birth father contested the termination and sought to have the child returned to his custody. After a contested hearing, the Family Court terminated the parental rights of both birth parents, and my clients were able to proceed with adoption of the child.

(d) John Doe and Jane Doe v. SCDSS, 2022-DR-23-2052. This matter involved competing petitions for adoption of twin siblings. I represented the foster parents of the children, who were seeking adoption. The maternal grandparents were also seeking adoption of the children. After a multi-day hearing, the Family Court granted my clients' petition to adopt the children.

(e) Ryan Wilson v. Charli Goetze Cooper, 2022-DR-30-0296. This action involved a dispute for custody of two minor children between the biological parents. I represented the mother of the children. While the case was pending, my client got married and relocated to the State of Florida, thereby creating an additional burden for my client to maintain custody of the children. After several days of trial, the Family Court awarded primary custody of the children to my client.

The following is Mr. Hammond's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) John and Jane Smith v. SCDSS, Devin Wilson, David Mize, Appellate Case No. 2022-000595, TPR Affirmed 5/26/23

(b) John and Jane Smith v. Candis Sheffield, Richard Matthews, SCDSS, Appellate Case No. 2023-000018, TPR Affirmed 12/5/23

(c) SCDSS v. Jennifer Smith, Kemyel Robinson, Van James, Lauren James, Marcos Stephens, Jocelyn Stephens, Appellate Case No. 2023-000991 – Appeal pending

Mr. Hammond reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Hammond's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Hammond to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Interviews revealed that those who work with him say he can be difficult to reach. Candidate did explain to this committee that he is responsible for court appearances in several counties each week. This is some explanation for our concerns. However, this committee is more concerned that the candidate chose not to appear for his in person interview and instead notified us by text that he would call in for the interview."

Mr. Hammond is married to Amanda Beth Hammond. He has one natural child and two stepchildren.

Mr. Hammond reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association – No titles or offices
(b) Greenville County Bar Association – No titles or offices

Mr. Hammond provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
Pendleton Place Board of Directors (2019-2020)

Mr. Hammond further reported:

My legal career did not begin in the Family Court. In fact, I spent the beginning of my legal career working in larger law firms handling civil cases in the Court of Common Pleas and United States District Court. I was introduced to Family Court through an appointment for an indigent party in a DSS action when I was practicing with a larger law firm as an

associate. Despite the difficulty of the case and the gravity of the situation, I felt drawn to Family Court in a way that made me realize I had a passion for being a Family Court practitioner. Since I transitioned into a near-exclusive Family Court practice, I have had the opportunity to work with highly qualified and distinguished attorneys and appear before some of the most dedicated and wise Judges in our State. I feel called to serve in the Family Court, and I believe I can continue to serve the citizens of my community and the State as a Judge of the Family Court. I am truly humbled to have an opportunity to seek a position as a Family Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Hammond enjoys a great reputation in the Family Court arena, and that his colleagues have said great things about his ability to serve as a Family Court judge, whether now or in the future. The Commission also noted that Mr. Hammond is bright and enthusiastic.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Hammond qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

Marcelo Torricos
Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Torricos meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Torricos was born in 1988. He is 36 years old and a resident of Simpsonville, South Carolina. Mr. Torricos provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2013.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Torricos.

Mr. Torricos demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Torricos reported that he has made an estimated $530.06 in campaign expenditures for name badges, stationary, holiday cards, and postage.

Mr. Torricos testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Torricos testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Torricos to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Torricos reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) 2022- The Greenville Bar Year End CLE- the topic of my presentation was a year-end update on criminal law. I updated the Greenville County Bar on all significant appellate court decisions from the calendar year 2021.

(b) 2023- The Greenville Bar Year End CLE- the topic of my presentation was a year-end update on family law. I updated the Greenville County Bar on all significate appellate court decisions from the calendar year 2022.
(c) 2023- Greenville Technical College "Law School for Non-Lawyers"- I taught the class the Family Law section of their curriculum.

Mr. Torricos reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Torricos did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Torricos did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Torricos has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Torricos was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Torricos reported the following regarding his rating by legal rating organizations:

(a) Greenville Business Magazine: Legal Elite
Family Law 2022- 2024
General Criminal 2018-2024
DUI Defense 2022- 2023
(b) Super Lawyers: Rising Star 2020-2024
(c) National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys: Top 10 SC Attorneys Under 40 2021-2023
(d) National Trial Lawyers: Top 100 in 2024, and Top 40 Under 40 in 2024.

Mr. Torricos reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Torricos reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Torricos appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Torricos appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Torricos was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2013.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) August 2013-August 2014: After graduating from law school, I began my legal career as a full-time law clerk to the Hon. Robin B. Stilwell in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. During my time as his law clerk, I helped manage his schedule, drafted orders, drafted responses to attorney correspondence, reviewed and summarized cases on either the motions docket or the trial docket, performed legal research and drafted memorandums, etc. During trials, I researched evidentiary questions and drafted necessary trial documents such as jury charges, verdict forms, etc.
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> (b) December 2014-Present- Upon the conclusion of my clerkship with Judge Stilwell, I was hired at Bannister, Wyatt, and Stalvey, LLC. Immediately upon my hire, I began working in the areas of criminal defense and Family Court litigation. As for my criminal practice, I have represented criminal defendants in both State and Federal Court. I have tried numerous criminal matters to verdict ranging from murder to driving under the influence. I estimate that on average, I managed or carried between 70 and 80 criminal cases on my personal docket at any given time since 2014. As for my domestic litigation practice, I have tried numerous domestic matters to verdict. I estimate that on average, I have managed or carried 30 domestic cases on my personal docket at any time since 2014. As a domestic attorney, I estimate that I have attended and participated in over 100 mediations. In both areas of practice, I've handled hundreds of pre-trial matters, motions, hearings, and trials. There was also a point in my

career where there was substantial cross-over in my practice areas, criminal defense and domestic litigation, as I have represented clients in order of protection proceedings as well as a few clients in DJJ and DSS matters. I was named partner at the law firm in 2023. Soon after, I began to become heavily involved in the administrative management of the law firm, specifically in the areas of marketing and staff management. I have never been in charge of or deeply involved with the administration of the trust accounts at the law firm.

Mr. Torricos further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

Over the past ten years, I have had the distinct pleasure of representing clients in essentially every area of Family Court practice. I have represented hundreds of individuals in the areas of divorce, separate maintenance and support, equitable division, child custody, child support, abuse and neglect, as well as juvenile justice. Over the past five years, I have appeared before numerous Family Courts in the State (mainly Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, and Oconee) on a weekly basis.

As to the area of divorce, I have handled numerous matters concerning the area of divorce, both as the sole issue/ cause of action in a case or in conjunction with the other issues listed below. To the best of my knowledge, I have handled cases involving divorces based on all statutory grounds, minus the statutory ground of desertion. I also handled one annulment in 2018.

As to the area of equitable division, while in private practice I have dealt with the identification, valuation, and division of many different types of marital property, including real estate, automobiles, retirement accounts, investment accounts, stocks, stock options, restricted stock, insurance policies, capital loss carryovers, closely held businesses, professional practices, and personal property. In conjunction with property issues, I have also dealt with the identification and allocation of debt, including secured debts and unsecured debts, tax debts, and credit card debt. During my career, I have helped clients navigate the division of marital estates worth tens of millions of dollars to estates that were "underwater" and negatively consumed by debt. I've represented doctors, lawyers, executives of hospital systems, executives of international companies, as well as mechanics, schoolteachers, and stay at home parents.

As to adoptions, I have handled a few adoptions during my career. I handled a few in and around 2015-2016 and did not handle another adoption until 2023. In the 2023 case, I represented a client for the second time. The first time I represented him was in his divorce. After the divorce, his ex-wife died suddenly and left behind two children she shared with another man, not my client. My client had such a close relationship with his ex-stepchildren that upon their mother's death he adopted them and they're one happy family today. The final adoption hearing was one of the best moments of my time in private practice.

As to the area of abuse and neglect, essentially for the entirety of my career, I have practiced both family law and criminal defense. On numerous occasions, those two worlds came together when I would be hired to represent a criminal defendant on a domestic violence charge and, simultaneously, to defend that individual at an order of protection hearing or their divorce. Furthermore, there were dozens and dozens of occasions where allegations of abuse and neglect crept into divorce matters, some of which were fabricated by litigants to gain an advantage and some of which were legitimate claims of abuse. I believe that differentiating between the two is one of the hardest parts of my job. I have represented multiple adults who have been accused of abuse and neglect against children as well as parents who believed their child was being abused by the other party. The allegations in those cases ranged from sexual abuse to exposure to drugs to physical abuse and excessive corporal punishment. My involvement in these cases has lasted as little as one hearing and as long as a year, ending at a final merits hearing.

As to the area of custody, I have represented hundreds of clients in custody actions. I have represented parents, relatives, and non-related third parties in custody actions. I have represented clients in interstate custody matters. I've dealt with custody matters as the sole or primary cause of action, as well as custody as an underlying cause of action in divorces. I have represented clients with children as young as two months and as old as 17 years old and on the verge of emancipation. Within custody matters, I have worked with many different individuals, including physicians, therapists, psychologists, custody evaluators, and other similar professionals.

In the area of juvenile justice, I would estimate that I have represented five (5) minors in criminal matters before the Family Court. I've represented minors in matters related to truancy, underaged alcohol possession, possession of a weapon on school grounds, and criminal sexual conduct on another minor.

Mr. Torricos reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: Less than 10 appearances, cumulatively over the past five years;
(b) State: 1-3 times per week.

Mr. Torricos reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 40%;
(c) Domestic: 50%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Torricos reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 95%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: To the best of my memory, 23.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: To the best of my memory, 3.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: I do not recall any.

Mr. Torricos provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Torricos's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

> (a) State v. Mello- This was a criminal case that had significant crossover into family law. My client (the Father) was charged with felony Custodial Interference after taking his child to Italy. Father's basis for the child's removal to Italy was that he believed that the child was being sexually abused by her Mother and another individual related to Mother. The State believed he left the United States to violate Mother's custodial rights. Father went to law enforcement, DSS, and the Family Court on a number of occasions to get help prior to resorting to leaving the United States, but it appeared that he could never gather enough

> evidence to substantiate his claim. Law enforcement investigated, as did DSS, but no charges or proceedings were ever initiated. Believing what he knew to be the truth (i.e. that his daughter was being repeatedly sexually abused), he left the United States for Italy to save his daughter. Once the child and client arrived in Italy, Mother, in the United States, instigated a federal Hague action for the re-patriation of the minor child back to the United States. Mother succeeded in her initial claim (note: the repatriation order was later vacated by the Italian Supreme Court) via the Hauge Convention of International Child Abduction Treaty and the child was returned to the United States. In and around this same time, Father was charged with Custodial Interference by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

Six months after the child is back living in the United States, Mother is brutally murdered in her home in Greer, SC. The child was at school at the time of the murder and Father was in Italy. Once Father learns about the murder, Father returns to the United States to reunite with daughter, but he is arrested upon arrival in Charlotte, NC on the Custodial Interference charge.

Naturally, after the murder of Mother, the Greenville County Sheriff's Office opened a homicide investigation. During the investigation, the Sheriff's Office discovered thousands of homemade pictures and videos showing deceased Mother and another person sexually abusing the minor child. Despite this revelation, the State continued to prosecute Father for Custodial Interference.

Two and a half years later, the case proceeded to trial in General Sessions. The Custodial Interference statute has a few elements that the State must prove beyond a reasonable doubt. One of those elements is that the criminal defendant took the minor child from "the legal custodian" in violation of a Family Court order. The issue for the State at trial was that at the time Father removed the child from the United States, he was her sole legal custodian per his parties' last Family Court order. During the pendency of the case, there seemed to be a massive gap in the understanding of the implications of Father's Family Court order and its impact on the criminal prosecution between myself and the prosecution. It was my argument for years that the statute did not apply to my client and that he could not be criminally liable pursuant to the Custodial Interference statute because he was the child's only legal

custodian, and you cannot interfere with your own custody. The State believed otherwise.

This case ended by way of a two-day jury trial in General Sessions wherein my client and I were granted a directed verdict. The Court agreed with me that the Custodial Interference statute did not apply to Father as he was the child's sole legal custodian at the time he departed the United States with the minor child.

This case, and the companion murder case, received national media attention. This matter is significant to me because (1) I successfully litigated the matter against a very experienced prosecutor, (2) it required months of preparation which is always healthy for a trial lawyer to stay sharp and (3) it allowed me to tap into my Family Court knowledge significantly. I feel like this case is the one case that most accurately embodies my career thus far…a mix of criminal and family law all wrapped up in one.

(b) Nichols v. Nichols- This was a divorce case wherein I represented the Husband, who was a highly successful physician. This case involved a complex division of marital assets as my client had a thriving medical practice with numerous locations in both South Carolina and North Carolina. The parties had multiple residences, an abundance of financial/investment accounts, and other significant assets which made this division very complex and difficult. There were issues related to enterprise goodwill versus personal goodwill, which required extensive research and reliance on highly trained forensic accountants. Alimony was also a major issue. Ultimately this matter was settled after roughly 10 hours of mediation. Because the parties' children were emancipated, this case allowed me to solely sharpen my skills in the area of equitable division. The reason that I decided to include this case in my response to this question was because this case really fine-tuned my skills and knowledge in the area of equitable division. I felt like, and still do feel like, if you can successfully divide an estate like this, then you can handle almost anything.

(c) Applegate v. Applegate- This was an interstate modification of custody case wherein I represented Father. Father and Mother were parents to one, twelve-year-old son. The parties had been in and out of Family Court numerous times from 2015-2020. As a result of these cases, Father was granted, and maintained, sole custody of the minor child

essentially for the entirety of the child's life. Several years prior to my representation, Father moved to New Jersey (and then later to Virginia) with the minor child. In 2022, Father is arrested for assault and battery on a minor child in Virginia. Mother filed an action to modify custody of the minor child based on Father's arrest and sought to have the child brought back to South Carolina and for custody to be awarded to her. We argued that his arrest was not a substantial change in circumstances despite the fact that the assault occurred on another minor due to what I believe were compelling surrounding circumstances.

This case ended after a two-day trial in Family Court, wherein my client was stripped of sole custody and the parties were awarded joint custody. The Court did grant Mother's request to allow the son to live in South Carolina primarily and granted Father extensive summer and holiday visitation.

Ultimately, I was not successful in maintaining my client's sole custody status and having the child returned to him in Virginia, but at the end of the day, I look back positively at this case for the challenges it presented to me and for the challenges I was able to overcome. I've handled several interstate custody cases, and they are never easy. They present challenges from a jurisdictional standpoint, they present challenges from a trial standpoint in terms of logistics, and they present challenges from an access to the client standpoint. Lastly, this case caused me to re-frame what a "win" is at times. My client, admittedly, assaulted another minor child, yet he maintained joint custody of his child. At first, I felt like I "lost" this case, but now I view it differently and believe that I performed meaningful, high quality legal work to preserve my client's relationship with his child the best I could under the circumstances.

(d) Jridi v. Bahhur- This was another interstate custody action wherein I represented Mother who had relocated herself and her two daughters to Oklahoma, from South Carolina. Upon learning that my client had left South Carolina, Father filed an action seeking custody of the children and their return to South Carolina. We counterclaimed for custody and for an order allowing Mother to relocate the children to Oklahoma.

Interestingly, the parties reached an agreement as to custody at mediation, which was the basis for the case in the first place. However, the issues of child support, uncovered medical expenses, and attorney's

fees were left open. This case ultimately went to trial in Greenville County and my client was awarded more than favorable results.

The reason why I decided to include this case in my response is because this case allowed me to dive deep into child support. Many times, child support is a necessary, yet overlooked issue in divorces. By this I mean, most attorneys understand how to determine when child support is appropriate, how to calculate child support, and when it should terminate. However, many attorneys do not understand the "why" or the "how" of child support calculations. Yes, we use a uniform child support calculator, but why does the calculator function the way it does? What happens, mathematically, when we shift from Schedule A to Schedule C in the child support calculator? Why are healthcare premiums and work-related childcare costs credited to a parent at the percentage they are in the calculator? Those are all questions that I was able to do a deep dive on. This matter gave me a much better understanding of child support.

(e) Drew v. Drew- The parties were divorced in North Carolina in 2015. According to my client (Mother/Wife) and several orders from North Carolina, Father/Husband appeared to be abusive and volatile. After the divorce, Mother was given primary custody of their two daughters and eventually moved to South Carolina. For many years, Father chose not to visit the children and then all of the sudden in 2019, he began asking for visitations. My client began presenting the children for visitation, but the visitations were a disaster. Father spent more time berating and threatening Mother than spending time with the children. Wisely, my client caught most of these interactions on video. The sound of the two little girls crying and begging their Father to stop slamming his hands on the car window and threatening their Mom will never leave my mind. Mother ultimately filed an action to suspend Father's visitation. The matter went to trial in Greenville and Father's visitation rights were indefinitely suspended, on a final basis, until he could complete services such as anger management and psychological treatment.

The reason I include this case in my response is because recently, I attended a high school graduation in downtown Greenville. I estimate that there were 3,000 people there. After graduation, I was waiting outside for some family members to exit the venue, when out of nowhere, my former client taps me on the shoulder, says hello, and gives me a hug. She found me in this huge crowd of people. She told me that

her oldest daughter had just graduated and that she was doing great. Her daughter was thirteen years old when I represented Mother and it was wild to me that much time had passed. Before parting ways, my client looked me straight in the eyes, thanked me for my representation, and told me that I saved her daughters' lives and that her daughter would not be doing all of the amazing things she is doing if she were exposed to her father the way Father wanted. She stated that Father never even attempted to complete the services as ordered by the Court and abandoned the girls after the trial. Should I be elected, I'll miss getting that response from clients.

The following is Mr. Torricos's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Marcelo Torricos, as Trustee for the John W. Beeson Trust FBO James H. Beeson Trust v. Greenville County Planning Commission (Case No.: 2022-CP-23-04704) (Appellate Case No.: 2023-000699). Originally appealed from the Planning Commission to Circuit Court and then later, to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. Prior to oral argument and a ruling from the Court of Appeals, the Parties reached a settlement agreement, and the appeal was dismissed and remanded back to Circuit Court.
(b) Terrence "Terry" Carroll v. Debra Mowery, et al. (Appellate Case No. 2020-000396). This was an appeal from the Master in Equity to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. The date of decision was July 16, 2023, and it was not published. The Unpublished Opinion No. is 2023-UP-274.
(c) Brandon Hood v. Hannah Newton (Case No.: 2022-CP-42-01715). This was an appeal from the Spartanburg County Magistrate to the Circuit Court. Judge Mark Hayes ruled on the Appeal on 1/5/2023 by way of a Form 4 order. There is no citation.

The following is Mr. Torricos's account of two criminal appeals he has personally handled:
(a) The State of South Carolina v. John J. Mello (Appellate Case No.:2022-GS-23-02160). This was a criminal appeal initiated by the State, from the Circuit Court to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I worked this appeal in conjunction with the Appellate Defenders Office. There was no decision or citation as the State withdrew its appeal roughly eight (8) months into the appeal.
(b) The State of South Carolina v. Elizabeth C. Edwards (Case No. 2023-CP-23-02686). This was an appeal of a DUI dismissal initiated by

the State from the Magistrate to the Circuit Court. Judge Perry Gravely ruled on the appeal on 9/5/2023 by way of a Form 4 order. There is no citation.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Torricos's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Torricos to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Torricos is married to Joyce Carol Torricos. He has two children.

Mr. Torricos reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Greenville Bar Association
(b) Greenville Area Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
(c) South Carolina Association of Justice
(d) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
(e) South Carolina Bar Association

Mr. Torricos provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Advent United Methodist Church, Member and Member of the Finance Board
(b) Upstate Mediation Center, Board Member
(c) Fall for Greenville, Board Member

Mr. Torricos further reported:

Over the past decade I have been very intentional about the practice areas I decided to practice in, the cases that I took, and the strategies that I employed, all in preparation to one day be in a position to run for a seat on the bench. I believe that in my ten (10) years of practice, I have handled a large scope and volume of cases, both on the Family Court side and the criminal defense side, that have put me in a position where

I believe I will be comfortable on the Family Court bench, with any subject matter, day one. That is not to say, that I do not have a lot to learn, because I do, all new judges do. However, I simply believe that I am built for this. The way I reason, the way I think, the way I make decisions, has all been molded by some of the best mentors a young lawyer could have asked for, from a sitting Supreme Court Justice, to board certified trial lawyers, I've learned from the best.
I also believe that my language skills and fluency in Spanish would highly benefit citizens beyond the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. I was born in one of the poorest countries in Latin America and the United States, and more specifically, the State of South Carolina, have given me opportunities other people dream of. I owe it to this State and its people. Service on the bench is an attempt to pay it back. I earnestly believe that we live in the greatest country in the history of mankind, and we have created a judicial system, unparalleled to any other ever seen, and I want to play a bigger part in that. I am ready.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Torricos has significant experience in all Family Court areas of the law. In addition, his Spanish fluency would be an asset to the bench

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Torricos qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

The Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr.
Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Smoak meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Smoak was born in 1959. He is 65 years old and a resident of Walterboro, South Carolina. Judge Smoak provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1983.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Smoak.

Judge Smoak demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Smoak reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Smoak testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Smoak e testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Smoak reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I taught the following paralegal courses for Technical College of the Lowcountry:

Estates
Family Law
Legal Bibliography
Litigation
Torts

(b) I was on the panel for discussion at South Carolina Family Court Bench/Bar Conference, December 3, 1999.
(c) I have lectured at the local high school.
(d) Appeared at career day at the local high school.
(e) I spoke at the Child Abuse Prevention Rally in Colleton County.

Judge Smoak reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Smoak did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Smoak did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Smoak has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Smoak was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Smoak reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Smoak reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Smoak reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Smoak appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Smoak appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Smoak was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1983.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1983 - Law Clerk for Honorable William T. Howell.
(b) 1984 to 1995 - General practice with majority of work in Family Court.

(c) 1984 to 1993 and 1995 - Prosecutor for child abuse and neglect cases for the Department Social Services.
(d) 1984 to1995 - Public Defender for the City of Walterboro.
(e) 1993 to 1995 - Conflict Attorney for Colleton County Public Defender, including Juveniles.
(f) 1995 to present - Family Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat #1.

Judge Smoak reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): Family Court Judge, 1995 to present, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat #1. This court was created by statute.

Judge Smoak provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Couch v. Couch, U.P. No 2015-UP-045
(b) Shannon v. Shannon, 578 S.E. 2d 753
(c) Tefft v. Tefft, U.P No. 2011-UP-096
(d) Hawkins v. Hawkins, U.P No 2010-UP-510
(e) SCDSS v. Tyesha R.H., Tyrone D. Johnnie Lee R, of whom Tyesha H. is the Appellant, in the interest of two minor children under the age of eighteen, U.P. No. 2011-UP-408

Judge Smoak further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
1994 candidate for Judicial Circuit Family Court Seat #2.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Smoak's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Smoak to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Very experienced, great demeanor, patient, excellent judge."

Judge is married to Elizabeth Thompson Smoak. He has two children.

Judge Smoak reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) SC Bar
(b) Colleton County Bar
(c) SC Family Court Judges Association

Judge Smoak provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Former Member Jaycees
(b) Former Sertoma Member
(c) Assistant Baseball Coach, Colleton County Recreation Commission, 1992-2002
(d) Member of the Colleton Preparatory Academy School Board, 1998-2006
(e) Member of the Bethel United Methodist Church
(f) Former Member of the Governor's Youth Council
(g) Judge for the National High School Mock Trial Championship
(h) Lectured to the guardian ad litem program for the 14th Judicial Circuit
(i)Drug Court Judge for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
(j)Lectured at high school

Judge Smoak further reported:

I have lived in the small town of Walterboro all my life. I have been married for 39 years. My pride and joy are my 37year old son who is a Mechanical Engineer and my 30 year old daughter who is a nurse. I practiced law in Walterboro with my father for twelve years before going on the bench. I learned early that you treat people the same way you would want to be treated. I am the product of divorced parents whom I loved very much. I feel the small town I live in has given me small town values. I believe my background helps me when dealing with family law matters. I enjoy my job and my family. I believe I have been and continue to be a fair and patient Judge who understands that family law matters.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found that Judge Smoak demonstrated the highest standards for serving on the Family Court. They commended his

temperament, his calm and reassuring manner of conducting proceedings, and his dedication to public service.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Smoak qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Holmes meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Holmes was born in 1970. She is 54 years old and a resident of Georgetown, South Carolina. Judge Holmes provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Holmes.

Judge Holmes demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Holmes reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Holmes testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Holmes testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Holmes to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Holmes reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I have presented at New Judges School for Newly Elected Family Court Judges on the topic of Domestic Matters in 2021 and on the topics of Child Custody, Visitation and Contempt in 2022, 2023 and 2024.
(b) I have presented in the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 Horry County Bar Family Court Seminar-Procedural for Family Court practitioners.
(c) I was a panelist at the Attorney General's Youth Summit on Human Trafficking on June 27, 2018.
(d) I have presented at the National Business Institute One Day Seminar entitled "What Family Court Judges Want You to Know" on October 28, 2011.
(e) I have presented at the Children's Law Center Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Conference entitled Permanency Planning for Children on October 7, 2011 to volunteer guardian ad litems.
(f) I have presented at the Children's Law Center "Training for Attorneys Appointed in Abuse and Neglect Cases in the 15th Judicial Circuit on November 13, 2009.
(g) I presented at the 2013 South Carolina Solicitor's Association Annual Conference on Juvenile Delinquency matter to Juvenile Solicitors on September 22, 2013.
(h) I have presented at the SC Bar CLE entitled Fifteenth Circuit Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know on November 18, 2016.

Judge Holmes reported that she has published the following:
(a) I have prepared written materials for seminars of which I have presented.
(b) Family Court Bench/Bar Best Practices Manual for South Carolina Department of Social Services Abuse and Neglect Cases. As Board Member assisted in editing the manual prior to distribution for use in DSS Abuse and Neglect cases.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Holmes did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Holmes did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Holmes has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Holmes was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Holmes reported that she does not recall being rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Holmes reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Holmes reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Holmes appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Holmes appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Holmes was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Since my graduation from law school on May 13, 1995, I worked for Morant and Morant Law Firm located at 1022 Prince Street in Georgetown, SC from September 1995 to July 1997. I performed title searches, closed real estate loans, handled social security disability

cases, personal injury cases, prepared wills, prepared deeds and handled family court cases. I had no administrative or financial duties.
(b) From July 1997 to June 2007, I ventured out and opened my own law firm, Jan B. Bromell, P.A. Seventy five (75%) of my practice consisted of domestic matters. I prosecuted and defended child support and child custody cases, divorce, alimony, separate maintenance and support, adoption and termination of parental rights, appointed and retained on juvenile cases, appointed and retained on abuse and neglect matters, name change, annulment, equitable distribution, and orders of protection. Twenty-four percent (24%) of my practice consists of civil matters. I handled real estate transactions, performed title searches, handle social security disability cases, personal injury cases, prepared power of attorney, contracts, wills and deeds. One percent (1%) of my practice consisted of criminal cases. I was responsible for administrative and financial duties.
(c) Elected as Family Court Judge Seat 1, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on February 7, 2007. Began work July 2, 2007 and working continuously since.
(d) Appointed to sit as Acting Justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty to hear and dispose of cases on November 15, 2017, December 14, 2022, April 20, 2023, October 3, 2023 and May 21, 2024. I reviewed the record of appeal, appellant and respondent briefs, heard oral arguments and determined along with all other justices the outcome of cases scheduled on the particular days.
(e) Appointed to sit as Acting Judge of South Carolina Court of Appeals by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty beginning July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Judge Holmes reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Elected as Family Court Judge Seat 1, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on February 7, 2007. Began work July 2, 2007, Re-elected February, 2013, February 2019 and working continuously since.

(b) Appointed to sit as Acting Justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty to hear and dispose of cases on November 15, 2017, December 14, 2022, April 20, 2023, October 3, 2023 and May 21, 2024. I reviewed the record of appeal, appellant and respondent briefs, heard oral arguments and determined along with all other justices the outcome of cases scheduled on the particular days.

(c) Appointed to sit as Acting Judge of South Carolina Court of Appeals by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty beginning July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. I researched case law, wrote bench memos, authored opinions, addressed various motions, reviewed the record of appeal, appellant and respondent briefs, heard oral arguments and determined along with 2 other panel members the outcome of cases.

Judge Holmes provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) High v. High, 697 S.E.2d 690 (S.C. Court of Appeals) Decided July 28, 2010

This was a divorce action with an agreement on equitable distribution of marital property and debt. The contested issues were child custody and attorney fees. The matter was appealed. The Father appealed my order granting Mother sole custody of the couple's two children, arguing the family court erred in: (1) refusing to qualify Teressa Harrington, LPC as an expert witness; (2) prohibiting the introduction of statements made by the couple's minor daughter to Harrington; (3) refusing to admit Harrington's records into evidence; (4) making certain findings of fact relevant to the issue of custody which were not supported by the record; (5) failing to consider important factors contained in the record in its award of primary custody to Mother; (6) awarding Mother sole custody based on the fact that Mother was historically the caregiver of the minor children; and (7) granting Mother custody based on the primary caretaker factor. The Mother cross-appealed arguing that the family court erred in (1) hearing Father's untimely motion to alter or amend, and (2) failing to award her attorney's fees and costs. The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling.

(b) In the Interest of Spencer R. a juvenile under the age of seventeen, 692 S.E.2d 569 (S.C. Court of Appeals) Decided April 25, 2010.

This was a juvenile delinquency matter in which Spencer R. was charged with pointing and presenting a firearm. This case was my first juvenile trial as a family court judge. What was difficult about this case is that the State charged the juvenile in one petition for pointing and presenting a firearm at three different people. I didn’t understand why the State didn’t file three petitions, one for each person. It was clear to me that

the juvenile intended to point and present a firearm at one of the individuals, but not the other two. However, because of how the petition was filed, I thought that I had to find the juvenile delinquent on the petition. The juvenile appealed his conviction for presenting a firearm, alleging the family court erred in finding sufficient evidence to support his conviction. The Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of one of the individuals and reversed the conviction of the other two individuals. I am particularly proud of this case because prior to my ruling, there was no case law in the State of South Carolina which defined presenting a firearm.

(c) Simmons v. Simmons, 392 S.C. 412 (2011), 709 S.E.2d 666 Decided May 9, 2011.

This was a difficult case for me. The parties divorced in 1990 and entered into a family court-approved settlement agreement that was determined to be void in part. A central part of the parties' agreement required Husband to give Wife one-third of his Social Security benefits if he began receiving them at age 62 or one-half of those benefits if he began receiving them at age 65. The Social Security benefits were to "be construed only as a property settlement, and shall not in any way be considered or construed as alimony." Husband attained the age of 62 in 1994 and 65 in 1997, but he failed to pay Wife any portion of his Social Security benefits. In December of 2003, Wife filed a petition for a rule to show cause, seeking to compel compliance with the agreement. Husband responded by filing a Rule 60(b)(4), SCRCP,[2] motion, asserting that the family court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to order division of his Social Security benefits. The family court dismissed Husband's subject matter jurisdiction challenge, and Husband appealed. The court of appeals reversed. Simmons v. Simmons, 370 S.C. 109, 634 S.E.2d 1 (Ct. App. 2006). The court found that the Social Security Act, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 407(a) (2010), preempted and expressly precluded the parties' agreement to divide Husband's Social Security benefits. As a result, the court voided that portion the agreement. The appeal presented the question of whether the family court may revisit, in whole or in part, the now partially voided agreement. I ruled in 2008 that I lacked subject matter jurisdiction to reconsider the 1990 court-approved agreement. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded for reconsideration of the court-approved agreement.

(d) Scott Meyers v. SCDSS 2022–UP-141 filed March 17, 2022

Scott and Catherine Meyers appealed my order dismissing their petition to adopt their niece based on the fact that they did not satisfy the requirements of the ICPC. On appeal, they argued the family court erred in finding the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) applied to the action because they are related to minor child. The Court of Appeals found that the ICPC applies and statutorily bars the Meyers from adopting the minor child. My ruling was affirmed.

(e) In the Interest of Justin B., a Juvenile Under the Age of Seventeen, 747 S.E.2d 774 (S.C. Sup. Ct. decided August 28, 2013)

This case was also significant to me in that it involved sexual abuse committed between siblings. On May 3, 2009, Justin B's adoptive mother witnessed him sexually molest his adoptive sister and notified police. In August 2009, he was indicted for CSC–First in violation of section 16-3-655(A)(1) of the South Carolina Code. S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-655(A) (Supp. 2012). Pursuant to a negotiated plea deal in which the juvenile agreed to plead guilty if allowed to do so in family court, the juvenile was brought before me on a juvenile petition in November 2009. He admitted guilt and was subsequently adjudicated delinquent. I committed the juvenile for an indeterminate period to the Department of Juvenile Justice, not to exceed his twenty-first birthday, and required him to undergo counseling. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender as required by section 23-3-460 of the South Carolina Code, and to comply with section 23-3-540's electronic monitoring requirements. Id. §§ 23-3-460, -540. The Juvenile appealed challenging the active electronic monitoring requirements of section 23-3-540 of the South Carolina Code Section 23-3-540 that individuals convicted of certain sex-related offenses, including criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the first degree (CSC–First), submit to electronic monitoring for the duration of the time the individual is required to remain on the sex offender registry. S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-540(A)–(H) (Supp.2012). An individual found guilty of CSC–First is required to register as a sex offender bi-annually for life. Id. §§ 23-3-430, -460 (Supp. 2012). Section 23-3-540 also provides that ten years from the date electronic monitoring begins, an individual may petition the chief administrative judge of the general sessions court for the county in which the offender resides for an order of release from the monitoring requirements. Id. § 23-3-540(H). However, those persons convicted of CSC–First may not petition for this

review. Id. Thus, these sex offenders must submit to monitoring for the duration of their lives.

Justin B argued that, because he is a juvenile, this imposition constitutes cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the federal and state constitutions. The Supreme Court found that electronic monitoring is not a punishment and rejected Justin B's claim. However, the Supreme Court allowed the juvenile to have periodic judicial review to determine the necessity of continued electronic monitoring. My decision was affirmed as modified.

Judge Holmes reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Holmes further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
2022 Judicial Merit Selection Commission Screening, Court of Appeals, Seat 2 and 2023 Judicial Merit Selection Commission Screening, Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Holmes's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Holmes to be "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no summary or related comments.

Judge Holmes is married to Cleveland Bernard Holmes. She has two children.

Judge Holmes reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization (July, 2024-)
(b) Commission on South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges (President, 2022-2023, Vice President, 2021-2022) and (Secretary/Treasurer, 2020-2021)

(c) Family Court Advisory Committee (2020-Present)
(d) South Carolina Bar Association (1997-Present)
(e) Georgetown County Bar Association (1997-Present)
(f) Coastal Women Lawyers (g) South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Board (Past Member)
(h) Coastal Inn of Court (2017-Present)
(i)South Carolina Family Court Inn of Court (2021-Present)
(j)Family Court Bench/Bar (2009-2017)

Judge Holmes provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) (a) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Parliamentarian 2016-2018) Member of the Year for 2009
(b) St. Paul AME Church, Steward (2005-Present), Finance Committee(2005-Present) Christian Education Department (2004-Present), Women's Missionary Society (1995-Present) Youth Choir Director (2016-Present).

Judge Holmes further reported:
I have come into contact with thousands of people over the past seventeen years as a Family Court Judge as well as the preceding twelve years prior to my judgeship as an attorney. I have presided over 21,000 cases as a Family Court Judge. Throughout my life, I have lived by the golden rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". I have treated all individuals with the utmost respect. These individuals came from many walks of life. I am naturally inclined to attentively and objectively listen to all parties in a dispute. I am inherently fair, courteous, diligent, patient, humble and compassionate. I possess the intellectual capacity to interpret legal principles, apply them to the facts of each case and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading to my conclusions. I have been patient, dignified, open-minded and diligent in disposing of my cases. I have handled the pressure of a rigorous schedule. I have maneuvered the uncertainties of returning to our new normal by being flexible in accommodating a different courtroom format such as continuing the use of virtual hearings when warranted. The totality of my life experiences has equipped me to continue serving proficiently and efficiently as a Family Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Two affidavits were filed against Judge Holmes by the following complainants: Michelle Capps; and Haley Kathryn Capps and Emily

Capps. Additionally, Michelle Capps and Emily Capps provided oral testimony before the Commission. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavits, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainants, as well as a written response and oral testimony from Judge Holmes. After careful consideration of the testimonies, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Holmes in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission commented that Judge Holmes has an excellent reputation as a knowledgeable Family Court judge who rules with justice and compassion. The Commission also commended her on her service to her community.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Holmes qualified and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable David G. Guyton
Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Guyton meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Guyton was born in 1961. He is 63 years old and a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Judge Guyton provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Guyton.

Judge Guyton demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges,

particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Guyton reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Guyton testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Guyton testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Guyton to be intelligent and knowledgeable.
Judge Guyton reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I drafted materials and presented them at a session of the December 2011 Family Court Bench/Bar focusing on military issues relating to Family Court practice.
(b) I was a judicial panel member at the 2012 CLE What Family Court Judges want you to know.
(c) I presented materials and lectured on The Military Parents Equal Protection Act and other topics at the August 2011 SC JAG Conference.
(d) I was a panel member for the 2012 Color of Justice presentation in Rock Hill, SC
(e) I have taught local clerk of court office personnel courtroom procedure and evidence.
(f) I meet with and teach a local guardian ad litem group at least twice per year to update case law and answer their questions.
(g) I have organized military justice training to SCNG Judge Advocates and Administrative Officers on several occasions through the years.
(h) I organized and conducted Military Support to Civilian Authorities training; presented my materials by lecture and provided each attendee a tool kit CD for reference and practical application.
(i)I made a presentation to the Municipal Court Administration Association as a City Court Judge on diffusing hostility.

(k) I presented legal tips for unemployed Veterans at an HR Boot Camp.
(l)I wrote a paper on the judicial perspective of Family Court Judges at Order of Protection hearings and lectured on that topic to Victim Advocates to train them on how to better prepare domestic violence victims for their hearing. I also prepared a sample script for victims use in preparing for the hearing. I gave permission for it to be disseminated statewide among victim advocate groups and legal services.
(m) I spoke to the Judge Advocates at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, concerning Family Court and military related issues.
(n) I lectured at a statewide Department of Juvenile Justice education conference on the judicial perspective on issues in juvenile court
(o) I have been a panel member and a guest lecturer at the annual Public Defender's conference.
(p) I have made presentations at the state School Resource Officers conference on juvenile and education issues in Family Court.
(q) I have made presentations almost annually to Rock Hill School District personnel and York County school resource officers.
(r) I was a panel member on the CLE Top Ten Mistakes Attorneys Make in Family Court.
(s) I made a presentation and sat as a judicial panel member at the York County Bar Association CLE in January 2018.
(t)I presided over private school moot court competition at the Moss Justice Center in York and provided evaluation and feedback.
(u) I have made two presentations to Judge Advocates and Military Judges of Colombia, South America, once in Colombia, and once in South Carolina, as part of the State Partnership Program in the National Guard.
(v) I made presentations to the Family Court Judges at our annual conferences on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and the Status Offender Task Force.
(w) I have presented to the Family Court Judges at our annual conference on ethical issues concerning what Judges should and should not do using reports from the NCSC Center for Judicial Ethics.
(x) I have made presentations on Family Court to York Technical College as part of the SC Bar Law School for Non-Lawyer courses.
(aa) I make 2 presentations per year on child support to the Fatherhood Project.

Judge Guyton reported that he has published the following:

The Military Parent Equal Protection Act, South Carolina Lawyer Magazine March 2012, co-authored with COL (Ret) Barry Bernstein.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Guyton did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Guyton did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Guyton has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Guyton was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Guyton reported the following regarding his rating or membership status with a legal rating organization:
I believe my last available rating from Martindale-Hubbell was BV. I attempted to check their website but was unable to obtain any rating. They do have me listed as a Judge. I do not believe I ever had any negative ratings in the years that I practiced.

Judge Guyton reported the following military service:
I was commissioned a 2LT in the United States Marine Corps in Aug 1985. I served active duty in the United States Marine Corps October 01, 1988 to October 01, 1991. I was discharged a Captain with an Honorable Discharge as a Captain and Gulf War Veteran upon completion of my term of service. I served in the SC Army National Guard from March 1992 until retiring in August 2017, with an Honorary Discharge, at the rank of Colonel, with an honorary promotion to Brigadier General. I previously served in the positions of State Staff Judge Advocate, Military Judge, Trial Counsel, Defense Counsel and SJA for the 263 AAMDC, the 228 Signal Brigade, and Joint Force Headquarters. I am attaching my DD214 which reflects my USMC active duty. I will not receive an updated DD214 from the SCARNG, but I did receive and attach my Da Form 4037 from 2015. I began receiving retirement pay at age 60, June 04, 2021. I am also attaching a program from my retirement

ceremony August 6, 2017, which includes a military biography, and for which I give my permission to publish if the JMSC desires.

Judge Guyton reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Guyton appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Guyton appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Guyton was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Oct 1, 1988 to Oct 1, 1991, United States Marine Corps. I served as a Trial Counsel prosecuting military Courts-Martial and as a Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Camp Pendleton, CA, and while deployed to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

(b) Oct 1991 to March 2009 private law practice. I joined Harrelson and Hayes law firm in Oct 1992, as an associate. I became partner in 1996, and the firm became Harrelson, Hayes, and Guyton. My primary area of practice was Family Court including Divorce, legal separations, child custody, child support, alimony, and equitable division of property and debt, simple adoptions, guardian ad litem work, termination of parental rights, juvenile defense, SCDSS defense, Foster Care Review Boards, domestic violence, name changes, annulments, common law marriage, and almost anything associated with Family Court. I also handled real estate closings, simple estate planning and probate, criminal defense, landlord-tenant, personal injury and contract law. Family Court was probably 75% of my practice and all other areas totaled 25%. I was a trial lawyer, often going to court several times a week, including Family Court, General Sessions, Probate,

Masters-in Equity, and city and county magistrate courts. My secretary and I handled the trust funds for my clients as part of the law firm's trust account, but I considered Hugh Harrelson as the primary financial management partner. I do not recall ever having any trust account issues.

(c) 1991-2009 Associate City Court Judge for the City of Rock Hill. I presided over bench trials, jury trials, and set bonds. This was part time, usually only a few hours each month to help the City handle its docket, and primarily in evening hours. One evening, another Judge and I handled over 200 cases on the docket. I was paid per hour as an independent contractor, not as a City employee. It certainly helped prepare me for a Family Court Judge position. I was not responsible for handling funds and never did so.

(d) Oct 1992 to August 2017 Judge Advocate in the SC Army National Guard. I served as a Trial Counsel and Defense Counsel for military Courts-Martial and administrative separation proceedings, Staff Judge Advocate for several different units and for the entire state. I also served as a South Carolina Military Judge under the SC Code of Military Justice, which carries the same authority as a state circuit court judge by statute. I had a lot of administrative duties but they did not include financial responsibilities.

Judge Guyton reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Associate City Court Judge for the City of Rock Hill 1999 to 2009. This was part time for several hours per month, primarily for night court. The jurisdiction was for city criminal and traffic offenses for up to 30 days in jail or $500 fine, and as otherwise allowed by statute, such as DUI third which allowed 90 days incarceration. City Court did not involve civil matters. I was appointed by Municipal Court Judge Jane P. Modla, confirmed by City Council, and reaffirmed by City Council until I assumed my Family Court Judicial position.

(b) Military Judge for the State of South Carolina Military Department, May 2007 through Dec 2010. This was an appointed duty by The Adjutant General of the State of South Carolina, MG Stanhope Spears at the time. The position carries the authority of a SC Circuit Court Judge by

statute. I was compensated by my normal National Guard drill pay and did not receive extra compensation for holding that position. I presided over Special Courts-Martial for the National Guard under the SC Code of Military Justice, and could impose incarceration, fines, reduction in rank, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. It was a state court, not a federal court.

(c) Family Court Judge for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 (York County). I was elected February 3, 2010, to serve the unexpired term of retiring Judge Henry T. Woods. I was sworn in April 16, 2010. I was re-elected to the same position on January 30, 2013. I handle Divorces, separations, child custody and visitation, alimony, equitable distribution of marital property and marital debt, child support, adoptions, termination of parental rights, name changes, SC Department of Social Services child abuse and neglect cases, SCDSS vulnerable adult cases, Juvenile Court for minors who commit crimes and status offenses, Truancy Court, Protection From Domestic Abuse Act hearings, bench warrants for failure to pay child support, Rules to Show Cause hearings for private actions, Clerk's rules, and SCDSS child support enforcement division, annulments, common law marriages, and paternity actions. I also preside over a Juvenile Drug Court held weekly for juvenile offenders upon which successful completion results in expungement of their charges. The jurisdiction of Family Court is by statutory authority primarily set forth in Titles 20 and 63 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

Judge Guyton provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

Although I have had at least one case appealed and upheld, which I will note below, I have not had any appellate decisions which changed the common law of South Carolina. I do believe every case in Family Court is potentially life changing, especially for a child. It is an incredible daily burden which I do not take lightly. Some of my significant cases are:

(a) Every December on the last day of court I hold an adoption day, and we schedule 10 to 15 uncontested adoptions, so that families can walk away with an Adoption Decree before the end of the calendar year, and a very

special Christmas. It is one of those rare days in Family Court where everyone leaves the courtroom smiling and happy. In 2018 we actually had to schedule two days to hear all the requested adoptions. Each case has its own special story. My most significant adoption this year was for a 13 year old named Tony, who had been an abused child in DSS care and custody for years. He had significant behavioral problems and special needs, such that he had been in eighteen different foster care homes before he was placed with a family who finally refused to give up on him, even when he challenged them over and over again to test their commitment to him. After almost 3 years with this family, Tony knew they loved him so much they would never give up on him, and they adopted him into their permanent home. If desired you can find this and other adoption stories from that day in the December 21, 2018, edition of The Herald, our local Rock Hill newspaper, online at Heraldonline.com.

(b) I had a 4-day trial in which the primary issue was custody of a 6-year-old autistic child who may also be on the lower end of the autism spectrum. I was a visiting Judge in that jurisdiction. The case was 3 years old when we started the final hearing set for 2 days. After starting the trial it was obvious it would take more than 2 days. Instead of continuing the case and re-scheduling for trial at a later date, I informed the litigants we would try the case and find a way to get it completed. Although counsel for both parents were competent and courteous, it was an extremely contentious trial. After two days we used a Friday afternoon in which we normally do not schedule hearings, and then traveled to my courtroom the following Monday during a chambers week and held court until the case was finished. I am not describing this case to brag on the extra effort to get it completed, but to show how important it is to move cases along in a timely manner, especially with children involved. This child was three years old when the case began. He was now six and needed permanency and stability in his life. I awarded custody to the father, who in a subsequent year sent me letters and pictures of his son who thrived physically, emotionally, and educationally, after placement with his father in another state. It was one of those cases when as a Judge, I felt vindicated by my decision.

(c) I hold juvenile drug court on Tuesday afternoons when my docket is in Rock Hill. This is a program for juveniles who plead guilty to substance abuse or other crimes an opportunity to move through several phases and numerous requirements with their families and, if successful, have the charge(s) expunged. They are tested for drugs weekly, do community service hours, have weekly homework assignments, and attend counseling sessions for issues such as conflict resolution. I do not get paid any extra for this time, and the court is held after the scheduled docket. I estimate a little more than 50% graduation rate, and the program takes about a year or longer to complete. I get to speak at their graduation, and hear from the juvenile and his or her parents or guardians. Parents often thank me and our program staff for saving the life of their child and giving them their family back. The tearful gratitude is deeply satisfying, and it is with great pride that I get to sign their expungement orders and leave them with a new start and the tools to be successful. The fact that the program is successful, that we are changing the lives of these kids and their families, and that we are saving taxpayer money in doing so, is very significant to me as a Family Court Judge.

(d) Conits v. Conits, 417 S.C. 127, 789 S.E.2d 51 (Ct. App. 2016) I was upheld on equitable distribution concerning approximately 48 parcels or real property, businesses, and other significant assets worth several million dollars. This was a two-day trial, and fortunately the attorneys did an excellent job stipulating many of the exhibits and presenting only relevant testimony, as it could have easily been a weeklong trial. The case resulted in several boxes of material for review. Recently the case was appealed again concerning a large parcel of property overseas, reversed and remanded, and then reversed again to keep the original decision in place. This case taught me the importance of proper marking of exhibits, admission as evidence, the value of good trial attorneys, and a clear record for possible review by appellate courts. The case was once again appealed and then reversed on the valuation of one piece of overseas property, and was remanded for equitable distribution. I understand it was finally settled.

(e) Some of the simple cases, compared to a multi-million-dollar division of property, are the most significant. A few years ago I heard a case in which an elderly black man, represented by South Carolina Legal Services, was seeking a birth certificate to change his name. He had always been known by a particular name, and had all his records in that name, but when he got a copy of his birth certificate, it had no first name listed. He needed a birth certificate with his full name to prove he was who he said he was when trying to get benefits. When he testified, it was obvious by his dress and speech that he had little education, and was a simple man of few means. However, his quiet and humble testimony proved to me he was credible, and really wasn't seeking the birth certificate for monetary reasons, but so that he could have an official document that proved who he was, and that he had a name. He could never have gotten through the process pro se, and he did not have the ability to hire an attorney, so Legal Services representation was essential to getting a correct birth certificate and name. When I announced the finding on the record that his known name was official and legal, and that he would get a new birth certificate, his wide grin through some missing teeth, and his constant thank you to me and his counsel, was incredibly gratifying. What was a short and simple hearing on my docket that day, was the most significant event in his life in a long time.

Judge Guyton reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

I have been a Judge Advocate for the South Carolina Army National Guard since March 1992 when I joined as a Captain through my retirement in August 2017 as a Colonel. My supervisor was State Judge Advocate Barry Bernstein until he retired and I replaced him in that position on M-Day (drill) status. My supervisor then became MG Robert Livingston, The Adjutant General of the SC National Guard. My former supervisors have included Justice James Lockemy (retired COL) and Vic Rawl (retired LTC). My duties included Trial Counsel, Defense Counsel, Military Judge, legal assistance, and Command SJA for 263 AAMDC, 228th Signal Brigade, and Joint Force Headquarters.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Guyton's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Guyton to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee commented: "Judge Guyton has served our State with distinction for some time. He continues to exhibit the professionalism, humility and diligence that make him a well-regarded Family Court judge."

Judge Guyton is married to Crystal Renee Fickling Guyton. He has two children.

Judge Guyton reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association since 1988. Member of Military Law Section and Family Law Section. Pro Bono program volunteer and legal assistance to military personnel volunteer prior to becoming a Judge.
(b) York County Bar Association since 1992. Past Secretary, Treasurer, and President (1996).
(c) American Bar Association since 1988
(d) SC Summary Court Judges Association from 1999 until elected to Family Court in 2010.
(e) Commission on Lawyer Conduct for over 10 years until elected Family Court Judge in 2010.
(f) Commission on Judicial Conduct from 2010 through the current date.
(g) Appointed to the Family Court Judges Advisory Committee by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty on December 11, 2017. Appointed Chairman in 2022 and still serving as Chairman.

Judge Guyton provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Charter member of the Marine Corps League Olde English Leathernecks Detachment since 2002. Served as Judge Advocate for the

Det. ten years. Received several Outstanding Marine Awards and The Four Chaplains Award
(b) Life Member of VFW Post 2889 since early 1990s. Life member. Served as Judge Advocate 15 years or more.
(c) Member American Legion Frank Roach Post 34 in Rock Hill since 1992.
(d) Member of the York County Veterans Advisory Council since 1993. I have served as the Master of Ceremonies for our annual York County Memorial Day Ceremony for 25 years.
(e) Former member and Treasurer Rock Hill School District Education Foundation member
(f) Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill over 20 years. Past President. Terrific Kids program, past coordinator and current volunteer.
(g) Charter member Rolling in Rock Hill program and 15-year volunteer, painting the homes of poor and disabled.
(h) Churches include Northside Baptist, Oakland Baptist, North Rock Hill Church, Elevation, Newspring, and LifePointe. Ordained Deacon.
(i)Former Auxillary Probation Officer through the SC Department of Juvenile Justice.
(j)Former Weblos Scout Den Leader
(k) Bethel Men's Shelter volunteer through the F3 (Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith) men's workout group.

Judge Guyton further reported:
I feel that I am a good Judge because of my prior extensive community service activities, many of which revolved around the best interests of children. I was born and raised in the community I have served all my life either personally or professionally. I am embedded and invested in the families of my county and this state. I believe my current physical fitness regimen of 5 to 6 days per week helps me keep my life in balance, and reduces the heavy stress of the Family Court caseload and subject matter. I have always had, and still have, a strong family support network based upon high moral values, to remind me of the importance of keeping families together when possible, and if not, to provide a way to move forward with the least harm. My thirty-two years of military experience has instilled in me a work ethic and discipline which I have found invaluable as a Judge. Finally, because of my family values, I have attended church my entire life. The locations and types of worship have changed, but my spiritual faith has been the foundation for the rest of my life, and the forgiveness I receive from God is a constant reminder that

no one is perfect, and that I need to remember that every day I am on the bench.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission thanked Judge Guyton for his many years of dedicated service to the State. They noted his excellent reputation as a firm, but fair jurist. The Commission believes his skilled intellect, moral compass, and humble nature have added to his success as a Family Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Guyton qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Kimaka "Kim" Nichols-Graham
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Nichols-Graham meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Nichols-Graham was born in 1972. She is 52 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Nichols-Graham provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1998.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Nichols-Graham.

Judge Nichols-Graham demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Nichols-Graham testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Nichols-Graham testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Nichols-Graham to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I presented a session on representing low income students and parents in school law to legal services agencies for South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center on October 11, 2001.

(b) I presented a session on representing low income families in school law at the South Eastern Project Directors Association for directors of legal service agencies on July 15, 2002.

(c) I presented a session on monitoring re-segregation and protecting the poor for legal service lawyers at the National Legal Aid and Public Defender Substantive Law Conference on July 25, 2002.

(d) I presented a session on the overview of a school law practice to legal services and pro bono attorneys for South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center on August 12, 2004.

(e) I presented a session on DSS Court Appointments and Defense Pointers to lawyers at the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association Retreat on October 22, 2004.

(f) I presented a session on parent rights in school discipline procedures to legal services and pro bono attorneys for South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center on February 24, 2006.

(g) I presented a session on school discipline and special education discipline to lawyers in the Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough Education Pro Bono Project Training on August 10, 2006.

(h) I presented a session on students still having due process rights to school administrators, professors, and attorneys at the

Education Law Association's Annual Conference on October 22, 2009.

(i) I have presented several sessions to attorneys and staff on education law at SC Legal Services' Statewide Meetings and in house education task force meetings.

(j) I presented a session on working with students experiencing bullying to attorneys at the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center's Education Law Training on March 9, 2012.

(k) I presented a session called balancing the scales of justice on representing students in education law cases for the South Carolina Bar on August 8, 2014

(l) I presented a session called expulsion case pointers to provide practice tips for South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center in October of 2014.

(m) I presented a session on school discipline law at the South Carolina Bar Convention on January 24, 2015.

(n) I presented a legal education session on adding school law to your private law practice at the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association Conference on September 18, 2015.

(o) I presented a session on education law updates and developments at the South Carolina Legal Services Conference on November 19, 2015.

(p) I presented a session on the school to prison pipeline at the South Carolina Public Defender Association on November 23, 2015.

(q) I presented a session on forming partnerships to achieve equal educational opportunities for the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center on January 15, 2016.

(r) I presented at session at the South Carolina Bar Convention on the rights of single fathers in adoption cases on January 23, 2016.

(s) I presented a session on victim's rights in education at the Victim's Rights Conference on
April 20, 2016.

(t) I co-presented a session on practical legal issues at the School to Prison Pipeline:
Children with Disabilities seminar on June 24, 2016.

(u) I co-presented a continuing legal education session on how legal services can partner with public schools at the SC School Board Association's Summer Conference on August 20, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

(v) I presented a session on children with special needs in family court at the Greenville Bar Annual CLE in February 2018.
(w) I presented a lecture on special education law and section 504 accommodation plans to school based mental health workers to increase school safety in Sumter on May 11, 2018.
(x) I presented a law related course on family and school law to guidance counselors for the USC School of Law Children's Law Office in Columbia, SC on June 11, 2018.
(y) I presented at the SC Guardian ad Litem Annual Training in a panel of three family court judges on Friday, January 28, 2022 in Columbia, SC.
(z) I presented at the Greenville Bar Annual CLE on a panel of family court judges on Friday, February 11, 2022.
(aa) I presented a session as the chief administrative family court judge (CAJ) for Greenville County in 2023 at the Greenville Bar's Annual CLE on administrative matters and maintaining the integrity of the court on February 10, 2023.
(bb) I was a presenter on a panel of judges and Frank Eppes for the Greenville Bar on June 19, 2023 in a CLE called Running for Judicial Office.
(cc) I presented on July 20, 2023 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fountain Inn/Simpsonville on a panel of two attorneys and one judge for the Empowerment Week session on family law and probate law.
(dd) On September 22, 2023 I co-presented at a CLE session about family law and collaborative law for the SC Black Lawyers Association Conference in Charleston.
(ee) On July 25, 2024 I co-presented during an online CLE session about the intersection of education law and family law for the SC Family Law Inns of Court.

I completed the part of this list from my time in private practice to the best of my ability. I provided numerous law-related education courses and continuing legal education sessions before I joined the family court bench.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has published the following:
I wrote a short article on observations from the family court bench for the SC Family Law Section's E-Newsletter on November 15, 2022.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Nichols-Graham did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Nichols-Graham did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Nichols-Graham has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Nichols-Graham was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Nichols-Graham reported the following regarding her last available rating by a legal rating organization:
My previous firm nor I participated in any rating procedure. If any rating exists, I am not aware of the rating and I did not participate in the process that resulted in the rating. The Greenville Chamber of Commerce included my name in a list of the Legal Elite in education law in Greenville in 2019.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Nichols-Graham appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Nichols-Graham appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Nichols-Graham was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1998.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina, Inc. Greenville, South Carolina. Staff Attorney. Provided general law practice and community education in housing, probate, and family law cases. November 1998 to September 1999.

(b) Children's Law Attorney. Practiced law for low income children by focusing primarily on adoptions, children's social security cases, special education advocacy, and school discipline cases. September 1999 until December 31, 2001.

(c) South Carolina Legal Services. Greenville, South Carolina.

Staff Attorney II. Practiced law in cases in Greenville County that included divorce, custody, school discipline, special education, special needs relative adoptions, bankruptcy, credit card defense, and children social security appeals. Appeared in Magistrate's Court, Family Court, the Court of Common Pleas, Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Bankruptcy Court in various cases. January 1, 2002 to April 15, 2020.

(d) Education Unit Head. Led the education unit, sought local funding when possible, trained legal service attorneys across the state in representing students in the public education system, taught parents how to advocate for children, responded to requests for training from community groups, and operated the Greenville County United Way's Securing Public School Opportunities Program. Education cases included special education, school discipline, 504 accommodation plans, school enrollment, and homeless student education cases throughout South Carolina provided representation before local hearing officers, School Boards, the South Carolina Department of Education, the United States Department of Education, the Court of Common Pleas, and the South Carolina Court of Appeals. March 2003 to April 15, 2020.

(e) Acting Managing Attorney. Supervised six attorneys, two paralegals, and three support staff. Assigned cases, supervised legal work, handled personnel issues, and participated on management team while the Managing Attorney was on extended leave. Included supervising petty cash and trust accounts and monthly account reconciliations. September 24, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

(f) Acting Managing Attorney. Supervised five full time attorneys, three contract attorneys, one volunteer attorney, three support staff employees, and a satellite office. Reviewed emergency intakes, assigned cases, supervised legal work, handled personnel issues, and provided other managerial duties while the Managing Attorney was on extended leave. Included supervising petty cash and trust accounts and monthly account reconciliations. August 26, 2009 through November 24, 2009.

(g) Interim Managing Attorney. Ensured the efficient operation of the Greenville Office and maintained a caseload primarily in family court. The Greenville Office served Greenville, Anderson, Pickens, and Oconee counties. Reviewed, accepted, and assigned or denied applicants. Reviewed all cases for quality and compliance. Supervised the legal work of attorneys, several support staff, and the financial accounts. Addressed human resource issues. Prepared grant reports. Participated in the statewide management team. Included supervising petty cash and trust accounts and monthly account reconciliations. April 1, 2013 to April 15, 2020.

(h) Managing Attorney (Greenville). Responsible for the provision of civil legal services in Anderson, Greenville, Pickens, and Oconee counties, the quality of legal services provided, and maintaining connections with the community and private bar. Reviewed applications for legal services. Assigned cases and provided case load management. Provided employee evaluations for support staff and attorneys. Provided human resource management and addressed grievances. Provided guidance and training. Managed client trust and petty cash accounts. Assured compliance with grants, policies, and procedures. Maintained a case load in the service area. Participated in grant writing. Included supervising petty cash and trust accounts and monthly account reconciliations. Permanent Position from June 1, 2013 to April 15, 2020.

(i) As the Managing Attorney (Greenville) I also served as the Interim Managing Attorney (Low Income Taxpayer Clinic). Supervised and managed the Clinic Director, paralegal, and attorneys that assisted with tax cases for South Carolina Legal Services in all counties. Provided case

load management, monitored the quality of legal services provided, facilitated assigning cases, denied applicants, provided human resource management, and reviewed grant applications and reports. January 2015 to April 15, 2020.

(j)Judge of the Family Court, At Large, Seat 1. I served primarily in other counties as a visiting judge from April 2020 until the end of December of 2022. I served as the chief family court judge for administrative purposes (CAJ) for Greenville County Family Court from January 2, 2023 until December 31, 2023. During my term as the CAJ I served as a visiting judge in other counties approximately one week of each month. As the CAJ in Greenville County in addition to maintaining regular duties and responsibilities assigned to each family court judge, I was responsible for reviewing all requests for emergency and ex parte relief in Greenville County, providing direction for docket clerks to issue a balanced and organized system of assigning the types of dockets to judges routinely assigned to Greenville, reviewing and managing the pending list of contested trials, assigning juvenile waiver hearings to judges, ensuring that waiver hearings were being scheduled, held a series of meetings with stakeholders for juvenile justice cases to address transportation problems and other issues due to the county's decision not to reopen Greenville's local secured juvenile detention center, controlling the amount of docket allocated for Greenville County Department of Social Services, scheduling quarterly family court liaison meetings with the local Bar and stakeholders, reviewing all motions for exemption from mandatory mediation and all motions to extend the 365 Day Administrative Dismissal Rule, and scheduling and holding pre trial hearings for approximately 60 percent of the cases requesting three or more days of docket time for contested final hearings. Since my term as CAJ ended I have been assigned to Greenville County approximately two weeks out of each month. I have served as a family court judge in Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Cherokee, Oconee, Anderson, Laurens, Greenwood, Union, York, Chester, Lexington, Lee, Florence, Marion, Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, and Charleston counties from April 20, 2020 to present.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
Judge of the Family Court, At Large, Seat 1. Family court judges have he jurisdiction to serve in each county. I have served as a family court judge in Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Cherokee, Oconee, Anderson, Laurens, Greenwood, Union, York, Chester, Lexington, Lee, Florence, Marion, Horry, Georgetown, Berkeley, and Charleston counties from April 20, 2020 to present.

Judge Nichols-Graham provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) John Doe v. Jane Doe. Sealed file. Names available upon request. 2019-DR-23-02559.

Pending appellate case. SC Court of Appeals. Appellate Case Number 2023-000030.

(b) Karen Wray v. Eric Wray. 2021-DR-46-01760

Pending appellate case. SC Court of Appeals. Appellate Case Number 2023-001823.

(c) Gwen Atkinson v. Vincent Kinsler. 2020-DR-46-01439

(d) SCDSS v. Tenisha Tate and Nathan Howie. Unpublished opinion. 2022 WL-4231243.

(e) Javen Glazener v. Lauren Jenkins. 2021-DR-23-04547

Judge Nichols-Graham reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Nichols-Graham further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) I applied for Family Court Judge, At Large, Seat 4, in Fall 2012. I was found qualified but I did not receive a nomination.

(b) I applied for Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, in Fall 2013. I was found qualified but I did not receive a nomination.

(c) I applied for Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 in Spring 2016. I was found qualified but I did not receive a nomination.

(d) I applied for Family Court Judge, At Large, Seat 7, in Fall 2016. I was found qualified but I did not receive a nomination.

(e) I applied for Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, in Fall 2018. I was found qualified and I received a nomination to proceed to the election. I did very well in that race, but I did not receive the most votes on the floor.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Nichols-Graham's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Nichols-Graham to be to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had neither related nor summary comments.

Judge Nichols-Graham is married to Hakim Rahman Graham. She has one child.

Judge Nichols-Graham reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar, Young Lawyers Division, Executive Council 2002-2003.
(b) South Carolina Bar, Children's Law Committee
(c) South Carolina Supreme Court CLE & Specialization Commissioner, June 2003-July 2009.
(d) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association. Assistant Secretary. 2013-2017. Secretary 2018.
(e) Greenville County Bar Association
(f) Donald James Sampson Bar Association.
(g) South Carolina Bar, Education Law Committee, Chair Public Information Sub-Committee, 2014-2015.
(h) South Carolina Children's Justice Act Task Force. Current member.
(i)South Carolina Supreme Court Family Court Docket Committee. Ended April 2020.

Judge Nichols-Graham provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Bethlehem Baptist Church Member. Summer Bible Institute Instructor. June 2011.

(b) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated. Greenville (SC) Alumnae Chapter. Co-Chair of Social Action Committee 2016-2017, 2017-2018.

(c) Young Lawyer of the Year Award. South Carolina Bar. 2001-2002.

(d) Springfield Baptist Church. Unsung Heroine Award. March 24, 2013.

(e) The Ellen Hines Smith Legal Services Attorney of the Year 2015.

(f) The Moles of Greenville, South Carolina. Publication Committee Chair. (2022-2023).

Judge Nichols-Graham further reported:

I went to law school to help people. When I was a young lawyer I did not dream of becoming a judge and I could not have contemplated becoming a judge. Our family is full of intelligent people but to this day, I am still not aware of any other lawyer in my family.

I grew up in a rural area in South Carolina where my paternal ancestors and family members have resided since before the 1840's, when they were still enslaved people. My household was stable and we lived in a stable community surrounded by family members and my father's close friends but I still observed things in my community that created a drive within me to achieve a good education. I wanted to be in a position to help people and to make a difference in the lives of children.

I have a heightened awareness of the need to protect the integrity of the court, to quickly assess the situation and focus on the facts and issues that need additional attention, to maintain the decorum of the court at all times, and to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to maintain their personal dignity and respect even if they do not receive a favorable decision. I do not make arbitrary decisions. I can explain every decision.

My personal and professional experiences will continue to serve the public well. It is an honor to serve in this capacity. I believe that I am a good judge and I hope that you reach the same conclusion.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found that Judge Nichols-Graham has done well during her four years on the bench. She has a reputation for good temperament and knowledge of the law.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Nichols-Graham qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1.

The Honorable Timothy E. Madden
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Madden meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Madden was born in 1963. He is 61 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Madden provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Madden.

Judge Madden demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Madden reported that he has made about $25 in campaign expenditures for office supplies and postage.

Judge Madden testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Madden testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Madden to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Madden reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) National Family Law Trial Institute, Houston, Texas. (2010-2024). This program is an 8-day intensive trial skills course open to and attended by practicing attorneys from various states who seek to improve courtroom presence in divorce-related litigation. It is a non-profit school organized and run by faculty. As a volunteer member of the faculty, for many years I co-taught an advanced course focused on the issue of business valuation in divorce cases. I periodically presented a lecture called "Business Valuations – Lawyer to Lawyer", and routinely demonstrated cross examination of a business valuation expert. As part of the program I critique students on presentations, provide feedback and instruction. From time to time I serve as one of the faculty members responsible for a small group (about six) participants for the entirety of the program. On the last day of the program there is a mock trial and I have served as judge in the mock trial. Since 2020 I have served on the managing board of the program.

(b) Institute for Associates, American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chicago, Illinois. (2016-2018). This program is a three day program which serves lawyers from various states who are new to the area of family law. As a volunteer member of the faculty I was responsible for mentoring a small group of lawyers throughout the program, and lectured in both the regular and advanced courses. The lecture topics were business valuation for lawyers, deposing the expert witness, direct examination of the expert witness, and cross examination of the expert witness. In the 2018

advanced course I delivered some of these lectures using a case-study approach based on the Moore v. Moore case.

(c) Southwest Divorce Conference, Advanced Financial Topics, Presented by Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, 2017. This program is a multi-day continuing education conference. At the invitation of the organizers, I served with a nationally-known expert in the role of keynote speakers. I lectured and presented multiple times during the course of the seminar on topics related to business valuation and expert testimony.

(d) Greenville County Bar, 2017, 2023 and 2024. This program was the end-of-the-year annual continuing education seminar. As a practicing attorney, I participated in a panel discussion during the family law segment. The panel consisted of experienced and less-experienced practitioners. The focus of the discussion centered on maintaining and managing a successful family law practice. As a judge I participated in a segment in which a panel of judges identified areas in need of improvement and answered questions propounded by lawyers.

(e) South Carolina Bar, various years in various seminars. Below I describe these to the best of my recollection.

(1) Family Court Section at SC Bar Convention, 2024, "Hollywood Squares".

(2) "Hot Tips for Family Law". 2022, 2021, and several prior years, the specifics of which cannot be recalled.

(3) Fall Seminar Presented by Family Law Section, Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC. (about 2012). Along with another lawyer and some financial experts, this was a workshop seminar at which I presented on financial topics over the course of several sessions.

(4) Workshop Seminar Presented by Family Law Section, Greenville, SC (about 2009). With a CPA, I led a multi-hour workshop focused on reading and understanding tax returns, and using the data from tax returns in Family Court.

(5) JCLE for Family Court Judges (about 2007). I presented on the topic of pleadings in Family Court.

(6) At one seminar (I do not recall the specific one or date), I presented on the topic of representing foreign nationals in Family Court.

(7) Video CLE led by former Family Court Judge Leslie Riddle called "Whipping Up Some Justice" on the topic of pleadings and temporary hearings in Family Court.

(f) SC Association of Public Accountants Seminar (about 2011). I served on panel focused on business valuations in Family Court.

(g) New Judge Orientation School (about 2002). I presented on the topic of equitable apportionment at this school for new Family Court Judges in South Carolina.

(h) Greenville Technical College, Paralegal Program. In the early 1990's I taught a few courses to paralegal students. To the best of my recollection the courses I taught were family law and real property.

Judge Madden reported that he has published the following books and articles:

(a) South Carolina Practice Manual (Howard/Moise ed. 2000), author of chapter titled "*Marital Dissolution and Child Custody*"

(b) I served on the Editorial Board for the Third Edition of Marital Litigation in South Carolina: Substantive Law, Roy T. Stuckey (SC Bar CLE, first published in 1991, subsequent editions published through 2010 with annual supplements).

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Madden did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against his.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Madden did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Madden has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Madden was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's

investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Madden reported the following about his rating by any legal rating organization:
When I stopped private practice in 2020 I maintained an AV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, had been listed in Best Lawyers in the category of family law/domestic relations for about 20 years, and had been listed in Super Lawyers for a similar period of time. More than once I was recognized among the top twenty-five South Carolina lawyers in domestic relations in Best Lawyers and/or Super Lawyers

Judge Madden reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Madden reported that he has held the following public offices other than judicial office:

(a) South Carolina Education Lottery Commission. 2001 to 2016. Chair (2006-2016), Vice Chair (2001-2006). Appointed.
(b) South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank Board. 1997 to 2001. Vice Chair. Appointed.
(c) Greenville County Transportation Committee. 1993 to 1997. Elected by Greenville County Legislative Delegation.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Madden appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Madden appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Madden was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August, 1988 until about January, 1993 Associate Attorney in private practice (small firm)

Employer: Wilkins, Nelson, Kittredge & Simmons, P.A. (later Wilkins, Nelson and Kittredge, P.A., and then Wilkins & Nelson, P.A.)
Practice: family law (80%+), civil litigation (10%), real estate (5%), appeals (5%)

(b) January, 1993, until February, 2006. Partner in private practice (small firm)

Firm: Initially Wilkins & Nelson, P.A., later renamed Wilkins & Madden, P.A.
Practice: family law and related appeals (85-90%), civil litigation (about 10%), real estate (small percentage)
Other: Managing Partner (1993-2006). Responsibilities included financial management (including trust accounts), day-to-day administrative management, human resources, supervision and mentoring of less experienced lawyers

(c) February, 2006, until February, 2020. Partner in private practice (large firm)

Firm: Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP
Practice: family law and related appeals (90%), civil litigation (10%)
Other: Office Managing Partner (2011-2020), Partner Development Committee (2009-2020), Marketing Committee (2007-2012), Strategic Planning Committee (2007-2008). Responsibilities include supervision and mentoring of attorneys in family law practice area, serving as liaison for the office's 42 lawyers and 40-45 staff with the firm's Executive Committee, general management responsibilities, and administration of the office marketing budget

(d) March, 2020, until present. Family Court Judge, At-large, Seat 2.

Judge Madden reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): Elected by the South Carolina General Assembly in February 2020 as Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 2. The jurisdiction of the family court is detailed and limited by statute.

Judge Madden provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Unreported. Anderson County DSS case. Anderson County DSS brought an action against biological parents for abuse and neglect of children based on the drug use by the parents. The children were removed and placed in foster care. While in foster care one of the children experienced a brain injury allegedly due to "shaken baby syndrome"

resulting in DSS filing another case against the foster parents. The cases were consolidated and a five-day trial held. While DSS and the foster parents were represented by counsel, the biological parents refused counsel and were self-represented. The biological parents asserted themselves to be sovereign citizens and disavowed the jurisdictional authority of the court. The legal and procedural issues were complex, and the attitude and approach of the biological parents challenged the patience of all involved.

(b) Unreported. Greenville County juvenile case. A Greenville County youth pled guilty to manslaughter. The charge occurred when the child was 17 years old, a senior in high school, and an outstanding student. She had a fight with a boyfriend, fled his home in a fit of rage, sped down a busy highway, reached 85 miles per hour and crashed into a car pulling out of a doctor's office. The crash killed the other driver, a beloved and respected family man in his eighties who had just dropped off his wife for her doctor's appointment. The youth received grace from the family of the victim who publicly expressed forgiveness during the dispositional hearing.

(c) Unreported. Greenville County contempt case. In a divorce case in Greenville County a high net-worth and socially-connected party flagrantly violated multiple restraining orders through posts on social media and interviews with media outlets despite being warned and cautioned multiple times. He was held accountable through a jail sentence for contempt.

(d) Unreported. Chester County child support case. In a child support enforcement hearing brought by the Clerk of Court, a defendant/father who had six children by six different mothers was delinquent in each case by thousands of dollars. The amount of his delinquency in each case mirrored the accumulated support due since his previous enforcement hearing. He was sentenced to jail but allowed to purge the sentence by paying all he owed (a total amount of about $10,000). Before leaving the court room he withdrew cash from his pocket and paid the entire balance.

(e) Unreported. Abbeville County adoption case. In Abbeville County a Mennonite family with five children (all boys) adopted a female child who had been abandoned by

her family of origin. At the final hearing the entire congregation of the adopting family's church attended to demonstrate support for the family and of the adoption.

Judge Madden reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Madden's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Madden to be "Well Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and experience; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and judicial temperament. The Committee had the following comment: "We had a lengthy and candid discussion with Judge Madden. The Committee spoke with dozens of attorneys that appear before him in advance of his interview. The consensus from our interviews was that while he is given the highest marks, one attorney calling him 'the most competent Family Court Judge in the State' from private Family Court attorneys there is a concern with his treatment of institutional lawyers in his courtroom. His zeal for excellence shows in a vastly improved docket in Greenville County and the Family Court is well run and efficient. That same demand for excellence creates tension for attorneys with a significant number of clients. While every attorney is held to the same standards, the practicality of handling a massive caseload needs to be acknowledged. He understands that he needs to be aware that agency attorneys are burdened with a heavy docket."

Judge Madden is married to Cami Leigh McGregor (now Madden). He has two children.
Judge Madden reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar. Member, House of Delegates (1990-2004)
(b) Greenville County Bar Association
(c) American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Board of Governors (2014-2016), South Carolina Chapter President

(2010-2012), Chapter Vice President (2008-2010), Chapter Secretary (2006-2008), and Chapter Treasurer (2004-2006)
(d) American Bar Association (1988-2020)
(e) South Carolina Family Law Inn of Court

Judge Madden provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Board of Trustees, Wofford College
(b) Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Elder and past chair, Weekday School Committee
(c) Greenville Country Club
(d) Compleat Lawyer Award, University of South Carolina Law School Alumni Association
(e) Distinguished Service Award, Wofford College Alumni Association
(f) Liberty Fellow

Judge Madden further reported:

(a) On my first day as a judge state government closed because of the COVID pandemic. After a short period of addressing only emergency matters, we quickly adapted, went back to work, and adapted technology and other methods to decide cases and keep dockets moving. While traditional, in-person hearings are best, and the temporary methods deployed during COVID were only a band-aid, many of the lessons from that era carried over to make us more efficient today. The positive influence of these experiences is that when challenged we can find a way to do the work which needs to be done to serve those who need to be served. By contrast, many of our colleagues at the federal level closed courts for months on end, creating backlogs from which they continue to be burdened.
(b) In my first term I had the privilege and opportunity to travel and hold terms of court in 30 counties. Hearing all types of family court cases in different regions of the state gave me a new appreciation for the diversity and commonality of our citizenship, the unique challenges in different geographic regions, the strains on our social services and juvenile justice systems, the local customs and

traditions, and the tremendous sense of community among South Carolinians.

(c) In 2024 my service as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes in Greenville County afforded me the opportunity to use a trial and error system, implement some of the best practices from across the state, and work closely with very busy lawyers to try to improve efficiency, reduce backlogs, and improve work flow.

(d) As expected, my 31 years of private practice in family law, trial and appellate practice was invaluable in being able to address the issues brought before me. As described when I first ran for this position, I had the privilege of being counsel of record in more than a dozen appeals from family court trials, many of which are significant published opinions. I work diligently to create and maintain a good record of the trial because I know the importance of this record for appeals.

(e) My work in a small firm and a large firm gave me appreciation for the demands and stressors placed on all lawyers. I understand what is required of a solo practitioner and small firm lawyer to meet overhead and make a payroll, and manage the daily stress of client relationships. I appreciate the pressure on lawyers in larger firms to be a producer and meet firm-required goals. This background helps me be patient and understanding in addressing administrative issues.

(f) From time to time, before becoming a judge and in addition to my law practice, I took financial risks by investing in a few closely-held businesses. I gained an appreciation for the challenges faced by those who open and operate a business. Although I rarely made any money from these ventures, being a part of them helps me understand and appreciate the same struggles and benefits experienced by many Family Court litigants who operate small businesses.

(g) As one of the original members of the South Carolina Education Lottery Commission, and as Chair of this Commission for ten years, I gained a working knowledge of a billion-dollar a year business from its infancy to successful maturity. I learned both how to organize and launch a large-scale business enterprise, and how to set and guide policy for this organization, all within the confines of the statutory

authority created by the General Assembly. The business aspect of this experience provides me valuable and helpful in understanding some issues presented in the Family Court. The policy and administrative aspect of this experience assists me in working with Court Administration and government service.

(h) From the pro bono work I did as a lawyer, and the volume of cases I have now heard which involve those of modest means, I always bear in mind that no matter the legal significance (or lack thereof) of the issue which is in dispute in any given case, or dollar amount in controversy, the practical and personal importance of the issue, and the day in court to those litigants, is paramount.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge Madden is well respected on the Family Court bench for his intellect and dedication to improving the Family Court system. He expects excellence from all attorneys and has helped to transform the Family Court docket in Greenville County. He is known as a firm, yet fair family court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Madden qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2.

The Honorable James G. McGee III
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McGee meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge McGee was born in 1959. He is 65 years old and a resident of Florence, South Carolina. Judge McGee provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McGee.

Judge McGee demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McGee reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McGee testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McGee testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McGee to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McGee reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) 2008-2012 Adjunct Professor, Francis Marion University teach Political Science 101. This was an entry level political science taught mostly to freshmen covering US and State government;
(b) 2006-2012 Pro se divorce seminar for Centers for Equal Justice. I taught this seminar periodically for self-represented indigent litigants seeking a divorce on one year separation;
(c) 2004-2012 Training seminars for volunteer GALs. As attorney for the 12th Guardian ad litem program I taught new volunteers in courtroom procedure and effective witnessing in abuse and neglect matters before Family Court.

Judge McGee reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge McGee did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McGee did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McGee has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McGee was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McGee reported no rating by any legal rating organization.

Judge McGee reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McGee reported that he has held the following public office other than judicial office:

(a) South Carolina House of Representatives, 1997-2006, failed to timely file campaign disclosure once during my service. It was not timely mailed from my law office. Paid $100 fine from my personal funds. It was my responsibility to make sure the report was timely filed.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McGee appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McGee appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McGee was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

After being admitted to the bar in 1995, I began work at Dusenbury and Snow, P.A. in Florence, SC, which later became Dusenbury, Snow & McGee, P.A. I was employed by the firm until my election to the bench in 2013. I practiced in Family Court primarily, comprising an estimated 95% of all my cases. In addition to my law practice, I became part-time General Counsel to Francis Marion University in 2008 and held that position until my election to the bench in 2013. I was not responsible for the administrative or financial management for either entity nor was I responsible for the management of the trust account at Dusenbury, Snow & McGee, P.A.

Judge McGee reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
S.C. Family Court Judge 2013-Present
Jurisdiction limited to matters as set forth by the General Assembly of South Carolina pursuant to promulgation of statutes, court rules and regulation which currently include: protection of abused and neglected children; juvenile matters; divorce; custody; visitation; child support and name changes.

Judge McGee provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Davis v. Davis (Spartanburg County) 2015-DR-42-2940. This was a matter involving equitable division of a small business.

(b) Williams v. Williams (Georgetown County) 2015-DR-22-233. This was a weeklong trial involving legal custody of minor children.

(c) Downing v. Downing (Charleston County) (Unpublished: 2022-UP-394) This was a contempt action involving interpretation of a marital settlement agreement.

(d) SCDSS v. Davis and Miller (Greenville County) (Unpublished: APC-2016-002260). This was a termination of parental rights action.

(e) SCDSS v. Jenkins (Dorchester County) (Unpublished: APC-2015-002632) This was a weeklong termination of parental rights action involving an adopted child.

Judge McGee reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge McGee's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge McGee to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee provided no summary statement or related comments.

Judge McGee is married to Kathy S. McGee. He has one child.

Judge McGee reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
South Carolina Bar Association (held no offices)

Judge McGee provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Judge McGee further reported:
It has been my honor to service as a South Carolina Family Court Judge for the past 11 years. My goals have remained to same and that is to treat every litigant with dignity and fairness. To be slow to talk but quick to listen and issue any rulings fairly without passion or prejudice. I believe I am a much better judge today than when I started 11 years ago. There are some things only experience can teach, and I am still learning every day.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge McGee is true to his word and strives to be the kind of judge that attorneys want to appear in front of. The Commission also noted that Judge McGee's zeal, passion, and willingness to continue serving as a Family Court judge on behalf of the people who appear before him are great assets.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McGee qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The Honorable Monét S. Pincus
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Pincus meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Pincus was born in 1965. She is 59 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Pincus provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1993.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Pincus.

Judge Pincus demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Pincus reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures. Judge Pincus testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Pincus testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Pincus to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Pincus reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) New Judges School 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 (Temporary Hearings);
(b) 2022 Family Court Judges' Conference (SC Family Court Composition, Service, Leadership & Resources)

Judge Pincus reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Pincus did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Pincus did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Pincus has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Pincus was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Pincus reported that her last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was AV Preeminent.

Judge Pincus reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Pincus reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Pincus appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Pincus appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Pincus was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1993.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Berry, Quackenbush & Stuart, 1993-1997: I was an associate in the litigation section of the law firm; I participated in all aspects of civil litigation from client intake to trial. I was not involved in administrative or financial management.

(b) Hampton Monge Shupe & Curlin, 1997-2001: I was a member of this law firm with family law as my primary practice area (my former name was Monet S. Curlin). This firm eventually became Curlin Law Firm when the other partners left and was dissolved on 9/26/02.

(c) Pincus Law Firm, LLC, 2001-9/26//02. I was a sole practitioner practicing family law exclusively. I handled all administrative and financial management.

(d) Palmetto Law Group, LLC: 9/02 through 2003. I merged my practice with two other attorneys and continued my focus in family law. I was involved with limited administrative duties such as hiring, firing and marketing. I was not involved in financial management.

(e) Monet S. Pincus, LLC: 2003- June 2007. I returned to my own practice as a sole practitioner with a focus in family law. I handled all administrative and financial management.

(f) Pincus & Loomis, LLC: June 2007-June 2010. I took on a partner in June 2007. I continued my family law practice during this time. My partner eventually accepted another employment position. We shared administrative and financial management.

(g) Monet S. Pincus, LLC: June 2010-present. I reverted to this company when my partnership dissolved in June 2007. I did business as Pincus Family Law. I handled all administrative and financial management.

(h) Department of Health and Human Services 2007: I became a contracted hearing officer in conjunction with my private practice where I hear the first level of appeals of certain types of claims. I was not involved in administrative or financial management.

(i) Family Court Judge June 2013 through present.

Judge Pincus reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): July 1, 2013 to present, Family Court, elected. Family Court's jurisdiction is statutory and limited by statute. Family Court's exclusive original jurisdiction is found in §63-3-510(A) and (B). Additionally, section 63-3-530(A) and subsections following delineate exclusive jurisdiction in domestic matters and section (B) gives Family Court

concurrent jurisdiction with Probate Court to hear certain matters delineated therein.

Judge Pincus provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:
(a) Kari Lynn Bristol, Respondent v. Geoffrey M. Lipnevicius, Appellant, Ct App. Opinion No. 6085
(b) Ingrid G. Brantley, Respondent v. Dennis E. Brantley, Sr., Appellant, Ct. App. Opinion No. 6023
(c) Karl and Lisa Jobst, Respondents v. Bryan Jobst, Brittany Martin, and South Carolina Department of Social Service, Ct. App. Opinion 5567
(d) Christine Crabtree, Respondent v. Donald Clinton Crabtree, Appellant, Ct. App. Unpublished Opinion No. 2020-UP-310
(e) John Tomsic, Appellant v. Angel R. Tomsic, Respondent, Ct. App. Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-230

Judge Pincus reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Pincus's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Pincus to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Midlands Citizens Committee also noted, "Well Qualified-No Comment Needed!"

Judge Pincus is married to Daniel Wade Allman. She has three stepchildren.

Judge Pincus reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association

Judge Pincus provided that she was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Four affidavits were filed against Judge Pincus by the following complainants: Dominici "Nick" Badalamenti, Ansley Younginer, Matthew Younginer, and Rhonda Meisner. Additionally, each of the complainants provided oral testimony before the Commission. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavits, and any accompanying documents provided from the complainants, as well oral testimony from Judge Pincus. They also reviewed a written response from Judge Pincus regarding Ms. Meisner's affidavit. After careful consideration of the testimonies, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Pincus in the nine evaluative criteria.

The Commission members commented that Judge Pincus is a great asset to the Family Court bench and has a reputation for taking on hard cases. They noted that she has a passion for doing the right thing, which has ably served her in discharging her responsibilities on the Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Pincus qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4.

The Honorable Randall E. McGee
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McGee meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge McGee was born in 1965. He is 59 years old and a resident of St. Matthews, South Carolina. Judge McGee provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McGee.

Judge McGee demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McGee reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McGee testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McGee testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McGee to be intelligent and knowledgeable.
Judge McGee reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) 2003 – I lectured and presented my written article, "How to Win a Temporary Hearing," at the S.C. Bar Seminar, Cool Tips from the Hottest Domestic Law Practitioners.
(b) 2004 – I lectured and presented my written article, "Custody and Visitation Factors," at the 2004 Guardian ad Litem Training Seminar.
(c) 2008 – I lectured and presented my written article, "The Dangers of Filing False Affidavits at a Temporary Hearing," at the S.C. Bar Seminar, Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners.
(d) December 2013 – I participated in a panel discussion at the Family Court Bench Bar seminar for the S.C. Bar. The panel was comprised of all recently elected, eight (8) Family Court judges.
(e) June 2014 – I presented orally, with written materials also, at Orientation School for New Family Court Judges on impressions of a recently elected judge.

(f) January 2018 – I participated in a panel discussion with other Family Court judges at the Annual Guardian ad Litem Training and Update Seminar for the S.C. Bar.
(g) 2018 and 2023 - I have spoken and presented written materials at the S.C. Bar's Law School for Non-Lawyers on juvenile court and general Family Court matters. On both occasions, I taught this class at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College.
(h) 2022 - I was selected along with the Honorable Kaye Hearn and the Honorable Usha Bridges to present as to Family Court docketing matters at the Annual Judicial Conference in Columbia, S.C. We presented as part of a panel of Appellate Court, Circuit Court, and Family Court judges to all the state court judges in attendance.
(i)2023 – 2024 - I also presented materials at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges. Each year I taught, along with the Honorable Alice Anne Richter, on the issues of domestic abuse cases and self-represented litigants.

Judge McGee reported that he has published the following:

(a) "How to Win a Temporary Hearing," 2003, Cool Tips from the Hottest Domestic Law Practitioners, S. C. Bar CLE 2003
(b) "Custody and Visitation Factors," 2004, Guardian ad Litem Training Seminar, S.C. Bar CLE 2004
(c) "The Dangers of Filing False Affidavits at a Temporary Hearing," 2008, Hot Tips From the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners, S.C. Bar CLE 2008

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge McGee did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge McGee did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McGee has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McGee was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McGee reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, as follows: Distinguished – High Ethical Standing.

Judge McGee reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge McGee reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McGee appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McGee appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McGee was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1991 – 1992, Associate – Felder & Prickett, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds). General Practice.

(b) 1992 – 1995, Associate, Felder, Prickett & Mizzell, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds). General Practice.

(c) 1995 – 2002, Partner, Felder, Prickett & McGee, LLP, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds, active in all business decisions in partnership as a 1/3 interest holder). General Practice with emphasis on Family Law.

(d) 2003 – 2013, Partner, Felder & McGee, LLP, St. Matthews, S.C. (utilized trust account for client funds, active in all business decisions as a partner with 1/3 or ½ interest in law firm). Served as managing partner also during this time. General Practice with emphasis on Family Law.

(e) 1993 – 2013, title insurance agent to Lawyers Title and First American Title Insurance Co.

(f) 2003 – 2013, School Attorney, Calhoun Academy, St. Matthews, S.C.
(g) 2013 – Present, South Carolina Family Court Judge

Judge McGee reported that he has held the following judicial office(s): Yes, Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat Five (2013 – Present), Elected, Jurisdiction is set by S.C. Code Ann. § 63-3-510 and 63-3-530.

Judge McGee provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Houdasheldt v. Houdasheldt, 2019-DR-18-951, This case was a 15-day divorce trial that had to be heard over several months due to crowded dockets in Dorchester County in 2021 and 2022 following the COVID pandemic. Most of the case involved a very disputed custody claim as to two (2) small children. The Mother alleged the Father had sexually abused the children, while the Father claimed the Mother suffered from severe mental health conditions that led her to fabricate the sexual abuse claims because she believed he was unfaithful with another woman. The Court heard from four (4) experts dealing with alienation, child trauma, sex offender assessment, and general parental fitness.

Unique to this case was the overall good and positive co-parenting relationship these parents had despite the serious claims against each other. The children also had, as the evidence revealed, a strong and loving bond with both parents. The foundation was built for these parties to co-parent despite the awful allegations they made against one another. After hearing and reviewing all the evidence, I found Mother's sex abuse allegations against the Father had not been proven by a preponderance of the evidence, but that he had proven Mother had reasons to fabricate these allegations related to her mental health struggles, her belief of Father's infidelity, and her strong desire to be the custodial parent. Her other actions as to Father and his relationship with the children showed she was not concerned that he would ever harm the children, but that he would appropriately parent them and co-parent with her.

For these reasons, I ordered Father to have sole legal and physical custody, but with a duty of consultation as to major issues with Mother. Mother was given unrestricted and unsupervised parenting time with the children provided she completed a treatment plan of continued mental health treatment, medication management, and cognitive behavioral

therapy and clarification with one of the children. The parties were jointly ordered to co-parenting counseling.

This case was important and difficult because the safety of children is paramount. Sexual abuse allegations are very serious because of the lingering damage any such abuse causes the child and the need to shield the child from future abuse; however, the injury to a child and damage to a parent's relationship with the child used in fabricated sexual abuse allegations is also seriously injurious and contrary to a child's best interest. I determined to rule in such a way as to adequately protect the children from the abuse proved at trial, but also to create a custody arrangement that preserved the co-parenting qualities of the parties and the present condition of the two (2) minor children which was positive, loving, secure, happy, stable, and emotionally and educationally thriving in nature as to the children individually and as to their relationships with each parent.

(b) Sobel v. Sobel, 2011-DR-40-2947, divorce case from Richland County, tried December 9, 10, and 12, 2013, This case involved a disputed adultery claim, a disputed condonation/reconciliation claim, child custody and visitation, relocation, child support exceeding the Guidelines cap of joint income ($20,000), private school tuition, complicated equitable division and separate property (trusts) claims, and alimony. The issue involving condonation/reconciliation was crucial due to its impact on the wife's alimony request. The issue of whether certain trust properties of the husband were marital was also crucial to the equitable division award in this case. While I expected a cross appeal on my decision, both attorneys informed me that their clients decided against appeal because of the fairness of my decision.

(c) Menefee v. Menefee, 2011-DR-02-1685, an Aiken case, upheld and affirmed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals in Terry Menefee v. Delinda Menefee, 2017-UP-301 (Ct. App. 2017). This was a multi-day trial from July and September 2014. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision as to nine (9) different issued raised on appeal by the appellant-husband. This case involved divorce, custody, visitation, child support, equitable division, alimony, contempt of court, and attorney's fees.

(d) Irvin v. Irvin, 2021-DR-10-2363 and 2014-DR-10-3373, This case came before me as a supplemental hearing

for temporary relief as a review hearing required by the initial temporary order in the case. I heard this case in Charleston as a visiting judge. I had never presided over any matters in the action prior.

This hearing was a highly contested matter in regard to a 16-year-old female child that refused to visit regularly with her Father. Father and his expert claimed the Mother had alienated the child from him causing her refusal to visit. Mother and her expert alleged Father's own bad actions, neglect, and criminal past made the child leary of any real relationship with him. The child had been treated for a variety of mental health issues as well. All professional attempts to cause a reconciliation of the daughter and Father had failed, despite Mother's encouragement of the child as to the reconciliation.

Almost 1000 pages of affidavits and exhibits were offered up for my review as to this review hearing. Two competing experts (one for the Father and one for the Mother) of great reputations in their field opined as to whether forced visitation and reconciliation should occur prior to the final hearing in this case.

I devised a plan through my order that limited Father's visitation to only therapeutic settings until the daughter engaged in significant abuse therapy and clarification with the Father. Both Father and Mother were also ordered to individual therapy. Another review hearing was ordered in 90 days.

While a parent's right to visit with their child free of interference from the other parent is important, so too is the best interest of the child, particularly an older child. This child had legitimate reasons for her reluctance to engage with or have a relationship with her Father. Her mental health and well-being had to be balanced against the Father's right to visitation.

(e) In the Interest of E.B., 2014-JU-18-47,-48, and -49, This case was one of my most important juvenile matters to date. The juvenile was only 10 years old when charged with carrying a weapon (a loaded handgun) on a school bus and pointing it at another student while riding on the bus. I presided over the adjudicatory hearing where the juvenile pleaded guilty to a negotiated guilty plea and the dispositional hearing(s) and review hearing in this case. Because of the minor's age at the time of the offense, environmental, medical and psychological factors, a comprehensive treatment plan was devised under my direction to ensure proper punishment to the juvenile along

with treatment. In this case, I had to consider many factors when devising an appropriate sentence to effectively address punishment, treatment, rehabilitation, public safety, victim protections, and re-entry of the juvenile into a school setting.

Judge McGee further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was unsuccessful in my application for Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat One, in 2000.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McGee's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge McGee to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The committee provided the following comment: "Conscientious, committed, great temperament, compassionate, very likeable, fair, excellent judge."

Judge McGee is married to Judy Hicks McGee. He has three children.

Judge McGee reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges – presently serving as President, 2023 Vice President, 2022 Secretary-Treasurer, member since 2013
(b) Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for Family Court – member 2022 to present
(c) South Carolina Bar Association – 1991 to present
(d) Orangeburg Bar Association – 2000 to present
(e) South Carolina Association of Justice – member until 2013 when elected judge
(f) Calhoun County Bar – 1991 to present
(g) Family Law Council – South Carolina Bar – past member

(h) First Circuit Public Defender Selection Committee – past member
(i) Calhoun County Public Defender Board – past member

Judge McGee provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Community Member, Seabrook Island Club
(b) Former Board Member, Calhoun Academy
(c) Member, Coterie Club (Social), St. Matthews, S.C.
(d) Member, S.C. Bar Pro Bono Board, Judicial Subcommittee, First Circuit
(e) President, S.C. Conference of Family Court Judges
(f) Member, Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for Family Court

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Judge McGee on his positive BallotBox survey results and judicial demeanor.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McGee qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5.

The Honorable David Earl Phillips
Family Court, At-Large Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Phillips meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Judge Phillips was born in 1970. He is 54 years old and a resident of Williamston, South Carolina. Judge Phillips provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1997.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Phillips.

Judge Phillips demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Phillips reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Phillips testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Phillips testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Phillips to be intelligent and knowledgeable.
Judge Phillips reported that he has taught or lectured at the following bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs:

(a) Prior to serving as a Family Court Judge, I was a guest lecturer at a Clemson University Sociology class regarding juvenile justice issues;
(b) Prior to serving as a Family Court Judge, I lectured juvenile arbitration program volunteers in Anderson, South Carolina;
(c) I served (along with other newly elected Family Court Judges) as a panelist for a portion of a CLE at the 2013 South Carolina Bench Bar CLE in Columbia, South Carolina;
(d) I spoke at the "10th Circuit Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know," a CLE primarily for the members of the Tenth Circuit Bar about issues related to practice before the Family Court;
(e) In February 2023, I spoke at the 2023 Family Court Seminar held in Anderson, South Carolina. I was part of a panel discussion with other Family Court judges from the

Tenth Judicial Circuit wherein we provided information we believed would be helpful to the Family Court bar.

Judge Phillips reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Phillips did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Phillips did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Phillips has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Phillips was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Phillips reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Phillips reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Phillips reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Phillips appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Phillips appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Phillips was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Chapman, Byrholdt & Yon. I served as an associate attorney at this firm from 1997 to 2004. I was initially hired by the late V. Laniel Chapman to assist him with workers' compensation matters; however, my practice areas quickly grew to include family court, workers' compensation, civil litigation, Social Security, and criminal defense. I was never responsible for administrative or financial management at this firm.

(b) Juvenile public defender. I served as the juvenile public defender in Anderson County for a period of approximately six months in late 2000 while employed at Chapman, Byrholdt & Yon.

(c) David E. Phillips, Attorney at Law, LLC. I was a sole practitioner from September 2004, through mid-May 2011. My practice areas included family court, workers' compensation, civil litigation, and Social Security. I also handled criminal defense matters outside of the Tenth Judicial Circuit. I was employed as an assistant solicitor on a contract basis with the Tenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted juvenile matters and preliminary hearings in Anderson County from approximately 2005 until 2011. I was responsible for all administrative and financial management matters for my firm. I was not responsible for any of these matters at the Solicitor's Office.

(d) Tenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. In May 2011, I was hired full-time by the late Honorable Christina T. Adams, to serve as an assistant solicitor at her office. I was employed there from May 2011 to May 2013. I prosecuted juvenile matters, preliminary hearings, and civil forfeiture cases for the Solicitor's Office. I was never involved in the administrative or financial management matters of the Solicitor's Office.

(e) Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6. I was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly to serve as a Family Court Judge in February 2013. I began serving July 1, 2013, and have served continuously in this office since then.

Judge Phillips reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6. July 1, 2013 to present. I was elected to this office by the South Carolina General Assembly. The Family Court's jurisdiction is set by statute. The court's jurisdiction includes, among other matters, divorce, separate support and maintenance, custody, child support, juvenile justice, child abuse and neglect, vulnerable adults, and adoptions. As a statutory court, the Family Court's jurisdiction is limited to those matters where the court is statutorily authorized to act.

Judge Phillips provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Sweeney v. Sweeney: I heard this case over the course of five days. It was one of the first trials over which I presided as Family Court Judge. The case required me to consider and decide a large number of contested issues. Among the issues before me was the equitable apportionment of a large marital estate, whether to award alimony to one of the spouses, the amount of alimony to award and whether to make findings of contempt. Both parties were represented by excellent, very experienced family law attorneys. The case was appealed by both sides. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision on all but two out of more than a dozen issues. Among the issues the Court of Appeals affirmed were the overall division of the marital estate, the award and amount of alimony, the findings of contempt, and the award of attorneys fees. In this case, I drafted lengthy, detailed instructions and findings to be incorporated into the final order. The Court of Appeals noted in its decision that I had made extensive findings in my order. The Court of Appeals' published opinion is found at Sweeney v. Sweeney, 420 S.C. 69, 800 S.E.2d 148 (Ct.App. 2017). The South Carolina Supreme Court also reviewed this decision. The opinion of the South Carolina Supreme Court is found at 426 S.C. 229, 826 S.E.2d 299 (S.C. 2019).

(b) Clark v. Clark: I heard this case over the course of three days. The central issues at trial involved custody and placement of the parties' daughter. The case was very fact-specific. In it, I found exceptional circumstances existed to warrant joint custody with essentially equal placement of the parties' minor child with each parent. I made detailed

findings in my order describing specifically the exceptional circumstances of this case that caused me to conclude that joint custody with equal placement of the minor child is in the best interest of this child. Excellent attorneys were involved in the trial and appeal of this case. The case was appealed, and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. The opinion is found at Clark v. Clark, 423 C. 596, 815 S.E.2d 772 (Ct.App. 2018).

(c) Collins v. Collins: This was a multi-day trial over which I presided. The lawyers who tried the case did an excellent job. The contested issues included, among other issues, determining the income of one of the parties, whether the business husband runs is marital or non-marital, determining whether the business had been transmuted into marital property, whether wife was entitled to a special equity interest in the business, equitable apportionment of the marital estate, alimony, child support and attorneys fees. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision in an unpublished opinion. The unpublished opinion is found at Collins v. Collins, Unpublished Opinion No. 2021-UP-110 (S.C. Ct. App. filed April 7, 2021).

(d) Garren et al v. Pittman: This was a two day trial over which I presided in March 2024. The lawyers did an excellent job advocating for their respective clients. An excellent attorney guardian ad litem also served in this case. The issues before the court involved termination of a father's parental rights and adoption by the minor children's step-father. There were unique factual issues in this case, and I issued an order which I found by clear and convincing evidence served the best interests of the minor children. I am not aware of any appeal in this case.

(e) Jackson v. Jackson: This case was before me in February 2022 for a two day trial. The parties were represented by excellent attorneys. The case involved contested issues as to equitable apportionment, transmutation, special equity, and attorneys fees, among other issues. Additionally, there were numerous assets I was required to address individually in my order. I made detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law in my order. The case was unique because of the legal issues before the court regarding whether certain property acquired before the

marriage had been transmuted and, if not, whether the other party had acquired a special equity in said property. I am not aware of any appeal in this case.

Judge Phillips further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was a candidate for Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. I was found qualified and nominated by the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission in that race; however, I withdrew just prior to the election in February 2009.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Phillips's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Phillips to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary statement.

Judge Phillips is married to Maryanne Evington Phillips. He has two children.

Judge Phillips reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Anderson County Bar
(c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

Judge Phillips provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges
(b) I am a member of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. My family and I are very active in our church. In the past five years, I have served as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, choir member, and praise band member.

Judge Phillips further reported:

God blessed me with parents who taught me so many things by example, not the least of which is a strong work ethic. May father worked full-time with IBM for thirty years including literally hundreds of hours of overtime each year and earned numerous awards for service. During this time, he also served as part-time minister of music and senior adults. He is now retired, but I believe he still works as many hours as he did prior to his retirement. Likewise, I have observed my mother work hard throughout my life. She was a stay-at-home mother to my brother and me when we were very young. She later returned to school and earned her college degree. She did so well, she was asked to return and teach, which she did for many years at Greenville Technical College. She is now retired but manages to work as hard now as she did when she was employed. I have brought this work ethic with me to the bench. I continue to take pride in being reliable and diligent in my work. As a judge, the citizens of this state can count on me to continue working diligently to serve them as Family Court Judge.

I also had a broad, diverse background as a lawyer. For seven years, I practiced with a law firm in Anderson, South Carolina. For nearly seven years thereafter, I had my own office as a sole practitioner. I served as a full-time assistant solicitor for the last two years prior to my election to the office of Family Court Judge. Throughout my career, I have dealt with people of various backgrounds and personalities. The people skills I have developed during my life and career have served me well as a Family Court Judge. I have gained an enormous amount of experience during my first two terms as a Family Court Judge. I have presided over a large number of trials. Many of these cases were lengthy and difficult to decide. Through these trials, I have grown even more knowledgeable in the area of family law.

During my second term as a Family Court Judge, I am particularly proud that I served as the Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the Family Court in the Tenth Judicial Circuit during 2020 when we worked diligently to continue to serve our citizens during the COVID pandemic. I worked with the other judges in my circuit, clerks of court, court staff and administrative personnel during that year to implement new procedures authorized by the South Carolina Supreme Court for that period of time. I remain proud of how we have battled to move cases on our dockets since the COVID restrictions were removed.

I look forward to using my skills, experience, and knowledge as I continue to serve the people of this state as a Family Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commended Judge Phillips' excellent temperament. They noted specifically that multiple comments alluded to him being the "gold-standard" in that category.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Phillips qualified and nominated him for re-election to Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Kristian Cross
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED
(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Cross meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as an Administrative Law Court judge.

Ms. Cross was born in 1982. She is 42 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Cross provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Cross.

Ms. Cross demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Cross reported that she has made $278.70 in campaign expenditures for postage, finger printing, postcards, and postage.

Ms. Cross testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Cross testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Cross to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Cross reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) "Practice Makes Perfect: Successful Tips for a Workers' Compensation Practice," 3-hour CLE presentation at SC Bar Conference, course planner and moderator, January 18, 2024.
(b) "Compensability Now and Claims Handling Post COVID-19," 1-hour CEU panel discussion to the Florida RIMS Educational Conference, July 29, 2021 (Naples, FL).
(c) "Telemedicine and WFH's Role in Workers' Compensation Post-COVID-19," 1-hour CEU presentation to Insurance Claims and Risk Management Professionals, June 20, 2021 (Dallas, TX).
(d) "Compensability Now and Claims Handling Post COVID-19 Vaccine," 1-hour panel discussion CLM Workers' Compensation and Retail, Restaurant and Hospitality Conference, May 14, 2021 (Virtual).
(e) "Compensability of COVID-19 Claims," 1-hour CEU panel discussion to Aon Risk Services, Inc., April 30, 2020 (Virtual).
(f) "So You Want To Be A Judge," 1-hour CLE to the South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association, September 30, 2016 (Columbia, SC).
(g) "Examination of a Workers' Comp Claim from A to Z", 1-hour CLE to the South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association, September 2014 (Greenville, SC).
(h) "The Proactive Approach to Workers' Compensation Claims," 1-hour CLE presentation to the South Carolina Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, June 14, 2013.
(i) Common Mistakes to Avoid Once a Claim Occurs, South Carolina National Safety Council Seminar, "Keeping

Your Business Safe: Securing Your Bottom Line by Avoiding Litigation," August 2011.

(j) Free Seminar Series: How to Avoid the Pitfalls of Litigation: Tips to Keep Your Company out of Court, July 29, 2010.

(k) "Chevron:We hardley Knew Ye," 1-hour Lunch & Learn CLE for the Administrative Law Section of the South Carolina Bar, Panelist, October 31, 2024.

Ms. Cross reported that she has published the following:

(a) 6 Mistakes Managers Make in Performance Reviews, JDSupra.Com, December 2014.

(b) Court of Appeals Upholds Commission's Order that Claimant Suffered No Change of Condition, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog, April 2014.

(c) Harassment and Discrimination in the Workplace: How much does it really cost your business? South Carolina Employment Law Blog, January 2014.

(d) And to all a Good Night: 10 Things to Avoid During your Holiday Party, South Carolina Retail/Hospitality Law Blog, December 2013.

(e) Avoid the 'Summer Blues': Things to Consider as You Prepare Your Firm For Summer Associate Programs, The Defense Line, volume 41, issue 1, Summer 2013.

(f) Managing Litigation Risk: Practice Pointers "From Soup To Nuts," Kristian M. Cross and Brian Comer, Association of Corporate Counsel South Carolina Chapter Newsletter, December 2012.

(g) Workers' Compensation Issues in Doscher's Case, South Carolina Retail/Hospitality Law Blog, June 2012.

(h) Court of Appeals Finds Employer/Carrier Entitled to Partial Reimbursement from the Second Injury Fund, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog, June 2012.

(i)SCWCC Accepts Administrative Guidelines for Interpreters/Translators, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog, March 2012.

(j)Workers' Compensation Settlements and MSAs, South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law Blog, August 2011.

(k) Dorothy, You're Not in Law School Anymore, South Carolina Young Lawyer Magazine, February 2011, Contributing Editor.

2010 Tort Law Desk Reference - A Fifty State Compendium, Contributing Editor.

(l)2009 Tort Law Desk Reference - A Fifty State Compendium, Contributing Editor.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Cross did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Cross did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Cross has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Cross was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Cross reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, National Black Lawyers, is Top 100 Lawyers-Workers' Comp.

Ms. Cross reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Cross reported that she has held the following public office:
(a) South Carolina Board of Accountancy, At-Large Board Member 2012 – 2013, appointed by Governor Nikki Haley.
(b) Judicial Merit Selection Commission, 2013 – 2017, appointed by president *pro tempore* of the S.C. Senate.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Cross appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Cross appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Cross was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Maynard Nexsen (formerly Nexsen Pruet), 2007 – 2010. Insurance defense attorney.
(1) Antitrust and Unfair Competition Associate, 2007 – 2008.
(2) Business and Commercial Litigation Associate, 2008 – March 2010.
(b) Collins & Lacy, P.C., 2010 – 2014. Senior associate practicing in workers' compensation (80%), employment law (10%) and premises liability (10%) defense.
(c) Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, P.C., 2015 – 2020. Of counsel practicing in workers' compensation defense.
(d) Vernis & Bowling, LLC, 2020 – 2022.
(1) Department Managing Attorney practicing in workers' compensation defense from March 2020 – 2021. Managed office operating accounts for Columbia office. No handling of trust accounts
(2) Managing Attorney of South Carolina from 2021 – 2022 practicing in the areas of workers' compensation (80%) and insurance defense (20%). Managed office operating accounts for Charleston and Columbia offices. No handling of trust accounts.
(e) Morgan and Morgan, PLLC, 2022 – present. Practicing in workers' compensation representing injured workers.

Ms. Cross further reported regarding her experience with the Administrative Law Court practice area:

I have appeared in Circuit Court twice within the last five years for approval of minor settlements. Although, I have not appeared before an Administrative Law Court judge within the last five years, I regularly appear before the Workers' Compensation Commission, which is a similarly situated state agency that falls under the executive branch and whose contested hearings follow the Administrative Procedures Act.

Ms. Cross reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 0%;
(b) State: Appeared in Circuit Court twice within the last five years.

Ms. Cross reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 90%

Ms. Cross reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 9
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None

Ms. Cross provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Cross's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) In re Polyester Staple Fiber, U. S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, was my first and only federal case to go to trial. It ended in obtaining the largest settlement in firm history to date.

(b) Bristow Oil v. Exxon Mobil and White Oil, Darlington County Circuit Court, was my first trial to verdict and was a "David v Goliath" type of victory.

(c) Mary Luginsland v. Remac Corp. and EMC Insurance, S.C. Workers' Comp. Commission was my first litigated case to decision as a claimant's attorney.

(d) Wilbert Butler v. Schneider National Carriers, Inc. and Old Republic Insurance Co., S.C. Workers' Comp. Commission, was a significant case to me due to all of the unique issues that presented during the case. It was one of those cases in which everything that could go wrong, did go wrong. However, we were ultimately able to obtain a favorable ruling for his benefits.

(e) Dwayne Lee v. Waste Management and Indemnity Insurance Company of N.A., Appellate Panel of the S.C. Workers' Comp. Commission, December 15, 2023, was a significant case to me due to the nature in which the case

came into the firm. Mr. Lee had represented himself for over a decade. Due to a few procedural issues he missed towards the end of his case, he received an unfavorable ruling that could have prevented him from obtaining all of the benefits he was entitled to receive under the Workers' Compensation Act. He retained the firm shortly before the deadline to appeal; however, we were able to meet the deadline and ultimately get his case reversed and remanded.

The following is Ms. Cross's account of the civil appeal she has personally handled:
(a) Dwayne Lee v. Waste Management and Indemnity Insurance Company of N.A., Appellate Panel of the S.C. Workers' Comp. Commission, December 15, 2023.

Ms. Cross reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Cross's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Cross to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well Qualified, no need for comments."

Ms. Cross is married to Justin Bruce Gerwe. She does not have any children.

Ms. Cross reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar – Workers' Compensation Section
(1) Chair, July 1, 2024 – present.
(2) Vice-Chair, July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024.
(3) Secretary, July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022.
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers' Association

(c) Richland County Bar
(d) South Carolina Women Lawyers' Association
(e) Injured Workers' Advocates
(f) South Carolina Association for Justice
(g) South Carolina Workers' Compensation Educational Association

Ms. Cross provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated
(b) Columbia (SC) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated
(1) Vice-President
(2) Membership Chair
(3) Technology Chair
(4) Health & Human Services Committee Chair

Ms. Cross further reported:
I have wanted to be a judge for as long as I can remember. Some of my earliest memories are of seating my teddy bears and dolls as jurors for the trials I presided over. However, it wasn't until I began practicing law that the "why" became clear. I deeply value the rules and processes that make our courts work. As an actively practicing litigator, I have had great courtroom experiences and not so great experiences. I think it is imperative that judges be an example of civility, patience and fairness. A large number of the public will never see the inside of a courtroom in their lifetimes. The ones who do may find the court process scary, frustrating or confusing. A judge's demeanor can have a large effect on how a lawyer or member of the public views our court system. I plan and hope to be a judge known for having a steady, patient and courteous demeanor so lawyers and litigants leave the courtroom feeling heard and respected regardless of the outcome of their case.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. Cross has an impressive resume and is thought of highly by her peers.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Cross qualified, and nominated her for election to Administrative Law Court, Seat 2.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jeffries meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as an Administrative Court judge.

Judge Jeffries was born in 1975. He is 49 years old and a resident of West Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Jeffries provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2002.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jeffries.

Judge Jeffries demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has made $34.22 in campaign expenditures for candidate business cards.

Judge Jeffries testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jeffries testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jeffries to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) University of South Carolina School of Law-instructing social services professionals working with Department of Social Services and juvenile justice professionals working with the Department of Juvenile Justice. In instruct these professionals on legal standards, constitutional law and administrative processes. I also participate in mock trial proceedings in a training format on behalf of the law school.
(b) Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College-taught courses in criminal law and civil procedure to paralegal associate degree candidates.
(c) South University-taught courses in criminal law and business law to legal studies bachelor's degree candidates.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Jeffries did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jeffries did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jeffries has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jeffries was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jeffries reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jeffries appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jeffries appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jeffries was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2002.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
Upon graduation in May of 2002, I accepted a position as Assistant Solicitor for the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office, primarily prosecuting violent criminal cases in Richland and Kershaw Counties. During this period, I also served on the Richland County Grievance Committee hearing administrative appeals. I accepted a position as First Assistant Solicitor for the First Circuit Solicitor's Office prosecuting violent criminal cases in Calhoun, Orangeburg and Dorchester Counties in January of 2005. In this role I supervised a team of six prosecutors and acted as special violent crime prosecutor for the circuit. I also coordinated the general sessions terms of court in Orangeburg County. I worked in this capacity from January 2005-January 2008. In January 2008, I started private law practice but remained employed by the First Circuit Solicitor's Office as a part-time assistant solicitor. I started Jeffries Law Firm, LLC as owner and operator. I managed the two-attorney law firm's operating account as well as it's trust account. I practiced primarily administrative law, with cases involving social security disability and bankruptcy. In addition to this, I practiced administrative law on behalf of Orangeburg County in employee grievance matters prior to becoming a judge in 2018. I also handled criminal defense, civil rights, personal injury, and family court abuse and neglect cases.
During my 20 years of private practice, I worked at different times by part-time contract through my law firm, as an attorney for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID), the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission (SCHAC), Orangeburg County and the University of South Carolina School of Law. I also worked as a hearing officer for the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and South Carolina Department of Unemployment and

Workforce (SCDEW) by contract. I continued with the First Circuit Solicitor's Office as a part-time prosecutor handling domestic violence and DUI prosecutions from January 2008 until November 2019. I started as a part-time municipal judge for the City of Columbia Municipal Court in July 2018 and as a part-time Chief Judge for the City of Cayce in May 2019. As an attorney, I continued to practice primarily administrative law regularly representing clients before Federal Administrative Law Judges (ALJ) of the Social Security Administration in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia until February 2023.

I worked as a contract hearing officer for SCDHHS from November 2012 until February 2023 in a quasi-judicial administrative law fact-finder role, hearing South Carolina Medicaid appeals cases. In that role I served as an independent and impartial trier of fact in formal proceedings following appeals from SCDHHS agency decisions. I made on the record written decisions following hearings. Those wishing to appeal my decisions would request review by the South Carolina Administrative Law Court. The hearings I presided over are required pursuant to state statutes involving the South Carolina Medicaid program. I primarily heard provider payment and disability eligibility matters. As hearing officer, I also oversaw settlement negotiations in advance of hearings, ruled on preliminary motions, and conducted pre-hearing conferences. I conducted hearings involving both written and oral testimony and allowing for cross-examination. I also typically reviewed briefs prior to issuing written decisions. I prepared and issued these decisions, along with written findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, upon consideration of the whole record, or those parts of it cited by a party and supported by and in accord with reliable, probative, and substantial evidence.

I left the law firm and my hearing officer position with SCDHHS in February 2023 to accept a full-time position as Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Columbia Municipal Court. I was appointed Chief Administrative Judge for the City of Columbia Municipal Court in August of 2024. I currently serve in this capacity.

Judge Jeffries further reported regarding his experience with the Administrative Law Court practice area:

As an attorney over the past five years prior to February 2023 when I became a full-time judge, I appeared before Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), representing clients, in 4-5 hearings a week. These were hearings before ALJs assigned to the Social Security Administration in

social security disability cases. The issues that were determined involved a claimant's eligibility for Social Security Disability coverage under Title II or Title XVI of the Social Security Act. The hearings typically involve a sequential analysis of written and testimonial evidence to determine if a claimant is entitled to disability benefits.

As a hearing officer for SCDHHS over the past 5 years prior to February 2023 when I became a full-time judge, I conducted hearings involving both written and oral testimony and allowing for cross-examination. I typically reviewed briefs, examined evidence, heard testimony and issued written decisions. I prepared and issued these decisions, along with written findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, upon consideration of the whole record, or those parts of it cited by a party and supported by and in accord with reliable, probative, and substantial evidence. I was assigned approximately 10 appeals per month.

Judge Jeffries reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: 70%;
(b) State: 30%,

Judge Jeffries reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 15%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 80%.

Judge Jeffries reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 80%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 600+ decisions in administrative hearings and 30+ verdicts in criminal prosecution cases.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 10+ guilty pleas and/or directed verdicts in criminal prosecutions following State's case in criminal prosecutions I handled.

(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 3-4 times over five years of prosecution prior to becoming a full time judge.

Judge Jeffries provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Jeffries' account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Jeroid Price- I represented the State in the Richland County Court of General Sessions. The defendant was convicted of murder following a jury trial. The case involved a gang-related homicide of a University of North Carolina football player at a local night club. I was a second chair prosecutor during the trial. A unique issue for the jury's consideration was the proximate cause of death in that the victim was shot by multiple assailants. This case received significant media attention. The sentence was 35 years in prison.

(b) State v. Hercules Mitchell- I personally handled this case, representing the State in the Orangeburg County Court of General Sessions. I was the first chair prosecutor. The defendant was tried and convicted of murder in a jury trial that received significant media attention. The sentence was 33 years in prison.

(c) State v. Jimmy Taylor- I personally handled this case, representing the State in the Orangeburg County Court of General Sessions. I was the first chair prosecutor. The defendant was tried and convicted of four counts of felony driving under the influence involving death in a jury trial that received significant media attention. The defendant killed a family of four in a head-on collision while driving in an intoxicated state. A unique issue for the jury to determine was proximate cause of death in that the victims' vehicle was struck by multiple cars. The sentence was 20 years in prison.

(d) State v. Lindy Jones- I personally handled this case as a prosecutor in the Orangeburg County Court of General Sessions. I was the first chair prosecutor. The defendant was tried and convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a minor in a jury trial that received significant media attention. Mr. Jones was sentenced to 16 years in prison for raping his step-daughter.

(e) State v. Phillip Jackson- I personally handled this case as a prosecutor in the Richland County Court of General Sessions. I was the second chair prosecutor. The defendant was tried and convicted of murder in a jury trial that received significant local media attention.

Jackson stabbed the victim several times in a dispute over illegal drugs. The sentence life in prison with no possibility of parole.

Judge Jeffries reported that he has not personally handled any civil appeals.

The following is Judge Jeffries's account of five criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Henry Haygood v. State-Orangeburg County Court of Common Pleas, 3/1/2010
(b) William McCoy v. State- Florence County Court of Commons Pleas, 9/11/2009
(c) David Suarez v. State- Orangeburg County Court of Common Pleas, 3/29/2016
(d) Jeffrey Weston v. State- Richland County Court of Common Pleas, 7/9/2008
(e) Bobby Bell v. State- Richland County Court of Common Pleas, 7/20/2010

Judge Jeffries reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
(a) Municipal Judge, July 2018-present, City of Columbia Municipal Court, appointed
(b) Municipal Judge, May 2019-present, City of Cayce Municipal Court, appointed

Judge Jeffries provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
Municipal Courts are summary courts. There are no significant orders or opinions issued.
These are Orders I issued as a Hearing Officer for the SCDHHS:

(a) Human-Yelvington v. SCDHHS, Order of Dismissal of Appeal
(b) S.H. v SCDHHS v. SCDHHS, Order of Dismissal of Appeal
(c) C.W. v. Carolinas Hospital Systems Final Administrative Decision
(d) EMS v. SCDHHS, Order of Dismissal of Appeal
(e) Hospice of Charleston v. SCDHHS, Order of Dismissal of Appeal

Judge Jeffries reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

I became a full-time associate municipal judge with the City of Columbia Municipal Court in February 2023 following working as a part-time judge with this court since July of 2018. I have continued to work, by contract, for the USC School of Law participating in mock trials as part of the basic training for new-hire caseworkers for the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) since accepting the full-time judge position. My supervisor is Kimberly Brooks, Children's Law Center, USC School of Law. She is the program manager for the SCDSS basic training program. I have worked with this program since July 16, 2021.

Judge Jeffries further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) Unsuccessful candidate for South Carolina House District 95 in 2010.
(b) Unsuccessful candidate for South Carolina Administrative Law Court in 2016. Found qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jeffries's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Jeffries to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well qualified. No comment necessary."

Judge Jeffries is married to Lakesha White Jeffries. He has three children.

Judge Jeffries reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Member, SC Bar Diversity Committee 2019-present
(b) Member, SC Bar Children's Law Committee 2021-present

(c) Member, Richland County Bar 2022-present

Judge Jeffries provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Member, Rotary International, Cayce-West Columbia Chapter 2023-present
(b) Ambassador for Racial Justice, Georgetown Law-2022
(c) Member, Brotherhood, Brookland Baptist Church, 2023-present

Judge Jeffries further reported:

My ultimate career goal has always been to serve my community as a judge. I have found the 6 years serving as a municipal judge in the city I grew up in to be the most fulfilling of my 21-year legal career. I strongly believe in public service, so I have opted for public sector employment my entire legal career. The position of judge is the ultimate public legal service in my estimation. My deceased aunt and mentor, Judge Sandra Townes, was a Federal District Court Judge in the Eastern District of New York before she passed away in 2018. She grew up in Spartanburg, South Carolina but spent her career working in the state of New York. She was my favorite aunt and took a special interest in me during my childhood and throughout my educational and early professional years. She was appointed as a Federal District Judge after having served on the State Circuit Court, Appellate Division and Court of Appeals in New York. Before that she worked as both a state prosecutor and municipal judge in Syracuse, New York. She was truly my idol. It was no coincidence that the start of my legal career in South Carolina in large part mirrored the start of her legal career in New York. She repeatedly told me that her ability to review all legal matters with an independent and unbiased eye is what served her best. I hope to use my own ability to do the same if given the opportunity on the Administrative Law Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission members commended Judge Jeffries's commitment to public service, and felt his experience with Administrative Law Court hearings and as a municipal judge were excellent preparations to serve on the Administrative Law Court

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jeffries qualified, and nominated him for election to Administrative Law Court, Seat 2.

Samuel L. Johnson
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Johnson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as an Administrative Law Court judge.

Mr. Johnson was born in 1984. He is 40 years old and a resident of West Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Johnson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has made a total of $435.50 in campaign expenditures for envelopes, fingerprinting, notarization fee, postage, postcards, labels, paper, ink, and a name tag.

Mr. Johnson testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Johnson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Johnson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I led a panel discussion for the following SC Bar CLE program: *Road Trip: A Tour of the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings* (October 14, 2020), as part of the broader CLE program: *The 2020 SCAARLA Update – The Pandemic Edition*. This program focused on implied consent hearings and involved a discussion of the most important cases that parties should know going into these hearings, as well as the common mistakes that attorneys and officers make during implied consent hearings.

(b) Once a year, and almost every year for perhaps the last ten or more, I have joined Chief Judge Tripp Anderson and Judge Phil Lenski, both of the ALC, in speaking to law students at the Rice School of Law for a class entitled "Law Practice Workshop," which has been hosted by Professors Robert Bockman and Alan Medlin. While the judges spoke about the ALC, the types of cases heard by the court, and practicing before the court, I have spoken about the duties of a staff attorney at the ALC, the nature of proceedings and subject matter heard before the DEW Appeals Tribunal (where I then served as a hearing officer), and the nature of proceedings and subject matter heard before the OMVH (where I currently serve as a hearing officer).

Mr. Johnson reported that he has published the following:
EAGLE VERSUS PHOENIX: A TALE OF FEDERALISM, 7 S.C. J. INT'L L. & BUS. 109 (2010).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Johnson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Johnson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Johnson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Johnson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Johnson reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Johnson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Johnson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Johnson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. W. Jeffrey Young, Third Judicial Circuit, August 2011 to June 2012: I conducted legal research, drafted memoranda, and occasional opinions; drafted charges and verdict forms for common pleas and general sessions jury trials; coordinated the Judge's schedule, in terms of scheduling hearings, meetings, or conference calls; updated the common pleas roster by contacting the attorneys for status updates; and responded to attorney's questions or concerns and apprised them of the Court's decisions.
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> (b) Staff Counsel for the Honorable Ralph King Anderson, III, Chief Judge and the Honorable S. Phillip Lenski, South Carolina Administrative Law Court (ALC), June 2012 to January 2018: I conducted legal research; drafted or edited judicial opinions in contested and appellate cases involving

various state agencies; and advised the Judges on legal questions arising from hearings and submitted legal documents.

(c) Administrative Hearing officer for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW), as part of its Appeals Tribunal, January 2018 to July 2018: I conducted hearings in matters relating to unemployment insurance, employment tax, and related issues; examined employer and claimant witnesses, collected evidence, and made evidentiary and motion rulings; and issued orders containing findings of fact and determinations on the issues addressed in the hearings.

(d) Staff Counsel for the Honorable H. William Funderburk, Jr., July 2018 to November 2018: (See previous ALC experience set forth above.)

(e) Administrative Hearing Officer for the South Carolina Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings, November 2018 to present: I conduct hearings in matters involving the suspension or revocation of driver's licenses relating to, *inter alia*, implied consent from operators of motor vehicles to drug and alcohol testing by law enforcement; habitual offenders; financial responsibility of uninsured motorists, and incapacity to continue operating a motor vehicle; examine witnesses, collect evidence, and make evidentiary and motion rulings; issue orders containing findings of fact and conclusions of law as to the issues addressed in the hearings; and issue orders on motions to dismiss.

Mr. Johnson further reported regarding his experience with the Administrative Law Court practice area:

I have not appeared before either the Administrative Law Court or Circuit Court in the last five years in a litigation capacity, but I have observed many cases before the ALC over a period of approximately six years and been involved in writing orders resulting from the those cases as staff counsel to three different Administrative Law Court Judges. These cases involved corporate and county tax cases; DHEC permitting cases, such as for docks, landfills, stormwater permits, and certificates of need; beer-and-wine permit and liquor licenses cases; DNR violations. I have also addressed in orders issues arising in appeals from agencies such as LLR, PPPS, SCDC, and DEW.

Mr. Johnson reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: None, though I have been in "court" is a quasi-judicial capacity as a hearing officer twice and sometimes three times a week during the past five years. Prior to being a hearing officer, my appearances in court were in support of judges, not as counsel.

Mr. Johnson reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: None as a litigator, but all of my experience during the last five years has been in administrative law;
(b) Criminal: None;
(c) Domestic: None;
(d) Other: N/A.

Mr. Johnson reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial: N/A.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: N/A.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: N/A.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: N/A.

Mr. Johnson provided that during the past five years he did not serve as either sole counsel, chief counsel, or co-counsel.

Mr. Johnson reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Johnson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I have served twice, and am currently serving, in a quasi-judicial capacity as an administrative hearing officer. I served from January 2018 to June 2018 as a hearing officer for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce. I was hired by the agency, so I was not elected or appointed. My jurisdiction was statewide and involved, inter alia, the authority to restore, restrict, or remove unemployed individuals' unemployment insurance benefits. However, I did not have contempt

powers or the ability to impose fines and/or imprisonment. I have held my current position as a hearing officer for the South Carolina Office of Motor Vehicles (OMVH) since November 2018. I was working for the Administrative Law Court when I was hired by Chief Judge Anderson as a hearing officer for OMVH. My jurisdiction is statewide; indeed, I have held hearings in Columbia, Orangeburg, Sumter, Chester, and Greer for cases arising from those and the surrounding counties. I have the authority to uphold or rescind the suspension of driver's licenses in various types of cases, such as implied consent, financial responsibility, points accumulation, habitual offender cases. I also have the authority to grant habitual offender suspension reductions and to deny or grant auto dealer licenses. However, I do not have contempt powers or the ability to impose fines and/or imprisonment.

Mr. Johnson provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) West Columbia Police Department and S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles v. McKie, 23-OMVH-01-1332-CC (June 9, 2023): This case involved a traffic stop for speeding that led to an arrest for DUI. There had been numerous evidentiary objections and rulings, which I ruled on in my order. I sustained objections as to the admission of the breath alcohol analysis test report and DataMaster video based on a lack of foundation and because the business records exception to hearsay, under Rule 803(6), SCRE and S.C. Code Ann. § 19-5-510 (Rev. 2014), was not established. I also overruled objections to the body-armor and in-car videos because the officer, who was in them, testified to having firsthand knowledge of their contents and was subject to cross-examination regarding the footage. Moreover, I concluded that the traffic stop was lawful based on Respondent's speeding and that the officer had reasonable suspicion to administer standardized field sobriety tests based on the speeding and Respondent's admission to consuming alcohol at the location from which he had been driving. However, I concluded there was insufficient evidence, based on the video footage, of Respondent's material and appreciable impairment to elevate the reasonable suspicion to probable cause for the driver's arrest for DUI. I observed only one clue of impairment (taking an additional step) during the walk-and-

turn and one-leg-stand tests (the horizontal gaze nystagmus test was not observable), and the officer had only given general testimony regarding these tests. He also had no slurred speech or other physical indication of impairment. Even Respondent's driving did not demonstrate impairment, as he did not weave within his lane and properly used a turned signal and properly turned when pulling over for the stop. Finally, I concluded that based on my evidentiary rulings, there was no admitted evidence that Respondent had been advised, either verbally, or in writing, of his implied consent rights, or that he had refused to provide a breath sample. Consequently, I rescinded the suspension of Respondent's driver's license or driving privilege.

(b) Lexington Police Dep't and S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles v. Peloso, 20-OMVH-01-4889 (May 11, 2021) (aff'd Peloso v. Lexington Police Dep't and S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles, S.C. Admin. Law Ct., 21-ALJ-21-0152-AP, 2021 WL 4557271 (Sept. 30, 2021)): This implied consent refusal case challenged whether testimonial evidence alone was sufficient to establish the element of advisement of implied consent rights, whether testimonial evidence of a verbal advisement of the implied consent rights alone without evidence of them also being given in writing as mentioned in the statute (Section 56-5-2951(F)(2)) was sufficient, and whether the officer's failure to provide evidence of his certification to operate the DataMaster machine meant that the State failed to meet its burden of proof. I held that the testimonial evidence was sufficient; that, pursuant to Taylor v. S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles, 382 S.C. 567, 570-71, 677 S.E.2d 588, 590 (2009), the verbal advisement alone was sufficient because Respondent established no prejudice from being advised of his implied consent rights only verbally; and that, pursuant to State v. Jansen, 305 S.C. 320, 408 S.E.2d 235 (1991), the officer's lack of evidence of his certification to operate the DataMaster machine was irrelevant because the case involved a refusal to take the breath test machine. I further added that even that there been procedure failures during the test that I could consider, counsel untimely raised his objections in closing, pursuant to S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles v. Brown, 406 S.C. 626, 753 S.E.2d 524 (2014).

(c) S.C. Dep't of Public Safety and S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles v. Samuel, 22-OMVH-01-1874-CC (Nov. 2, 2022): This case regarding a refusal to provide a blood sample involved numerous evidentiary challenges, such as lack of foundation, hearsay, and original document versus a duplicate. I sustained some of the objections, such as to the original documents being required, concluding, after an exhaustive analysis of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence (specifically, Rules 1001-1005, SCRE) and the Administrative Procedures Act (specifically Section 1-23-330(2)), that duplicates of documents would not be admitted into evidence unless the originals thereof were not readily available. I also overruled some hearsay objections because the evidence was not being offered to prove the truth of the matter asserted. And some evidence, such as the advisement of implied consent rights, was admitted through testimonial evidence notwithstanding Petitioners' inability to have the advisement form admitted into evidence. I also found that the foundation for the SLED Urine/Blood Collection Report to have been laid through testimonial evidence that had not been contemporaneously objected to. I further concluded that the blood test was validly offered in lieu of a breath test because licensed medical personnel had given their opinion that Respondent could not take a breath test. Though there was no evidence offered as to the specific reason given by the physician or the validity of that reason, this was not required pursuant to Sanders v. S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles, 431 S.C. 374, 848 S.E.2d 768 (2020).

(d) S.C. Dep't of Motor Vehicles v. Hagler, 23-OMVH-04-2514-CC (Aug. 8, 2023): In this financial responsibility case, I concluded that although Respondent was still registered as the owner of a vehicle involved in a reportable collision that did not have verifiable liability insurance coverage on it, Respondent was not the "true owner" of the vehicle for insurance purposes, pursuant to the factors set forth in Unison Ins. Co. v. First S. Ins. Co., 319 S.C. 419, 462 S.E.2d 260 (1995). Though Respondent was still the titleholder, which is prima facie evidence of ownership of the vehicle, Respondent demonstrated successfully rebutted this presumption by showing that he had issued a bill of sale to his daughter; which had been notarized; his daughter, who

had been the at-fault driver in the collision, had taken sole possession of the vehicle since the execution of the bill of sale; his daughter had obtained her own insurance policy on the vehicle (though it was later cancelled for nonpayment), for which she was responsible for making payments; his daughter paid for all maintenance and repairs for the vehicle after the executing the bill of sale and prior to the collision; and his daughter had entered into an installment agreement with the owner of the other vehicle involved in the collision. Therefore, I concluded that Respondent's daughter was the true owner of the vehicle at issue, and that the suspension of Respondent's driver's license or driving privilege should be rescinded. I also noted that I would have rescinded the suspension imposed under Section 56-9-351 anyhow pursuant to an exception provided in Section 56-9-352(7)(d) because there was a duly acknowledged written installment agreement executed between Respondent's daughter and the subrogee of the other party involved in the collision.

(e) Martin v. S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles, 23-OMVH-03-5193 (February 23, 2024): This case involved a twice-declared habitual offender. Nevertheless, I decided that a reduction was warranted based on the facts. Petitioner's first habitual offender suspension involved three driving-under-suspension (DUS) violations that had occurred over twenty years prior to the hearing, and his first habitual offender suspension had ended fifteen years prior to the hearing (and he had not requested a reduction). Moreover, Petitioner's second habitual offender suspension also involved three DUS violations, none of which were related to drugs or alcohol and none of which posed a direct threat to the public through dangerous driving; one instance involved him driving a friend home, and the others involved him driving to work. Further, Petitioner's last violation had occurred over five years prior to the hearing, and he had not driven since. He had also paid all of his fines and fees and was leading a stable, productive life, with less than eight months to serve on his suspension. Therefore, I concluded that Petitioner's second habitual offender suspension should be reduced.

Mr. Johnson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Johnson's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Johnson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well qualified especially with his previous experience in the A.L.C."

Mr. Johnson is married to Sara Curtis Johnson. He has two children.

Mr. Johnson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Lexington County Bar Association
(b) Richland County Bar Association

Mr. Johnson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Grace Baptist Church, West Columbia, SC – I have been a deacon, church clerk, substitute Sunday school teacher, member of the Constitution Committee, usher, and nursery worker/volunteer.
(b) Cain's Mill Club, Sumter, SC

Mr. Johnson further reported:
I was fortunate to have been reared by parents and grandparents who instilled within me a strong work ethic and commitment to truth and justice. But I also attended a daycare for the first twelve years of my life because my parents both had to work to make ends meet. That time at the daycare gave me exposure to other children from all walks of life, which enabled me to appreciate the similarities and differences of others and to find common ground with those from different backgrounds. This experience was furthered with the various part-time jobs I held in school working alongside individuals from different backgrounds. Equality before the law is fundamental to our judicial system and, in turn, our society. I have striven to adhere to this principle in my service to the

State of South Carolina for the past thirteen years, the latter half of which has been in a quasi-judicial capacity as a hearing officer. I have striven to dispense justice, according to due process, and to temper that justice with mercy when allowed and where appropriate. I now seek an opportunity to exercise these principles of right judgment in a greater capacity at the Administrative Law Court.

I will add that though I have not had experience as a trial attorney (aside from a summer spent after my first year of law school as a law clerk for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs), in my role as a hearing officer for both DEW and OMVH I have served in a quasi-litigator capacity in terms of conducting examination of witnesses during hearings. At DEW, I had to examine witnesses in every case, as the parties were almost never represented by counsel. At OMVH, in financial responsibility, habitual offender, habitual offender reduction, and points-suspension cases, SCDMV does not personally appear but instead appears by way of certified documents, and the drivers are usually not represented by counsel. Therefore, I am conducting the examination of them and any witnesses they bring and eliciting the facts necessary to rendering a decision in the matter, in addition to applying the law to those facts when writing the orders.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found that Mr. Johnson's experience as a law clerk to the Administrative Law Court would serve him well as a judge. The Commission further noted that he had a good reputation as a hearing officer with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Johnson qualified, and nominated him for election to Administrative Law Court, Seat 2.

The Honorable Robert L. Reibold
Administrative Law Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Reibold meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as an Administrative Law Court judge.

Judge Reibold was born in 1970. He is 54 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Reibold provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Reibold.

Judge Reibold demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Reibold reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Reibold testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Reibold testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.
(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Reibold to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Reibold reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I was a speaker at the annual Master-in -Equity CLE in 2010.
(b) I have been a guest lecturer on the Administrative Law Court for a class taught by the Honorable James Lockemy at the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2022, 2023, and 2024.
(c) I was a speaker on administrative law at the Super CLE sponsored by the Hilton Head Bar Association in February of 2024

Judge Reibold reported that he has published the following:

(a) South Carolina Equity, A Practitioner's Guide. 2nd edition (SC Bar Association, 2022) (Co-Author);
(b) The Unfair Trade Practices Act – Is It Time for a Change? (SC Lawyer, May 2013) (Author);
(c) South Carolina Equity, A Practitioner's Guide. (SC Bar Association, 2010) (Co-Author);
(d) Hidden Dangers of Using Private Detectives (SC Lawyer, July 2005) (Author);
(e) Cutting the Fishing Trip Short: Protecting an Adjuster's Claim File (SC Lawyer, July/August 2000) (Author); and
(f) The Big Catch: An Adjuster's Claim File. (SC Lawyer, July/August 2005) (Author).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Reibold did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Reibold did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Reibold has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Reibold was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Reibold reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale Hubbell, was AV. He also reported he was selected to South Carolina Super Lawyers in 2021 for Litigation.

Judge Reibold reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Reibold reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Reibold appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Reibold appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Reibold was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

Year	Firm/Employer	Role
(a) 1996	Honorable J. Ernest Kinard, Jr. Circuit Court Judge	Law Clerk
(b) 1996-2000	Swagart & Walker, P.A.	Associate
(c) 2000-2002	Swagart, Walker & Reibold	Partner
(d) 2002-2005	Swagart, Walker, Martin & Reibold	Partner
(e) 2005-2008	Walker, Martin & Reibold	Partner
(f) 2008-2017	Walker & Reibold,	Partner
(g) 2017-2021	Haynsworth, Sinkler, Boyd. P.A.	Shareholder
(h) 2021-present	S.C. Administrative Law Court Judge	

Following my judicial clerkship, I entered private practice, where I remained until I took the bench in January of 2022. Prior to taking the bench, my practice primarily involved litigation. I was not responsible for these firms' trust accounts.

Judge Reibold reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I have served as an Administrative Law Court Judge from January 2022 to the present. I was elected by the General Assembly in February of 2021.

The Administrative Law Court is an agency and court of record within the executive branch of state government. The Court was created by the South Carolina General Assembly by Act No. 181 of 1993, to provide an independent forum for hearing the contested cases of state agencies. Previously, citizens desiring an evidentiary hearing to challenge the action of a state agency were heard by hearing officers employed by that particular agency.

The Court's jurisdiction is statutory in nature. Because the Court is an agency within the executive branch of state government, its power to hear a particular type of case from a particular agency is derived exclusively from the legislative branch of state government, the General Assembly.

Judge Reibold provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Scurry v. S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control and the Simmons Family, 22-ALJ-07-0033-CC. This case involved a permit for a restaurant marina in Hilton Head, water navigation, and competing considerations between businesses. It is currently on appeal, but no decision has been rendered.

(b) Poletti v. Charleston County Assessor. 22-ALJ-17-0027-CC. This case involved the question of whether an adjacent, but separately addressed lot, should receive the same tax treatment as a taxpayer's primary residence. It is currently on appeal, but no decision has been rendered.

(c) Skipper v. South Carolina Department of Corrections. 21-ALJ-04-0355-AP. This case involved the question of whether exhaustion of administrative remedies is jurisdictional in the Administrative Law Court.

(d) Aiken Regional Medical Center v. S.C. Dept. of Health and Environmental Control and PAM Rehabilitation Hospital of Aiken. 22-ALJ-07-0122. This case involved the grant of a certificate of need for an inpatient rehabilitation facility in Aiken, South Carolina.

(e) Hess v S.C Criminal Justice Academy. 21-ALJ-30-0132-AP. This case involved the application of the substantial evidence standard of review to a case in which the standard of proof below was clear and convincing evidence.

Judge Reibold reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

None. I do receive minimal book royalties from the South Carolina Bar Association as a co-author of South Carolina Equity, a Practitioner's Guide.

Judge Reibold further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was an unsuccessful candidate for circuit court in 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Reibold's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Reibold to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented, "Well qualified – no comment needed."

Judge Reibold is married to Shealy Boland Reibold. He has one child.

Judge Reibold reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association, House of Delegates 2008 to 2014 and 2018 to 2023
(b) Richland County Bar Association

Judge Reibold provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Salvation Army of the Midlands, Member Advisory Board
(b) Leadership South Carolina, Class of 2020

Judge Reibold further reported:
Service as an Administrative Law Judge has been an honor and a privilege. When I make a decision, I am aware of the power and authority the State has vested in me and my responsibility to wield it properly.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Reibold has earned an excellent reputation as a judge and is a credit to the judiciary.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Reibold qualified and nominated him for re-election to Administrative Law Court, Seat 3.

QUALIFIED BUT NOT NOMINATED

Justin T. Williams
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Williams meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Williams was born in 1984. He is 40 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Williams provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
A concern was raised about the attendance by Mr. Williams at an event in September of 2024, and whether this event constituted a "political gathering" and was thus prohibited under the Code of Judicial Conduct. Mr. Williams was questioned extensively on details including the audience and the subject matter of this forum. Based on the specific facts concerning this event, the Commission determined that this forum was not a political gathering. Accordingly, the Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Williams reported that he has made $3020.00 in campaign expenditures for postage and legal fees.

Mr. Williams testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Williams testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Williams to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Williams reported that he has taught or lectured for the following law-related programs:

(a) South Carolina Bar CLE
I Object: Trial Lawyers Address Trial Objections
I addressed Trial Objections as an Assistant Solicitor
Friday, November, 2013

(b) South Carolina Bar CLE
I Object: Trial Lawyers Address Trial Objections
I addressed Pre-Trial and Jury Qualification Objections as a Criminal Defense Attorney
Friday, January 9, 2015

(c) South Carolina Bar CLE
2015 Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners
I briefed the new Domestic Violence Statute and how it differed from the old Criminal Domestic Violence Statue
Friday, September 25, 2015

(d) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association
Hickory Knob Continuing Legal Education
I briefed Chain of Custody/ SCRE/ Applicable Case Law
May 22, 2016

(e) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association
Annual Convention and Seminar
I briefed Pre-trial Evidentiary Matters/ SCRE/ Applicable Case Law
September 7, 2016

(f) South Carolina Bar CLE
The Art and Science of Trial Objections
I addressed Pre-Trial and Jury Qualification Objections as a Criminal Defense Attorney
Friday, January 12, 2018

(g) 207th Regional Support Group, United States Army Reserve
Pre-Deployment Training
I briefed the Military Justice Process, the Rules of Engagement, and the Law of Armed Conflict
October 2019

(h) 2d Brigade, 87th Training Division, United States Army Reserve
Annual Political Activity, Ethics, and Army Command Policy Training
I briefed the rules of political activity, the rules of ethics, and expectations for a healthy command climate of Soldiers.
October 2022
October 2023

(i) 912th AG Company, United States Army Reserve
Pre-Deployment Training
I briefed the Rules of Engagement and the Law of Armed Conflict
July 2024

Mr. Williams reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Williams did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Williams did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Williams has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Williams was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Williams reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Williams reported the following military service:
December 9, 2014 – present.
United States Army
Major/O4
United States Army Reserve
Honorable

Mr. Williams reported that he has held the following public office:
Commissioner
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Elected May 11, 2018

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Williams appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Williams appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Williams was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Assistant Solicitor, May 2011 – August 2013

As an Assistant Solicitor, I practiced criminal law at the trial court level in General Sessions Court. Initially, my caseload included over 600 warrants. As an Assistant Solicitor, my duties included managing a criminal docket, appearing in bond court, appearing at preliminary hearings, appearing at first and second appearances, meeting with law enforcement officers and victims, arguing motions in General Sessions Court, negotiating terms of a plea agreement with defense counsel, presenting guilty pleas in General Sessions Court, and calling cases to trial in General Sessions Court if plea negotiations failed. I prepared and called four cases to a jury trial during my first tour as an Assistant Solicitor. I had no administrative or financial management responsibilities in this role.

(b) Associate, workers' compensation defense, August 2013- June 2015

As a workers' compensation defense firm associate, I represented employers and insurance carriers in workers' compensation claims. My clients usually preferred to resolve claims in a prompt and cost-effective manner rather than lengthy litigation. Much of my time was spent reviewing initial filings, taking depositions, developing legal strategies, and making recommendations to mitigate my clients' liability. Most of my cases were settled, but some (<10%) went to a hearing before a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. I had no administrative or financial management responsibilities in this role.

(c) United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate, June 2015 – Present

Serving as the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate has broadened my legal practice significantly. From June 2015 to June 2016, I served as a legal assistance attorney. As a legal assistance attorney, I helped Soldiers and retirees with wills, powers of attorney, family care plans, debt issues, letter writing, and landlord-tenant issues. I referred them to civilian counsel to assist with matters that required counsel to appear on their behalf. From July 2016 to July 2018, I served as an administrative law attorney. As an administrative law attorney, I served as the legal advisor for Investigating Officers, conducted legal reviews on administrative investigations into Soldier misconduct, and served as the recorder (prosecutor) for separation boards. From August 2018 – May 2024, I served as Brigade Commanders' primary or secondary legal advisor on administrative law, contract and fiscal law, military justice, and national security law matters. Currently, I serve as a Team Chief for the 12th Legal Operations Detachment. I provide legal support for national security law, administrative law, and legal assistance in this role. I supervise a team of paralegals, but I have no financial management responsibilities.

(d) Assistant Solicitor, June 2015- December 2016

I prosecuted mid-level to major felonies. I spent most of my time reviewing discovery, preparing plea offers, negotiating plea agreements, and preparing for trial. I prepared and called three cases to trial during this period. A murder case, a burglary ring, and an armed robbery case where the State pursued Life Without the Possibility of Parole (I recused myself from arguing the last case because my wife was the trial judge's law clerk). I had limited administrative management responsibilities with interns, legal assistants, and paralegals. I had no financial management responsibility.

(e) Associate, civil litigation and criminal defense, January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

I worked in a high operational tempo law firm with a statewide practice. My primary practice areas were personal injury, workers' compensation, and criminal defense. My personal injury practice consisted of document review, depositions, filing lawsuits, arguing against South Carolina Civil Procedure Rule 12 (b)(6) Motions to Dismiss, negotiating settlements, and mediation. I had two cases go to trial in Common Pleas. One was a bench trial that resulted in a verdict favorable to my client. The other resulted in a settlement before a jury was selected. My workers' compensation practice consisted of making initial filings, document review, depositions, settlement negotiations, and mediations. My criminal practice consisted of advising clients through investigations, arguing for reasonable bonds, discovery review, plea negotiation, and trial preparation. I also practiced in magistrate court. I had six criminal magistrate trials that resulted in six not guilty verdicts, and all of my civil matters were settled. My administrative management responsibilities were limited to managing my legal assistant. I did not have any financial management responsibilities.

(f) Public Service Commissioner, July 1- Present

As a public service commissioner, I conduct legal research and analysis to support my decisions in the complex legal matters that regularly appear before the commission. Additionally, I am subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct and have served for over six years without any actual or alleged violations of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Serving as a public service commissioner is a cerebral academic endeavor in that I spend much of my time reading reports and pre-filed testimony in preparation for hearings. While the public service commission has jurisdiction to regulate electric, natural gas, water and wastewater, transportation, and telecommunication utilities, my tenure on the commission has focused heavily on electric utilities and the renewable energy transition. During my service as chair, my responsibilities increased greatly as I served as the commission's chief executive and administrative officer and presided over all hearings using commission regulations, the rules of evidence, and civil procedure to maintain order. While I was not managing simple day-to-day tasks, I frequently met with executive staff to ensure that all employees were performing to standard and that we were managing our financial resources responsibly and effectively. As chair (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022), I was ultimately responsible for administrative and financial management; however, I delegated many tasks to the executive director and managed her performance.

Mr. Williams further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Since July 1, 2018, I have served as a commissioner on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Since my election to the Public Service Commission, I have not appeared as counsel for a party to a criminal or civil matter in Circuit Court or any other court.

Before my election to the public service commission, I was an associate for Moore Bradley Myers from January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018. In that capacity, my criminal experience included regular appearances in General Sessions Court in Richland, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Bamberg Counties as defense counsel for the accused. I served as primary and secondary defense counsel for clients charged with murder, kidnapping, assault and battery, criminal sexual conduct, driving under the influence involving death, and trafficking narcotics, among other charges. My representation included arguing for a reasonable bond at bond hearings, arguing against probable cause for an arrest at preliminary hearings, reviewing discovery, negotiating plea agreements, and presenting plea agreements in General Sessions Court. In addition to a robust criminal practice in General Sessions Court, I represented clients accused of various misdemeanor charges in magistrate court.
Before my employment with Moore Bradley Myers, I served as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office From June 2015 to December 2016. In this capacity, I was immersed in criminal practice in General Sessions Court every day. I advised law enforcement on probable cause for arrest, argued for an appropriate bond at bond hearings, argued in support of probable cause for arrest at preliminary hearings, argued for bond revocation when defendants were charged with committing a subsequent crime while on bond for a pending criminal charge, negotiated plea agreements and presented plea agreements in General Sessions Court, prepared serious felony matters for jury trial, and presented several serious felony matters, including a murder case, to juries from opening statement to jury verdict. During my first tour with the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office (February 2011 – August 2013), I worked as a law clerk, performed legal research/writing on criminal matters, and observed General Sessions Court while waiting for bar results. Once I was admitted to practice (May 24, 2011), I performed the same tasks I performed during my second tour, but my docket was primarily misdemeanors and low to mid-level felonies.

My civil experience is limited to my time as an associate with Moore Bradley Myers (January 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018), where I served as primary and secondary counsel for personal injury, employment, contract disputes, and medical malpractice matters. My civil practice included taking depositions, arguing against motions for summary judgment, settlement negotiations, and mediation. While I only argued one bench trial in Common Pleas, my trial experience in General Sessions and my experience as chair of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina have adequately prepared me to preside over trials in Common Pleas because, in both roles, I demonstrated mastery of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence and legal processes and procedures. I will use my past experience and dedicate myself to constant study of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and other applicable Circuit Court Rules to ensure the fair administration of justice. Also, I will engage the parties who appear before me by giving all parties ample time, space, and opportunity to offer oral and written arguments to support their positions on issues as they arise. I am most concerned with issuing the correct ruling, and I am willing to take all the time necessary to reach the proper decision.

Mr. Williams reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: 0.10%;
(b) State: 99.9%.

Mr. Williams reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 90%;
(c) Domestic: N/A;
(d) Other: 5%.

Mr. Williams reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 100%.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: None.

(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Mr. Williams provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
In the past five years, I served as a subject matter expert, serving as judge and jury on matters before the commission. In the five years before my election to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, I primarily served as counsel.

The following is Mr. Williams' account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Channen F. Ricks was a murder case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant while I was an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. April Sampson was the first chair, and I was the second chair. This was the most significant legal matter that I handled due to the serious nature of the charge, the length of preparation (two years), the length of the trial (four days), the number of witnesses (30), and the impact on the community (justice for the victim's family and the local community). This case was called to trial on October 10, 2016. The jury found the Defendant guilty, and the judge sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

(b) State v. Khalil Davis was a multi-count first-degree burglary and grand larceny case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant while I was an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I served as the first chair, and Stephanie Taylor was the second chair. This case was significant due to the number of homes burglarized, the number of co-defendants, the organized nature of the burglary operation, the mandatory minimum fifteen-year sentence for burglary first degree, successfully turning a co-defendant into a witness for the State, and the fact that the Defendant did not have a criminal record. This case was prepared and called to trial the week of September 19, 2016, but the judge granted a continuance. The case was not resolved before I left the Solicitor's Office for a new employment opportunity.

(c) Tyresha Outing, et al v. Oliver P Simmons et al was a medical malpractice, wrongful death, and survival action filed on behalf of the mother of a toddler who died as the result of an improperly written and filled prescription. Stanley Myers, Jake Moore, and I represented the Plaintiff. Representative Todd Rutherford also assisted in representing the Plaintiff in this matter. This case was significant because it involved highly sophisticated Defendants, was highly technical, and required immense study and preparation for depositions, arguing against motions for summary judgment, trial, and mediation. This case was ultimately settled for a sum representative of justice for the decedent and his mother.

(d) Margret B. Villegas v. AYG Aiken, LLC was an employment discrimination case based on gender discrimination, hostile work environment, and constructive discharge. This case was significant because it was demonstrative of how a pro se litigant's access to justice can be denied without counsel as the plaintiff was told she missed the statutory deadline to file a complaint even though she followed every step of the administrative process to resolve her claim at the lowest level. After defeating a motion to dismiss, this case settled for an appropriate amount that represented justice for the Plaintiff.

(e) State v. James Earl Green was a dog-fighting case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant as an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I served as the first chair, and Sandra Moser was the second chair. This case was significant because of the investment of resources to investigate and prosecute the Defendant, the number of co-defendants, and the other alleged criminal activity intertwined with the dog fighting ring. This case was called to trial on January 21, 2013. The Defendant accepted a one-year active prison sentence after the State presented its case.

Mr. Williams reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Williams further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, in 2023. I withdrew from the race in January 2024.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Williams's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Williams to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee commented: "Very little civil experience but vast criminal experience. But is willing to seek more civil! Overall a good candidate!"

Mr. Williams is married to Stacy Ayers Williams. He has one child.

Mr. Williams reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Richland County Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers
(c) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Mr. Williams provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Richland County Bar Association - Member
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association - Member
(c) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
(d) University of South Carolina Alumni Association – 2022 Young Alumni of the Year
(e) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated – Zeta Epsilon Advisory Team
(f) Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity
(g) Meritorious Service Medal (2)
(h) Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
(i) Army Commendation Medal
(j) Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device
(k) Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with Campaign Star

(l) Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal

Mr. Williams further reported:
My diverse life experiences have shaped me into a decision-maker with an open mind who takes great effort and time to see matters before me from all parties' perspectives. This ability ensures that all parties who appear before me will receive full consideration of their position on the matter before me without fear of prejudice or bias. Regardless of the matter before me, the facts as applied to the law will always be the basis of my decisions, and I will clearly articulate orally and in writing how and why I reached my decisions. Because I have walked in the shoes of the less fortunate and the privileged, I understand why some members of the general public may feel that their circumstances might be used against them in the legal system. If elected to the bench, I will use my diverse professional, social, and economic background to render decisions.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Williams has the reputation of being a hard working, confident, and competent attorney. The Commission appreciates his current service as a Public Service Commissioner and thanked him for his service to our state and country.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Williams qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Russell D. Hilton
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Hilton meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Hilton was born in 1978. He is 46 years old and a resident of Ridgeville, South Carolina. Judge Hilton provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2005.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Hilton.

Judge Hilton demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Hilton reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures totaling over $100.

Judge Hilton testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Hilton testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Hilton to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Hilton reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) CLE presentation at the Dorchester County Bar Association. Representing and Communicating with Incarcerated Clients. CLE # 166303. August 14, 2016. Along with speaking about how best to represent and communicate with clients that are in jail, we also toured the newly built Dorchester County Detention Center.
(b) Lectured at the Summerville Police Department on several occasions for the Officer Block Training Program. The classes focused on officers' testimony at preliminary hearings.
(c) Taught basic criminal and legal principles to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office cadet training program. This was an academy program created within the Sheriff's Department where students went through a multi-week training on law-enforcement fundamentals.

(d) Lectured at the Charleston School of Law for the "Criminal Sentencing" class discussing real-world sentencing and reviewing recent sentencing examples and cases in South Carolina. October 24, 2023.
(e) Lectured for the "Back to Basics" Criminal CLE for the South Carolina Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. February 7, 2024. CLE# 242447 – Topic, "Things They Don't Teach in Law School."

Judge Hilton reported that he has published the following:
Hilton, R 2014, "Stop Losing Clients Over Your Fear of Payment Plans", Lawyerist.com: https://lawyerist.com/news/stop-losing-clients-fear-payment-plans/

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Hilton did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.
The Commission's investigation of Judge Hilton did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Hilton has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Hilton was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Hilton reported the following regarding his last available rating by a legal rating organization: Avvo: 9.9 out of 10; Martindale-Hubbell: 4.5 out of 5; Justia: 10 out of 10; and Google: 4.9 out of 5.

Judge Hilton reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Hilton reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Hilton appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Hilton appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Hilton was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2005.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Assistant Solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Dorchester), 2005-2011: I prosecuted General Sessions and many magistrate/municipal level cases. My prosecution duties included case review, communication with victims, handling preliminary hearings, indictments, and any guilty plea or trial for cases to which I was assigned. During much of this time, my office was in the Dorchester County Courthouse, where I managed and facilitated the scheduling of, and witness testimony before the Grand Jury. Additionally, I handled most of the bond estreatments, civil asset forfeitures, and represented the state on magistrate level appeals to the Circuit Court.

(b) Senior Assistant Solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Dorchester), 2011-2013: In addition to a full General Sessions case load as described above, I assigned cases to other prosecutors, advised and directed other prosecutors with their cases, made most of the financial decisions on purchases or approval of spending funds, approved cases for Pre-Trial Intervention and other diversion programs, approved employee leave, resolved employee issues, and had signatory authority on all of the accounts held by the Dorchester Office of the First Circuit Solicitor's Office. As the Senior Assistant Solicitor, my caseload became more focused on most serious/serious and violent crimes. I handled countless murder cases, armed robberies, burglaries, sexual assault cases, and tried dozens of cases to jury verdict. During my time at the Solicitor's Office as a prosecutor, I handled thousands of felony criminal cases.

(c) Member/Owner of Russell D. Hilton, Attorney at Law, LLC, 2013-Present: As a solo practitioner, I meet and contract with new clients and interact with them throughout their case. I manage all the firm accounts including the IOLTA, ensure all financial obligations such as taxes and

professional fees are met, resolve any necessary employee issues, and manage all other business matters for my office. Additionally, I am the only attorney on the client's case and appear at any necessary court dates. I represent the client by providing legal advice and all other obligations resulting from the lawyer-client relationship. As a solo practitioner, my practice has intentionally consisted mainly of representing clients in criminal matters, but I have also handled civil cases involving property, construction, personal injury, contracts, statutory public road closure litigation, administrative appeals, and a myriad of civil, probate and other legal issues including trials and contested hearings. I have also been appointed as the guardian ad litem in probate guardian and conservator matters, as well as litigated other probate issues, in addition to drafting wills, powers of attorney, and other health care documents.

(d) Contract Attorney for South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID), 2015-2016: As an indigent defense contract attorney, I received cases in which the public defender's office had a conflict of interest such that external representation was required. These cases were handled just as any private client, with the distinction of payment coming from SCCID instead of the client. I tried many of these cases to jury verdict or picked a jury before ultimately resolving the case in an agreeable plea offer for my client.

(e) Dorchester County Bar Association, Bar President, 2017-2018: As president, I led the efforts in organizing and planning our meetings, events, and CLEs.

(f) Special Referee, appointed by The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein, October 18, 2018: Section 14-11-60, of the SC Code of Laws, allows a Circuit Court judge to appoint a "special referee" when the Master-in-Equity is conflicted or unavailable. I was appointed by court order to serve as the special referee for a civil case in Common Pleas in Dorchester County. I was tasked with reviewing, in camera, documentation related to telephone records to determine which information would be discoverable to the adverse party.

(g) Part-Time Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, 2023-Present: In my role

as the associate municipal judge, I sign search and arrest warrants as necessary, and preside over municipal court, including jury trials, bench trials, and any sentencing.

Judge Hilton further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal: During my career as a prosecutor and now solo practitioner, I have handled thousands of varying criminal cases and continue to do criminal work on a daily basis. In the past five years, I have handled criminal matters including General Sessions and Magistrate/Municipal level offenses. These cases have included issues of the Protection of Persons and Property Act (16-11-410 et seq.), as well as multiple murder, burglary, and other complicated criminal offenses. Over my career, I have represented the State as a prosecutor, and as a private practitioner, I have represented defendants, and victims and their families in criminal court. On occasion, other attorneys have associated me to assist them in their criminal cases. Largely due to the COVID pandemic, I have not had any General Sessions trials in the past 5 years. However, over my career I have tried 27 felony cases to verdict as either a prosecutor or defense attorney. I have gone through numerous jury selections before coming to a resolution prior to a trial, and I have handled thousands of guilty pleas. One of my last General Sessions trials was State v. Edward Bonilla. I was appointed to represent the defendant on the charge of murder. The Public Defender's office was conflicted because his public defender revealed the location of the victim's body to law enforcement. This became one of the major issues in the case that was novel for South Carolina courts and is explained in more detail in question 15 below. I have also handled many bond hearings, preliminary hearings, and other matters that are commonly heard in General Sessions Court.

Juvenile: I have represented countless juveniles in criminal cases. While not directly in Circuit Court, I have handled waiver cases that originated in Family Court and one that incorrectly originated in the Circuit Court and was remanded to Family Court.

Civil: Though I have narrowed my practice to predominantly criminal matters, I have considerable experience in civil cases, as well. In the past 5 years, I have represented plaintiffs in quite a few personal injury cases involving automobile accidents, a case involving foreign matter in

food, medical malpractice, false imprisonment, dog bite, negligent supervision, and many other torts. Some have involved wrongful death and minor settlement approvals by the court, as well as varying legal issues related to liability, insurance coverage, and other matters. While most have settled without the necessity of filing suit, I was co-counsel in a complex product liability case in Federal Court involving a defective climbing tree stand. The case had massive amounts of discovery, in-depth issues on choice-of-law and jurisdiction, as well as overcoming issues surrounding the proper use of a safety harness. In representing the plaintiff, we were seeking compensatory and punitive damages due to allegations of similar product failures and our belief the company was aware of the failures. The case lasted approximately 2 years and ended in 2019 with a settlement agreement being reached during jury selection. Presently, I am serving as local counsel for an Indiana attorney who has been admitted pro hac vice. The case involves some parallel criminal issues as well as civil causes of action for breach of contract, breach of trust, Unfair Trade Practice Act violations, and other causes of action. Beyond the past 5 years, I was the sole attorney on a prescriptive easement case that proceeded through discovery, mediation, and ultimately trial. I represented the defendants in that case, who obstructed a road by building a berm and were attempting a permanent closure of the road. The case involved property rights, along with damages claimed by the plaintiffs. It was resolved with a verdict by the Master-In-Equity after a multi-day trial. I also defended a client in the Court of Common Pleas where my client was being sued over an owner-financed home. The case ended with a trial resulting in a verdict for my client.

Over the past 5 years, except during the pandemic closures, I have appeared in Circuit Court multiple times per month. I would estimate I appear in Circuit Court between 4 to 8 times on an average month.

Judge Hilton reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: Rarely;
(b) State: I often appear daily in state court (Circuit, Magistrate, or Municipal), sometimes multiple courts and appearances per day. There are usually 1 to 2 days per week where I do not have court appearances scheduled.

Judge Hilton reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 85%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 5%.

Judge Hilton reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: 98%;
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 2.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 2.

Judge Hilton provided that during the past five years, he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Hilton's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Donsurvi Chisolm (2015–UP–501, Unpublished Opinion). This was a Dorchester County case that I prosecuted. The defendant was charged with murder and the case proceeded to trial. The allegations were that he and two acquaintances were riding around when he produced a pistol and shot the front seat passenger, killing him. The defendant then threw the gun into a swamp and cut the seatbelt out of the SUV to attempt to eliminate any trace evidence among other things. After multiple hearings, the defendant chose to exercise his right to self-representation, and proceeded pro se. The case presented some unusual security issues in the courtroom in that the defendant was actually the one examining witnesses and speaking directly to the jury. Most interestingly, the defendant was former military, clearly educated, intelligent, and had studied the applicable law and facts in his case. The case presented an interesting problem for the prosecution, in

that I, nor law enforcement, ever determined exactly why he shot the victim. While the back seat passenger participated in the prosecution, he also did not know why the victim had been shot. I was able to overcome the motive issue and catch the defendant attempting to present false testimony through his sister when she testified that she previously owned the car and had cut the seatbelt to avoid being trapped in the car with an abusive boyfriend. We had an expert testify that to remove the seatbelt in the manner in which it had been removed, the casing would have to be removed and then the seatbelt cut close to the reel with a razor. The case was won predominantly when the sister (sequestered during the expert's testimony) testified that she cut the strap with some scissors, allowing the remaining strap to coil up in the reel. The defendant was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life.

(b)State v. Edward Primo Bonilla (reported as State v. Bonilla, 838 S.E.2d 1 (S.C. App. 2019)). This case was appointed to me on an indigent defense contract. I served as defense counsel for the defendant who had been charged with murder. The defendant was accused of meeting the victim on a dating app, killing her, and burying her body in a shallow grave in upper Dorchester County. Originally the case was handled by the public defender's office and there was a disclosure of the location of the victim's body by the defendant's attorney. This disclosure created a conflict with the public defender in that there then became an issue as to whether the disclosure was based on informed consent and if the consent was voluntary. This case presented a complex novel issue for South Carolina jurisprudence regarding the "Rule 1.6 Hearing." The case also involved many issues of expert testimony, search warrant issues, magistrate jurisdiction and other Fourth Amendment issues, as well as balancing media rights against the rights of the defendant. The case was heavily covered in the media as the "Kik" app murder and lasted a full week. Ultimately, the defendant was found guilty of murder at trial.

(c) State v. DR (expunged, not reported). I served as defense counsel for the defendant. The case involved an individual who had pointed a firearm at someone who threatened to fight him. DR was in his 70s, of small stature, and was the homeowner's association president for his neighborhood. The HOA had issues with people coming to do "Pokémon raids" whereby they would appear in large groups at the HOA gazebo and search for digital caricatures placed via coordinates. DR was on his property, near the end of his driveway, when he told the individuals they needed to leave immediately. One of them took an intimidating stance, poured out his drink, and made threatening remarks towards DR. As the guy got in his car and drove approximately 100 feet to DR's driveway, DR reached in his car, grabbed a pistol, and held it by his side. When the individual pulled up and went to get out of his car, DR pointed the gun at him and told him to get out of there. Bystanders called police and law enforcement responded but did not arrest DR. Instead, law enforcement created an incident report and returned DR's gun. Unknown to DR, law enforcement issued a warrant and six months after the event, DR was served and arrested for Pointing or Presenting a Firearm. I filed a motion to bar prosecution under the Protection of Persons and Property Act ("Stand Your Ground" law). The State argued that the act did not apply because he only "presented" deadly force and did not actually "use" deadly force. I argued that this was clearly contrary to public policy and against the intent of the legislature. The Court granted protection and the case was barred further prosecution. The charge was dismissed and expunged.

(d) Carter v. Kemmerlin (not reported). I served as counsel for the defendants in a civil case involving the plaintiff's suit to establish a prescriptive easement over one parcel of property to an adjoining parcel. The case was significant because it involved in-depth property law and issues regarding adverse possession, prescription, property interests, chain of title, and other issues. The case began in Circuit Court and was referred to the Master-in-Equity by agreement. The matter

progressed from discovery to mediation to trial. The case ended after a multi-day trial before the Master-in-Equity. The Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs on the issue of the prescriptive easement, but significantly lessened the damages sought.

(e) State v. McCombs, 762 S.E.2d 744 (S.C. App. 2014), vacated after Defendant's death by 772 S.E.2d 510 (S.C. 2015). McCombs was a case that I prosecuted while in the Solicitor's Office. The case involved a lewd act on a minor where the defendant had been charged and convicted previously on eerily similar conduct. Pretrial, I sought to introduce evidence of the prior bad act through testimony of the previous victim that we had located and brought in from out of state. Over a two-day period, I offered evidence and argued for the admissibly of the prior bad acts to show a common scheme or plan under Rule 404(b), SCRE. The trial judge held that the evidence of the prior lewd act was inadmissible despite the striking similarities in the details. I believed the decision was in error and contrary to the rule of evidence and case law. On behalf of the State, I appealed the Court's decision. The appeal was handled by the Attorney General's office, but the trial judge's decision was reversed by the Court of Appeals and a published opinion issued. However, the decision was later vacated by the Supreme Court after the defendant died during the pendency of the appeal.

The following is Judge Hilton's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:

While I have never handled a civil appellate case in the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court, I did handle a civil appeal to the Circuit Court involving a landlord/tenant dispute where I represented the landlord.

The following is Judge Hilton's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:

I have filed appellate paperwork on behalf of the State and defendants but have never had to argue a criminal appeal in the South Carolina Court of Appeals. However, I have argued many criminal appeals to the Circuit Court for Magistrate or Municipal Court cases.

Judge Hilton reported that he has held the following judicial office:

(a) Circuit Court Special Referee, appointed by The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein, First Judicial Circuit, October 18, 2018: As special referee, I had the statutory authority equivalent to the Master-in-Equity. I was appointed to review discovery in a civil matter regarding an automobile accident and determine which information would be discoverable to the adverse party.

(b) Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner, part-time, appointed by Town Council, 2023 – Present: The municipal court's jurisdiction is typically limited by statute to criminal matters carrying a fine of up to $500 and/or incarceration of up to 30 days in jail. There are some exceptions to this jurisdictional rule which allow the court to handle matters of greater penalty.

Judge Hilton provided the following statement regarding his most significant orders or opinions:

As a municipal judge, I have not issued any orders that would be considered "significant".

Judge Hilton reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

While serving as the part-time Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner (2023 – present), I was/am also the Owner/Member of Russell D. Hilton, Attorney at Law, LLC (2013 – present)

Judge Hilton further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

In the fall of 2023, I ran for Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 11. I was originally found qualified but not nominated. Subsequently, I was placed back in the race after JMSC removed another candidate. The election proceeded to a vote resulting in a tally of 71 to 85 and I lost to The Honorable Milton Kimpson.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Hilton's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Hilton to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, criminal experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and civil experience. The Committee noted: "Likeable, good temperament, impressed by effort to obtain more civil experience, good criminal experience."

Judge Hilton is married to Elizabeth Brewer Hilton. He does not have any children.

Judge Hilton reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar – 2005 to Present.
(b) Dorchester County Bar Association – 2005 to Present, President 2016-2017.
(c) Berkeley County Bar Association – 2013 to Present.
(d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (SCACDL) – 2014 to Present.
(e) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) – 2020 to Present.
(f) DUI Defense Lawyers Association (DUIDLA) – 2018 to Present.

Judge Hilton provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Lowcountry Flying Club, Member since 2020. President, 2023-Present. Maintenance Liaison, 2021-2023.
(b) Friends of the USVI National Park.
(c) EAA (Experimental Aviation Association).
(d) Cypress Church, Administrative Council and Chairperson of Trustees, approximately 1995 to present.
(e) Mimms Lake Fishing Club (SC Audubon Society), Member since 2020.
(f) DUI Defense Lawyers Association (DUIDLA).
(g) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (SCACDL).
(h) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL).
(i) Berkeley County Bar Association.
(j) Dorchester Bar Association.

Judge Hilton further reported:
Over the past 46 years of my life, I have dedicated more than half of that time to practicing law or working in the legal field. However, my experiences extend well beyond the boundaries of jurisprudence. I have engaged in a wide range of activities that I believe enrich the skill set and personality traits beneficial to a judge. Those other areas have allowed me to grow in patience, and attention to detail.
I have been fortunate to receive the support of family, friends, and my spouse in many endeavors, shaping both the attorney and the person I am today. Last year, I had the privilege of running for a judicial seat, during which I met a vast number of people. Though narrowly missing the needed votes, I received much encouragement to pursue a judicial seat again. The experience last year has only deepened my commitment and humility in applying for this position. I would be profoundly grateful for the opportunity to serve in such a capacity and would be truly humbled to be selected.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission recognized the Citizen's Committee's comment regarding Judge Hilton's efforts to obtain more civil experience since his last screening.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Hilton qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Kyliene Lee Keesley
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Keesley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial services a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Keesley was born in 1979. She is 45 years old and a resident of West Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Keesley provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the

immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2004.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Keesley.

Judge Keesley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Keesley reported that she has made $1.46 in campaign expenditures for postage.
Judge Keesley testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Keesley testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Keesley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Keesley reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I am currently teaching my eighth semester of Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law which involves instruction on negotiation, mediation, arbitration, and early neutral evaluation;
(b) As a member of the Dispute Resolution Section Council of the South Carolina Bar, I have served as course planner and speaker and/or moderator for multiple CLEs, including development of Bar Convention agendas. Some topics of CLEs that I have personally moderated or assisted in development of include implicit bias, emotional intelligence, skills to combat narcissistic and domineering behavior in parties, and best practices in Alternative Dispute Resolution;

(c) I assisted in the South Carolina Defense Attorneys' Association Trial Academy, by service as a juror and a breakout session leader. This service did not include a specific lecture topic but did include responding to questions of young attorneys and individuals in a Paralegal Studies Certificate program regarding trial procedure and preparation for trial;
(d) I taught a course on Alternative Dispute Resolution as a part of the Law School for Non-lawyers program offered by the South Carolina Bar;
(e) I presented at the Lexington County Bar Association Annual CLE on the topic of Alternative Dispute Resolution;
(f) I am preparing additional CLEs for offering by the South Carolina Bar regarding the effect of the 2019 amendments to the Probate Code on minor settlement approval procedure, utilization of ABLE accounts for disbursement of settlement proceeds, explanation of Mediation procedure for non-lawyers, and fast-track trial procedure and am scheduled to speak at the 2025 South Carolina Bar Convention to provide an Alternative Dispute Resolution rules and case law update.

Judge Keesley reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Keesley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Keesley did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Keesley has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Keesley was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Keesley reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Keesley reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Keesley reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Keesley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Keesley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Keesley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2004.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable James R. Barber, III
During my clerkship, Judge Barber was the Chief Administrative Judge for the Court of Common Pleas in Richland County. I performed administrative tasks including scheduling and tracking outstanding matters that required ruling. I drafted Orders and responded to voluminous correspondence from attorneys and inmates. I reviewed proposed Orders, motions, memoranda, and case file materials and reported to the Judge on my findings and opinions. I conducted legal research on both criminal and civil topics. While serving as a judicial clerk, I observed and assisted in all aspects of both criminal and civil Court, including but not limited to the following: civil trials, criminal trials, non-jury motion hearings, pre-trial conferences and hearings in both civil and criminal matters, guilty pleas, bond hearings, post-conviction relief hearings, probation revocation hearings and status conferences. I was not involved in any financial management in this position.

(b) Associate Attorney/Partner, Howser, Newman & Besley, LLC
My primary practice has been civil litigation. I have represented defendants in cases involving a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, automobile liability, professional negligence, premises liability, and breach of contract. My early years of practice included appearances in Family Court as a guardian ad litem and as attorney for parties in both hearings and trial. In more recent years, my practice expanded to include representation of plaintiffs in breach of contract

actions and on personal injury and property damage claims. I have performed all aspects of litigation tasks from the initial client interview to the conclusion of trial and supplemental proceedings for collection of a judgment obtained at trial. Outside of Court matters, I have provided advice to clients regarding the validity and formation of contract language and have responded to pre-suit claims on their behalf. In the final years of my practice, I spent time observing criminal court proceedings and was associated to assist a criminal defense attorney in certain matters. This included assisting in legal research and advising criminal defendants of considerations related to trial, sentencing, and pleas.

I represented clients as sole counsel and chief counsel in Magistrate's Court, Circuit Court, Family Court, and the U.S. District Court for the District of SC. I appeared before the Master-in-Equity and Probate Court in many counties seeking approval of settlements and to assert liens on behalf of my clients. Over the course of my legal career, I have had to research and apply complex legal theories and law to advocate for my clients. I have written briefs, motions, Orders, pleadings, petitions, memoranda of law, and complex coverage opinions utilizing my evaluation and application of the laws of the State of South Carolina.

In 2011, I became a Certified Circuit Court Mediator. In this role, I have mediated hundreds of actions primarily involving claims of personal injury, property damage, breach of contract, false imprisonment, construction defects, and medical malpractice. I have also served as an Arbitrator for property damage actions in multiple counties in South Carolina since becoming a Certified Circuit Court Arbitrator in 2014. Service as an Arbitrator allowed me to make legal determinations and issue rulings in civil matters. In addition to mediation and arbitration, I was appointed as a Special Hearing Officer to preside over a Fast Track Trial in Richland County.

My involvement in financial administration of the firm included preparation and production of invoices to clients and collection of payments. This required production, maintenance, and editing of thousands of data entries of task-based, billable-time descriptions. Although I delegated certain responsibilities to my legal assistant and other office staff, I handled a majority of administrative tasks myself. I had no management duties regarding trust accounts.

(c) Magistrate Court Judge, Lexington County

I was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in June of 2024. In this role, I oversee deposits of funds and issuance of funds by the Cayce-West

Columbia District office but do not have any managerial responsibilities related to a trust account. My administrative duties include, but are not limited to, management of scheduling and execution of Orders or Writs along with issuance and retention of warrants. Following my appointment, I attended two weeks of training on criminal and civil procedural considerations. This included extensive training regarding application of the S.C. Rules of Evidence in criminal and civil actions, defenses, and protection of Constitutional rights.

In the role of a Magistrate, my jurisdiction is set by statute to include criminal trial jurisdiction over all offenses subject to a fine of $500.00 or less or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both and to include civil jurisdiction over matters in which the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500 (exclusive of fees and costs that may be awarded). In Lexington County, Magistrates also have jurisdiction over certain criminal matters that exceed the basic statutory limits including third degree domestic violence, forgery with no dollar amount involved, and third offense of driving under suspension. Lexington County Magistrates are also assigned to hear certain General Sessions cases including those with a penalty of up to 1 year imprisonment and/or a fine of $5,500. My duties as a Magistrate primarily include issuance of search and arrest warrants and presiding over bond Court and claims for eviction, claim and delivery, property damage recovery, and restraining orders along with hearings and trials on domestic violence offenses, traffic offenses (including driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs), trespass, and code enforcement matters. Additionally, my duties include presiding over Magistrate sales and preliminary hearings in criminal matters.

The position requires care in informing criminal defendants of their constitutional rights and ensuring that civil parties have the opportunity to fairly assert their claims and defenses. The variety of matters and claims before the Magistrate Court is very broad. Interaction with claimants and parties, including law enforcement officers acting on behalf of the State, requires my exercise of patience and fair application of the law daily.

Judge Keesley further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

> (a) My experience in criminal matters derives from my service as a judicial law clerk, representation of clients with pending or past criminal charges in civil actions, observations through association with criminal defense counsel, and my current service as a Magistrate Court Judge.

Early in my legal career, I also served as a guardian ad litem and an attorney on several abuse and neglect and runaway cases which required investigation of and defense against pending criminal charges.

During my judicial clerkship, I assisted a Circuit Court Judge in the performance of his duties in all proceedings of criminal Court and was able to observe numerous trials, pre-trial hearings, in camera hearings to determine admissibility of evidence, bond hearings, guilty pleas, probation revocation hearings, Jackson-Denno hearings (Jackson v. Denno, 378 U.S. 368 (1964)) on admissibility of statements/confessions, Batson motion hearings during jury selection (Batson v. Kentucky, 476 U.S. 79(1986)), and the provision of Allen charges when juries reported that they were deadlocked (Allen v. U.S., 164 U.S. 492 (1896)). Although civil in nature, I also observed many post-conviction relief hearings that involved evaluation of criminal procedures, consideration of evidentiary issues, and evaluation of effectiveness of counsel at trial. These included the Donney Council PCR proceedings which resulted in creation of South Carolina precedent regarding competency and admissibility standards for certain evidence. That matter involved the early application and use of mtDNA testing and considerations of the effectiveness of counsel in criminal proceedings. State v. Council, provides guiding law on the Sixth Amendment right to counsel and admissibility of inculpatory statements that is applied constantly in criminal matters in South Carolina, and I have witnessed the application of those standards and had the unique opportunity to observe and hear testimony of Mr. Council. 335 S.C.1, 515 S.E.2d 508 (1999). My clerkship responsibilities required that I research criminal procedure and case law which familiarized me with the standards and law for application in criminal matters before the Circuit Court.

One of my first cases in private practice included defense against legal malpractice allegations of inadequate representation of a client in a criminal matter which required my research and evaluation of criminal penalties, charges, and investigation in order to assert a defense. Throughout my practice, I handled numerous claims resulting from alleged criminal acts of my client or my client's employees. These acts most often included battery, rape, or driving under the influence. I had to evaluate the effect of the criminal charges on negotiation of claims, discovery, and settlement document language including extensive research and application of the Fifth Amendment privilege and other constitutional rights in my advice and representation of clients. I have engaged in motions practice related to my client's assertion of the Fifth

Amendment privilege and have worked closely with criminal defense counsel regarding discovery practice throughout my legal career. Although my practice was primarily civil in nature, it was not void of consideration and research of criminal penalties and procedure. Additionally, in recent years, I observed criminal proceedings in Circuit Court and was associated as counsel for criminal defendants in both trial and pre-trial matters to assist with research and advising of criminal defendants related to plea considerations and trial.

As a Magistrate Judge, I preside over criminal matters weekly. As a part of this job, I have obtained legal education to promote my understanding and application of criminal statutes and penalties as well as the S.C. Rules of Evidence in criminal matters before the Court. My role requires that I ensure protection of the constitutional rights afforded defendants in criminal court while maintaining efficiency in the disposition of cases. My service as a Magistrate requires interaction with individuals charged with crimes, victims, and representatives of the State on a variety of matters and proceedings, which include those involved in issuance of warrants and appearing for bond Court.

My experience described above and in application of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence during my practice and as a Magistrate has prepared me to preside over criminal matters as a Circuit Court Judge. Additionally, I understand the requirements of a Judge and have had the opportunity to both study and apply a Judge's considerations in a multitude of criminal proceedings. I am confident that I can perform any requisite research and study of criminal matters, and welcome the opportunity to expand upon my knowledge, to fairly and efficiently apply the Rules of Criminal Procedure and precedent to pending criminal matters.

(b) Over the past five years, I have handled many civil matters representing parties in all aspects of litigation from asserting a pre-suit claim to obtaining a judgment at trial. This included representation of both plaintiffs and defendants. I have conducted all aspects of investigation and discovery. During the large majority of the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court Judge multiple times a month. My practice was statewide requiring my appearance in Court in almost every county in the State over my career. I handled hundreds of civil matters in private practice as sole counsel for my clients, both individuals and corporations. The types of claims that I primarily handled included the following: automobile liability, premises liability,

construction defects, legal malpractice, professional negligence, negligent supervision or hiring, breach of contract, homeowner's association disputes, dram shop liability, and mechanic's liens. During my time in private practice, I presented hundreds of minor settlements and wrongful death and survival action settlements to the Court for approval, and these matters involved the issues listed above along with claims of negligent supervision and the application of the Tort Claims Act. Outside of Court matters, I have provided advice to clients regarding the validity and formation of contract language and have responded to pre-suit claims on their behalf. As my mediation practice grew, it expanded my knowledge of legal claims and provided insight on the considerations of both sides of a civil case. My experience in civil matters through my practice as a litigator, mediator, and arbitrator has given me the skills and knowledge to successfully serve as a Circuit Court Judge. I employ these skills in my current role as a Magistrate Court Judge to hear civil claims weekly. My current job requires that I routinely make determinations of jurisdiction and equity that prepare me to efficiently do so in service as a Circuit Court Judge in civil matters.

Judge Keesley reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: none;
(b) State: prior to 2020, several times a month; 2020-2024, approximately twice a month.

Judge Keesley reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 85%;
(b) Criminal: 1%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 14%.

Judge Keesley reported the percentage of her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Percentage of practice, including cases that settled prior to trial: Approximately 65%;

(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 2%.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: 0%.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: 0%.
Judge Keesley provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Keesley's account of her five most significant litigated matters:
(a) Jones and Jones v. Williams. This case is significant in that it included the only trial in which I have been involved for a claim of claim of traumatic brain injury. All other such claims that I handled resolved prior to trial. The case involved an automobile collision in Richland County. Negligence was admitted by the defense. The jury returned a verdict of $0 for the Plaintiff. The trial of this case commenced less than a week after another trial that I participated in, so I was subject to the time constraints of back-to-back trials creating a memorable experience of the stresses that accompany the excitement of trial work.
(b) Houston v. Ray Products Co. and PolyOne Designed Structures and Solutions, LLC; PolyOne Designed Structures and Solutions, LLC v. PODS Enterprises, Inc.; PODS Enterprises, Inc. v. Houston. I represented a third-party defendant/cross-claimant. This case is significant, because it involved sophisticated professional parties located in various states and required travel to Florida and California to conduct discovery and depositions. Although the primary claim was Houston's product liability claim, litigation of the case involved disputes regarding breach of contract, application of OSHA standards, and business best practices. The case required examination of experts in very specialized fields and required that I prepare business executives to give deposition testimony on behalf of a national corporation. Unlike other product liability actions that I have handled, this case involved complex contract issues upon which liability hinged. After extensive litigation and multiple motions, the claims against my client were dismissed by an Order Granting Summary Judgment.
(c) Umphreyville v. Gittins. This is one of the first legal malpractice cases that I handled in private practice. It is significant due to the fact that it uniquely combined a civil claim with considerations of criminal penalties. It educated me on proper defense of professional negligence claims. The plaintiff was accused of committing crimes while a member of the United States Marine Corps and sued his lawyer for inadequate

representation and negligence. This matter involved research of both the Uniform Code of Military Justice and penalties thereunder, and the application of sections of the U.S. Code of Laws to the plaintiff's criminal case. I prepared motions and memoranda in this matter and was ultimately successful on a Motion to Dismiss.

(d) Limbrey v. American Home Shield. This case involved a breach of contract claim. It is significant in that it was one of the first cases in which I acted as sole counsel for a business entity as defendant and prepared experts to testify at trial. It was also my first case as sole counsel that was not settled or dismissed by motion prior to a verdict. The case included a claim for recovery of legal fees that required research and submission of pre-trial briefs. The plaintiff claimed that the defendant owed a duty to replace heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units at his home. The defendant was found not liable for breach of contract.

(e) Frazier v. Family Circle Cup, LLC, et al. This case involved allegations of general negligence, negligent supervision, and negligent hiring as the result of an injury sustained during participation in a product demonstration that involved hitting tennis balls propelled from a machine. I drafted two memoranda in support of a Motion for Summary Judgment, argued the Motion, and prepared the Order Granting Summary Judgment. The granting of Summary Judgment was appealed to the S.C. Court of Appeals, but the appeal was later dismissed. This case is significant, because it involved the doctrine of primary implied assumption of risk and strengthened my understanding of the principle of assumption of the risk for application to dozens of premises liability cases throughout my legal career including those for which I served as Mediator. Other attorneys in my firm utilized my research results from this case to support their position in other premises liability cases. This is one of the cases that strengthened the foundation of knowledge on which my mediation practice was formed.

Judge Keesley reported the following regarding civil appeals:
Although I have assisted on drafting of appellate briefs and have had cases that involved appeals, I have not been chief counsel on an appeal.

Judge Keesley reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Keesley reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

I was appointed as a Magistrate Judge by Governor McMaster in June of 2024 upon confirmation by the Senate. My term expires in April of 2027. My jurisdiction is set by statute to include criminal trial jurisdiction over all offenses subject to a fine of $500.00 or less or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both and to include civil jurisdiction over matters in which the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500 (exclusive of fees and costs that may be awarded). In Lexington County, Magistrates also have jurisdiction over certain criminal matters that exceed the basic statutory limits including third degree domestic violence, forgery with no dollar amount involved, and third offense of driving under suspension. Lexington County Magistrates are also assigned to hear certain General Sessions cases including those with a penalty of up to 1 year imprisonment and/or a fine of $5,500. My duties as a Magistrate primarily include issuance of search and arrest warrants and presiding over bond Court and claims for eviction, claim and delivery, property damage recovery, and restraining orders along with hearings and trials on domestic violence offenses, traffic offenses (including driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs), trespass, and code enforcement matters. Additionally, my duties include presiding over Magistrate sales and preliminary hearings in criminal matters.

Judge Keesley provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:
My Court predominantly utilizes form Orders (or Writs) or rulings issued verbally in open court with both parties present. In my first month as a Magistrate, I have issued dozens of form Orders ruling on claims for damages and evictions and issuing sentences for criminal traffic violations. None have been appealed.

Judge Keesley reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:
I am an adjunct professor at the University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law for the Fall 2024 semester requiring that I provide instruction and learning materials to students and evaluate those students to assign them a letter grade at the conclusion of the semester. Several Deans of the Law School serve a supervisory function. I believe that Dean William Hubbard and Dean Susan Kuo hire and oversee the function of the adjuncts.

Judge Keesley further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I was an unsuccessful candidate for judicial office for a term beginning July 1, 2018. I applied for Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 in July of 2017 and was nominated for that seat by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission in November of 2017. I withdrew from the race in January of 2018, prior to the election.
I also submitted an application for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 2 in July of 2018 and withdrew from the race in November 2018 as well as an application for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 13 in July of 2019 and withdrew from the race in November 2019.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Keesley's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Keesley to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Have screened her before. Well qualified this time."

Judge Keesley is not married. She does not have any children.

Judge Keesley reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar: 2023 Chair of the Dispute Resolution Section Council, 2022 Vicechair of the Dispute Resolution Section Council, member of the Dispute Resolution Section Council since January 2019, member of Dispute Resolution Section and the CLE Committee;
(b) 2024 Member of S.C. Supreme Court's Commission on ADR;
(c) Richland County Bar Association;
(d) Lexington County Bar Association; and
(e) SC Women Lawyers Association.

Judge Keesley provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Phi Beta Kappa Society
(b) Delta Delta Delta Sorority

Judge Keesley further reported:
I have had the unique opportunity to be personally and professionally acquainted with many South Carolina Judges during my life. I believe that my interactions with them have given me insight into which personality components work well in service of the position. The statewide nature of my law practice and the frequency of my Court appearances since 2005 have provided exposure to the courtroom demeanor and reasoning of numerous Judges. I feel that I combine the positive traits that I have observed to be a conscientious and respectful public servant. I strive to protect the perception of a diligent and intelligent judiciary and want to do all that I can to promote civility and respect between and among our bench and bar. I believe that service as a Circuit Court Judge is the best means for me to do so.
My legal practice grew over the years to include many different types of law. While practicing with a law firm that handles primarily civil defense cases, I expanded my work to include plaintiff's personal injury, property damage, and breach of contract claims. I have also asserted liens and sought judgments on behalf of several of my corporate clients including contractors, homeowner's associations, and property management companies. More recently, I became a teacher at the University of South Carolina School of Law. As a litigator, Mediator, Arbitrator, and educator, I have gained many perspectives on the field of law. Mediation practice strengthened my ability to remain patient and reasonable in emotional and tense situations. Working as an adjunct professor has fortified my patience and time management skills. Arbitration practice provided me with the opportunity to issue rulings in civil matters which prepared me for issuance of rulings in my Magistrate position. The confidence in my knowledge and experience exhibited by legal professionals who chose my service as Mediator on hundreds of cases encouraged me to seek a judicial office. I believe that my experiences and perspectives from both my law practice and current judgeship provide me with the tools to handle any matter that would come before me as a Circuit Court Judge in a composed and informed manner.
In addition to exposure to the legal profession my entire life, I have personally experienced all roles of the judicial process. I have worked and appeared in Court as staff, as a judge, and as an attorney. I have been a party to an injury claim. These experiences make me uniquely qualified

to understand the stresses, considerations, and responsibilities of both a judge and those appearing before the Circuit Court. I am well prepared to serve as an empathetic and efficient Circuit Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The commission members commended Judge Keesley on her skills as a former mediator and on her willingness to seek out opportunities to diversify her experience for service as a judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Keesley qualified, but did not nominate her for election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Joshua C. B. Allen
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Allen meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Allen was born in 1981. He is 43 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Judge Allen provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Allen.

Judge Allen demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Allen reported that he has made $588.09 in campaign expenditures on a postcard mailer and a rack card.

Judge Allen testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Allen testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Allen to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Allen reported that he has taught the following law-related course: I have taught the criminal law class for the Law School for Non-Lawyers held at Tri-County Technical College in Pendleton, SC, a program for members of the public to learn the basics of criminal law, probate law, family law, etc.

Judge Allen reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Allen did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Allen did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Allen has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Allen was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Allen reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Allen reported that he has not served in the military.
Judge Allen reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Allen appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Allen appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Allen was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2010-2011: Law Clerk to the Honorable R. Lawton McIntosh;
(b) 2011-2014: Assistant Solicitor for the 10th Judicial Circuit prosecuting primarily narcotics, property crimes, and DUIs, while also sitting also sitting second chair in other various cases. Additionally, I was the Solicitor's Office representative on the Anderson County Drug Court panel;
(c) 2014-Present: Attorney at the Allen and Allen Law Firm focusing primarily on personal injury litigation, workers compensation, divorce/child custody, probate matters, and criminal defense; includes all stages of litigation such as filing of pleadings, discovery, mediation, and trial or settlement prior to trial;
(d) 2015-2016: Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Anderson, SC conducting bond hearings and presiding over summary court level criminal offenses and vehicular traffic matters;
(e) 2016-Present: Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Anderson, SC presiding over summary court level criminal cases, as well as City Code violations, and vehicular traffic matters. Duties also include overseeing five associate judges that primarily conduct bond hearings and provide availability when scheduling conflicts may arise; and
(f) 2016-Present: Associate Judge for the Anderson County Drug Court assisting in all matters related to the program such as issuing bench warrants, attending weekly panel discussion sessions with participants, and attending

various substance abuse conferences on behalf of Anderson County, SC.

Judge Allen further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:
Over the past five years and prior, I have handled a variety of criminal matters including Attempted Murder, Criminal Domestic Violence, Assault and Battery, drug offenses, as well as a variety of traffic offenses (including DUIs) among others as a defense attorney. The issues in these cases involved probable cause in preliminary hearings, strengths or weaknesses of evidence, search and seizure issues, chain of custody issues, compliance with various evidentiary rules, and any others issues that may arise in a criminal case. I also have extensive experience from my time as an Assistant Solicitor where I handled primarily drug offenses and DUI prosecution. I was also co-counsel in other violent crime cases while in the Solicitor's Office.

As to civil matters, I have routinely handled cases involving personal injury, premises liability, and workplace injuries. The issues involved in the vast majority of personal injury cases are issues regarding the severity of injuries, proximate causation, damages, and the strengths and weaknesses of party, witness, and expert testimony. Discovery issues also often arise in these cases related to interrogatories, requests to admit, motions to compel, deposition objections, sufficiency of answers to discovery, and many others that can be relevant in discovery disputes.

Judge Allen reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: less than 5 in the last five years;
(b) State: 4-5 times per month.

Judge Allen reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 60%;
(b) Criminal: 10%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 5% (Probate).

Judge Allen reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial: 100%.
(b) Number of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Less than five.
(c) Number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case: None.
(d) Number of cases settled after jury selection but prior to opening statements: None.

Judge Allen provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
During the past five years, in nearly all cases I have been sole counsel. I have been co-counsel on less than five cases during that same period of time.

The following is Judge Allen's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Robert William Goodwin and Marian Charlene Goodwin v. Varkey Alencheril Joseph, April Desiree Chappell, individually and as agent of Swift Transportation Company of Arizona, LLC and Swift Transportation Company of Arizona, LLC (Case #2021-CP-04-00234): This is a personal injury case that arose from multiple tortfeasors that led to serious and catastrophic injuries to the client wherein the client was struck by a vehicle while directing traffic. This case is significant because of the various issues involved including duty, comparative negligence, and violations of industry standards. It is also significant because of the extensive discovery process that required numerous motions and hearings related to discovery as well as the significant amount of various expert witnesses involved. This case is set for a date certain trial on October 28, 2024.

(b) Henry D. Adair v. Lloyd Allen Davenport, individually and as agent of Specialty Freight Services, LLC and Specialty Freight Services, LLC (2024-CP-04-01478): This case was significant because of the gross negligence that took place and the resulting injuries that were suffered by the client. This case involved the driver of an 18 wheeler tractor trailer running a stop sign and pulling into oncoming traffic. The client suffered catastrophic injuries. The issues involved were the level of negligence, breach of duty by the Defendant, whether additional liability coverage was available under GEICO vs. Poole were

relevant, and many others. The case also involved extensive accident reconstruction as there were possible issues of contributory negligence. The case ultimately settled before trial.

(c) Amanda Santos and Deryck Santos as parents and guardian of A.M., a minor under the age of 18 v. Camden Military Academy, Inc., and John Heflin, individually and as agent of Camden Military Academy, Inc. (Case #: 3:17-CV-02281-CMC): This case was significant because it involved very traumatic mental injuries suffered by a minor that was heard in federal court. From the beginning, this case was highly contentious and most every issue relating to duty, causation, and damages was contested. After extensive discovery, multiple hearings and depositions, the case ultimately settled before trial primarily because the minor was set to enlist in the Army and did not want to continue with the litigation.

(d) Carlton J. Slade and Debbie Slade, as joint Personal Representatives of the Estate of William Shamari Slade v. Bougie Lounge, LLC d/b/a 821 Greenville, Danielle Britt, individually and as agent of Boudie Lounge, LLC d/b/a 821 Greenville, Armani Peters, individually and as agent of 821 Greenville, and Falls Land, LLC (Case #: 2024-CP-23-04940): This case is significant as it involves the tragic shooting death of Mr. Slade at an establishment in Greenville, SC. This case involves primarily issues of duty and causation and more specifically issues of concurring causation. Expert witness testimony regarding proper security measures inside businesses as well as in common areas is critical. This lawsuit was recently filed and is in litigation.

(e) State of South Carolina v. Daniel Kyle Scroggs (Case #2018-GS-04-20455). This case was significate because it involved criminal charges against my client that were brought as a result of a highly contentious custody battle in family court. My client was charged with Domestic Violence, 2nd Degree. After extensive plea negotiations with the prosecutor, the case was ultimately tried to a verdict. The majority female jury saw that there was little evidence that my client had committed these acts and that it was done for the purpose of having his rights to his children taken away. Thankfully, the jury refused to convict him of this charge and Mr. Scroggs ultimately gained visitation rights to his two young sons and they maintain a strong relationship to this day.

The following is Judge Allen's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:
Randall Dixon v. Nationwide Property & Casualty Insurance Company (Case # 2016-000987), South Carolina Court of Appeals, Date of Decision – November 15, 2017.

Judge Allen reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Allen reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was appointed Associate Municipal Court Judge in 2015 and then appointed Chief Municipal Judge for the City of Anderson, SC, both unanimously by the Anderson City Council. Starting in 2016, I was also named Associate Judge for the Anderson County Drug Court by Court Order from then Chief Justice Costa M. Pleicones. I have continued to serve in these positions.

Judge Allen provided the following regarding his most significant orders or opinions:
Having jurisdiction at the Summary Court level, I have not had significant opinions or orders.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Allen's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Allen to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had neither related nor summary comments.

Judge Allen is married to Taylor McCade Allen. He has four children.

Judge Allen reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Anderson County Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Bar Association

(c) South Carolina Association of Justice

Judge Allen provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Board member of Anderson Interfaith Ministries;
(b) Board member at St. John's United Methodist Church;
(c) Coach of Church League Youth Basketball;
(d) Member of Board of Emerging Leaders at Anderson University; and
(e) Anderson Independent Mail Top 20 under 40.

Judge Allen further reported:

I believe my diverse background during my professional and legal career gives me a unique perspective in presiding over matters heard in Circuit Court. I began my career as a prosecutor and tried a number of cases to a verdict and prosecuted a wide variety of crimes. I also argued for the State in the first vehicle related "Stand Your Ground" challenge in Anderson County while at the Solicitor's office. In my career in private practice, I have represented clients in a variety of different cases in family court ranging from mothers and fathers in child custody matters, victims of domestic violence, significant asset divisions, and adoptions. In personal injury cases, I have represented clients with catastrophic injuries, victims of abuse, and clients who have had life changing workplace accidents.

Additionally, my experience as Chief Judge for the City of Anderson, SC exposes me on a daily basis to many people from many different backgrounds on a personal level as often these litigants are unrepresented. This experience has provided valuable lessons in communication, judicial temperament, and respectful interaction with litigants from all walks of life. Finally, my experience as the Associate Judge for the Anderson County Drug Court has given me valuable experience to see firsthand the devastation to families and communities caused by substance abuse and the way in which the community can provide resources to break the family cycle of drug abuse.

I would also like to mention that my experience in many different courtrooms as a practicing private attorney has given me the understanding of the demands of the profession. Whether that be advising clients, meeting deadlines, coordinating and scheduling different witnesses available for trial, and many more of the various challenges that attorneys face. This experience gives me a real world perspective as to the challenges the attorneys that would come before me

face and will allow me to work with them in a manner that is flexible while also ensuring the timely disposition of cases. All of these experiences along with my work history have prepared me to be a fair and impartial candidate for the Circuit Court bench.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Allen has gained a good bit of experience given his youth. He has earned a solid reputation serving as a municipal judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Allen qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7.

Riley J. Maxwell
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Maxwell meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Maxwell was born in 1979. He is 45 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Maxwell provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2006.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Maxwell testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Maxwell testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Maxwell to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) October 2020 - I spoke at a CLE course (Prosecution and Victim Compensation) regarding restitution for crime victims.
(b) February 2002 - I spoke at the South Carolina Coroner's Association annual conference. I discussed and answered questions about issues coroners may need to be prepared for when testifying at trial. I also led a mock witness examination.
(c) May 2022 and June 2024 - I served as a faculty member at the Prosecution Bootcamp in 2022 and 2024. This program, conducted by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination, is a week-long program for new prosecutors. It focuses on trial advocacy with time dedicated to opening and closing statements and direct and cross examinations of witnesses.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Maxwell did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Maxwell did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Maxwell has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Maxwell was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Maxwell reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Maxwell appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Maxwell appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Maxwell was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2006.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August 2006 - August 2007
Law clerk for the Honorable Edward Welmaker, Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

(b) October 2007 - January 2015
Assistant Solicitor, Sixth Judicial Circuit
I prosecuted crimes of all nature in General Sessions Court and juvenile matters in Family Court.

(c) January 2015 - present
Deputy Solicitor, Sixth Judicial Circuit
I currently handle the prosecution of crimes in General Sessions Court and Family Court. I supervise a staff of assistant solicitors and administrators and oversee the prosecution of all cases in Fairfield County. I assist and advise the Circuit Solicitor on personnel and other administrative matters. I have not managed any financial matters.

Mr. Maxwell further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have served as a prosecutor for almost 17 years. In that time, I have been involved with the prosecution of thousands of cases, including murder, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, drugs, property crimes, and complex financial crimes. I have also served as lead or co-counsel for dozens of trials. I regularly conduct research of various legal issues, consult and advise law enforcement, meet with victims and witnesses, and prepare motions and briefs. I generally spend several days each month appearing before the Circuit Court for pleas, bond hearings, and motions. I am involved in trials before the Court four to seven times each year.

Since I have spent the majority of my career as a prosecutor, I have had limited involvement in civil court. I have filed civil lawsuits on behalf of the State under the drug forfeiture statute. In those cases, I drafted the complaints, oversaw the services of process, and litigated the cases before the Court of Common Pleas. I have also represented the State in Common Pleas Court in appeals from the summary courts.

While I served as a law clerk, Judge Edward Welmaker served as Chief Administrative Judge for Common Pleas in Greenville County. I regularly assisted Judge Welmaker in the preparation of civil matters including researching various issues. I prepared orders and reviewed proposed orders prior to the Judge's signing. I observed several trials during my clerkship including personal injury cases where liability was contested and other cases where only damages were at issue. I also sat as clerk during medical malpractice trials and a complex trial involving non-compete claims and trade secrets involving a major corporation headquartered in South Carolina.

I continuously stay current with judicial opinions since I have been an attorney. I have also observed several civil trials in recent years and attended numerous sessions of Common Pleas Non-Jury terms.

With my extensive trial experience, I have adept knowledge of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence that I believe would be applicable in civil cases. If I encountered a matter I was unfamiliar with, I would extensively research the issue and/or consult other authorities.

Mr. Maxwell reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 0

(b) State: I appear in circuit court 5-10 days each month.

Mr. Maxwell reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 1%
(b) Criminal: 99%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 0%

Mr. Maxwell reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) 98% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 13 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 1 went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 1 settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Maxwell provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
As Deputy Solicitor, I oversee all General Sessions prosecutions in Fairfield County. I assign cases to assistant solicitors and personally handle my caseload as sole counsel. In most trials, I served as chief counsel or sole counsel. In some trials, I have assisted other solicitors in preparing for trial, serving as co-counsel or 2nd chair, and serving in an advisory role during trial.

The following is Mr. Maxwell's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Charles Coleman. This was a cold case prosecution of a woman who was raped and killed in 1976. The South Carolina Law Enforcement continued to investigate the case over the years. In 2020, Coleman's DNA was matched with a DNA profile developed from pieces of evidence. I researched the existing law in 1976 to ensure he was properly charged. Ultimately, Coleman pled guilty after the jury was seated but before opening arguments. He was sentenced to life. A challenge in the case was locating witnesses and developing a proper chain of evidence. I was the lead prosecutor.

(b) State v. Latroy Sampson. This was a case that involved the strangulation murder of a woman by an acquaintance. The defendant fled the state and was apprehended a few weeks later in Rochester, New York. while in possession of

a gun. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to prison in New York for the gun charge. I spent considerable time and effort working to have the defendant brought back to South Carolina. He was convicted of murder and received a life sentence. Because he had not completed his five year sentence on the gun charge, New York wanted Sampson transported back. After much discussion between authorities in both states, New York dropped their request and the defendant remained in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I was the lead prosecutor.

(c) State v. Ricky Deel. This was a Felony Driving Under the Influence case involving the death of one teenager and the paralysis of another on I-77. Others involved were also severely injured in the wreck. The victims were traveling with other family members from Michigan heading to Florida when the defendant lost control of his vehicle and struck the victims' vehicle. A blood draw collected from the defendant indicated a blood alcohol level above the legal limit. Missouri v. McNeely, 569 U.S. 141 (2013), a U.S. Supreme Court opinion decided after the incident, ruled that law enforcement generally must acquire a search warrant to collect a suspect's blood. During a hearing to suppress the blood draw evidence, the State argued exigent circumstances existed creating an exception to the search warrant requirement. The Circuit Court denied the suppression motion and the defendant subsequently entered a guilty plea and received a twenty year sentence. I served as sole counsel throughout the case.

(d) State v. Christopher Williams, et al. This was a murder case where the victim was shot during a home invasion. Eight defendants were initially charged with murder under the theory of accomplice liability. Through the investigation, we were able to clarify the roles each defendant played in the incident. The defendant who fired the fatal shot pleaded guilty to murder, attempted armed robbery, and burglary and was sentenced to 30 years. Another armed defendant received a 30 year sentence for voluntary manslaughter. Another four of the defendants entered guilty pleas to various reduced charges and received sentences ranging from probation to 11 years. I made the decision to dismiss the charges against the remaining two

defendants. I initially assisted the Circuit Solicitor before his retirement and handled the majority of the case thereafter.

(e) State v. Timothy Thompson. This case initially began as an investigation into a hit and run of a pedestrian before further investigation showed it to be an intentional act. The South Carolina Highway Patrol began the investigation and uncovered evidence of an earlier altercation between the defendant and victim and witnesses provided statements detailing the defendant's intent to harm the victim. I was advising law enforcement early on in the investigation. The Highway Patrol wanted to turn the case over to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office because they did not handle murder cases. I determined, as the lead prosecutor, there was enough evidence to proceed with the prosecution without the need to involve another agency. The defendant was found guilty of murder following a four day trial and was sentenced to life.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Maxwell further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

Yes. I was a candidate for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16 in 2023-2024. I was found qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission in November 2023. I withdrew from consideration on January 24, 2024.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Maxwell's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Maxwell to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience. The Committee noted: "Lacking civil experience. Worrisome! Great criminal experience, but civil(?)"

Mr. Maxwell is not married. He does not have children.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar, 2006
(b) Fairfield County Bar, 2007

Mr. Maxwell provided that he is a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) F3 Columbia: F3 is an organization designed to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of community leadership. I have been involved for nearly 10 years and served in a leadership role. F3 regularly helps local charities with donations and volunteering.
(b) South Carolina Bar House of Delegates: I served as representative for the Sixth Circuit beginning in 2015 and ending in 2017/2018.

Mr. Maxwell further reported:

Over my almost 17 year career as a prosecutor, I have always viewed part of my role as to act as a gatekeeper for the criminal justice system. I always strive to ensure that defendants are treated fairly and that their constitutional rights are protected. I speak with law enforcement officers on a daily basis to advise and make determinations of whether probable cause exists to make an arrest or get a search warrant. I assess cases on their merits to determine proper charges, whether a case should be dismissed, whether to divert the case to a diversion program, whether to reduce charges for plea purposes, and to devise a trial strategy.
I work to maintain a good working relationship with opposing attorneys. I try to respect their opinions and viewpoints and the role they play in defending their clients. I feel most defense attorneys respect the way I handle my role in return. I try to be helpful when the situation allows and find common ground in resolving cases.

Since I began as a solicitor, it has been my job to plan and organize court for nearly every General Sessions term in Fairfield County. This includes communicating with the presiding judge, the clerk of court, and court staff regarding logistical matters. I have always been open to new

ideas and feedback on the operations of court from my staff, court personnel, and opposing counsel.

I have enjoyed and take pride in acting as a public servant, and would be honored to continue to do so as a circuit judge. I believe I possess the good temperament that is required from the bench. I believe it is important to treat all parties fairly no matter the situation.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Maxwell has an excellent reputation as a member of the Bar, especially concerning his temperament and intellect, as reflected in the BallotBox comments from his colleagues.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Maxwell qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7.

CONCLUSION

The Judicial Merit Screening Commission found the following candidates QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED:

COURT OF APPEALS

SEAT 2	The Honorable Kristi F Curtis
	Jason P. Luther
	The Honorable Courtney Pope
SEAT 3	The Honorable John D. Geathers
SEAT 4	The Honorable Paula H. Thomas

CIRCUIT COURT

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Eugene P. Warr Jr.
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	Ashley A. McMahan
	Christopher Dolan Taylor
	William K. Witherspoon
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr.
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	Bryan A. Alfaro
	Thomas J. Rode

	R. Bruce Wallace
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Lawton McIntosh
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable David Shawn Graham
	Derrick E. Mobley
	Christian Giresi Spradley
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	Melissa A. Inzerillo
	De Grant Gibbons
AT-LARGE, SEAT 7	William Vickery "Vick" Meetze
	Jane H. Merrill
AT-LARGE, SEAT 14	The Honorable R. Keith Kelly
AT-LARGE, SEAT 15	The Honorable Maite D. Murphy
AT-LARGE, SEAT 16	The Honorable Charles J. McCutchen

FAMILY COURT

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Anne Guè Jones
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	Shannon M. Chandler
	Amanda Frances Whittle
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Angela W. Abstance
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	William A. W. Buxton
	E. Thompson Kinney
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Angela R. Taylor
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3	The Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	C. Heath Ruffner
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Michelle M. Hurley
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3	The Honorable M. Scott Rankin
SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Angela J. Moss

SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable M. Todd Thigpen
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Bryan C. Able Robert W. Cone James Conway "Jim" Todd IV
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3	The Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Alice Anne Richter
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4	The Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable David J. Brousseau
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3	The Honorable M. Scott McElhannon
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3	The Honorable Robert E. Newton
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Alice Allsbrook Richardson
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable FitzLee H. McEachin
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Conits
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable W. Marsh Robertson
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6	Jonathan D. Hammond Marcelo Torricos
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1	The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2	The Honorable David G. Guyton
AT-LARGE, SEAT 1	The Honorable Kimaka "Kim" Nichols-Graham
AT-LARGE, SEAT 2	The Honorable Timothy E. Madden
AT-LARGE, SEAT 3	The Honorable James G. McGee III

AT-LARGE, SEAT 4	The Honorable Monét Pincus
AT-LARGE, SEAT 5	The Honorable Randall E. McGee
AT-LARGE, SEAT 6	The Honorable David Earl Phillips
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT SEAT 2	Kristian Cross The Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries Samuel L. Johnson
SEAT 3	The Honorable Robert L. Reibold

/s/Sen. Luke A. Rankin	/s/Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV
/s/Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb	/s/Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
/s/Sen. Billy Garrett	/s/Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan Jr.
/s/Ms. Hope Blackley	/s/Mr. Andrew N. Safran
/s/Mr. J.P. "Pete" Strom Jr.	/s/Ms. Lucy Grey McIver

APPENDIX

Report from the South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee

The Honorable Kristi F. Curtis
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Kristi F. Curtis' candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified

Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jason P. Luther
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jason P. Luther's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

The Honorable Courtney Pope
Court of Appeals, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Courtney Pope's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified

Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable John D. Geathers
Court of Appeals, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable John D. Geathers' candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Paula H. Thomas
Court of Appeals, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Paula H. Thomas' candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified

Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Eugene Warr
Circuit Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Eugene Warr's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Ashley A. McMahan
Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Ashley A. McMahan's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on her prior report.

Christopher Dolan Taylor
Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Christopher Dolan Taylor's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Justin T. Williams
Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Justin T. Williams' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified

Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

William K. Witherspoon
Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding William K. Witherspoon's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr.
Circuit Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Judge-Elect's J. Derham Cole Jr.'s candidacy for the Circuit Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified***
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified

Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this incumbent judge has elected to stand on his prior report.

The Honorable Deadre L. Jefferson
Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Deadre L. Jefferson's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified***
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this incumbent judge has elected to stand on her prior report.

Bryan A. Alfaro
Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Bryan A. Alfaro's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Russell D. Hilton
Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Russell D. Hilton's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

Thomas J. Rode
Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Thomas J. Rode's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

R. Bruce Wallace
Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding R. Bruce Wallace's candidacy for the Circuit Court: 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

The Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh
Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The

Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable David Shawn Graham
Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable David Shawn Graham's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Kyliene Lee Keesley
Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Kyliene Lee Keesley's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Derrick E. Mobley
Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Derrick E. Mobley's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Christian G. Spradley
Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Christian G. Spradley's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified***
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified

Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

Melissa A. Inzerillo
Circuit Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Melissa Inzerillo's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Joshua C. B. Allen
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Joshua C. B. Allen's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified

Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

De Grant Gibbons
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding De Grant Gibbons' candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

Riley Maxwell
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Riley Maxwell's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified

Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

William Vickery Meetze
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding William Vickery Meetze's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this candidate has elected to stand on his prior report.

Jane H. Merrill
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jane H. Merrill's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified

Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable R. Keith Kelly
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable R. Keith Kelly's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this incumbent Judge has elected to stand on his prior report.

The Honorable Maite Murphy
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Maite Murphy's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified

Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Charles McCutchen
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Charles McCutchen's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Anne Gue' Jones
Family Court, 1st Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Anne Gue' Jones' candidacy for the Family Court, 1st Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified

Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Shannon M. Chandler
Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Shannon M. Chandler's candidacy for the Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Amanda Frances Whittle
Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Amanda Frances Whittle's candidacy for the Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified

Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Angela W. Abstance
Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Angela W. Abstance's candidacy for the Family Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

William A.W. Buxton
Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding William A.W. Buxton's candidacy for the Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

E. Thompson Kinney
Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding E. Thompson Kinney's candidacy for the Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Angela R. Taylor
Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Angela R. Taylor's candidacy for the Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett
Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett's candidacy for the Family Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

C. Heath Ruffner
Family Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding C. Heath Ruffner's candidacy for the Family Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Michelle Manigault Hurley
Family Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Michelle Manigault Hurley's candidacy for the Family Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Michael Scott Rankin
Family Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Michael Scott Rankin's candidacy for the Family Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury
Family Court, 6th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Coreen B. Khoury's candidacy for the Family Court, 6th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Angela J. Moss
Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Angela J. Moss' candidacy for the Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Michael Todd Thigpen
Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Michael Todd Thigpen's candidacy for the Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Bryan C. Able
Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Bryan C. Able's candidacy for the Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Robert W. Cone
Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Robert W. Cone's candidacy for the Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

James Conway Todd IV
Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding James Conway Todd IV's candidacy for the Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Joseph Collins Smithdeal
Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Joseph Collins Smithdeal's candidacy for the Family Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Alice Ann Richter
Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Alice Ann Richter's candidacy for the Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon
Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Alice Ann Richter's candidacy for the Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable David J. Brousseau
Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable David J. Brousseau's candidacy for Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this incumbent judge has elected to stand on his prior report.

The Honorable M. Scott McElhannon
Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable M. Scott McElhannon's candidacy for the Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch
Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch's candidacy for the Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Robert E. Newton
Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Robert E. Newton's candidacy for the Family Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Alicia A. Richardson
Family Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Alicia A. Richardson's candidacy for the Family Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin
Family Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin's candidacy for the Family Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits
Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits' candidacy for the Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable William Marsh Robertson
Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable William Marsh Robertson's candidacy for the Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jonathan D. Hammond
Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 6

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jonathan D. Hammond's candidacy for the Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 6, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Marcelo Torricos
Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 6

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Marcel Torricos' candidacy for the Family Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 6, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Gerald Smoak Jr.
Family Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Gerald Smoak Jr.'s candidacy for the Family Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
Family Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes' candidacy for the Family Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Per the policies and procedures of the Judicial Qualifications Committee, this incumbent Judge has elected to stand on her prior report.

The Honorable David Glenn Guyton
Family Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable David Glenn Guyton's candidacy for the Family Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham's candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Timothy E. Madden
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Timothy E. Madden's candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable James G. McGee III
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable James G. McGee III's candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Monet S. Pincus
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Monet S. Pincus' candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Randall E. McGee
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Randall E. McGee's candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable David E. Phillips
Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable David E. Phillips' candidacy for the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Kristian Cross
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Kristian Cross' candidacy for the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries' candidacy for the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Samuel L. Johnson
Administrative Law Court, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Samuel L. Johnson's candidacy for the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Robert L. Reibold
Administrative Law Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Robert L. Reibold's candidacy for the Administrative Law Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Received as information.

RESIGNATION

The following was received:

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing to formally announce my resignation as a House Representative for District 50 effective at 5:00 o'clock, January 17, 2025. After careful consideration, I have determined that stepping down is in the best interest of my family, constituents, and me.

Serving the people of District 50 has been an honor and privilege. Over the course of my tenure, I have worked alongside dedicated colleagues to address the important issues facing our community and our state. While it is difficult to leave, I am confident that this decision will allow me to focus on other pressing matters.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have contributed to the legislative process and to have worked with such committed individuals. I remain deeply committed to the well-being of our state and will continue to support its growth and prosperity in other ways.

I offer my sincere thanks to my colleagues, the staff, and the constituents of District 50 for their trust and support throughout my time in office. Please know that I will always carry with me the lessons and memories of our collective efforts.

I trust that my resignation will allow for a smooth transition, and I am committed to assisting in any way necessary to ensure the continued effective operation of our legislative body.

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving. I wish all of you continued success in your work.

Sincerely,
William W. Wheeler III

Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3761 -- Reps. T. Moore and G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR UNIQUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, extend the privilege of the floor to the students and school officials of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind, at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker, to recognize them for a demonstration of their unique accomplishments.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3760 -- Reps. Caskey, Rutherford and Jordan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2029; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,

FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL SERVE A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON APRIL 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT

OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A

CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in the absence of Joint Rules, the General Assembly, by this resolution, agrees to bind itself subject to the terms of this resolution and to the requirements of Art. III, Section 20 and Section 22, of the South Carolina Constitution, and the provisions of Chapter 19, Title 2 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, relating to elections of members of the judiciary.

That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at noon to elect a successor to the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 2, upon her election to the Supreme Court, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2029; to elect a successor to the Honorable John D. Geathers, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Paula H. Thomas, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 4, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the late Honorable Michael S. Holt, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon her appointment to the United States Court of Appeals, and the successor will serve a new term which will expire on June 30, 2031; to elect a successor to the Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose

term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Bentley Douglas Price, Judge of the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Rivers Lawton McIntosh, Judge of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable William Paul Keesley, Judge of the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2025, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Daniel Hall, Judge of the Circuit Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon his retirement on February 14, 2025, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable J. Cordell Maddox Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 7, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires June 30, 2027; to elect a successor to the Honorable R. Keith Kelly, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 14, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Maite Murphy, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Charles J. McCutchen, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Anne Guè Jones, Judge of the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Vicki J. Snelgrove, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon her retirement on April 30, 2025, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Angela W. Abstance, Judge of the Family Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor for the Honorable Thomas M. Bultman, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2025, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Angela R. Taylor, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett, Judge of the Family Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect

a successor to the Honorable Salley Huggins McIntyre, Judge of the Family Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, upon her retirement on or before June 30, 2025, and the successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire on June 30, 2031; to elect a successor to the Honorable Michelle Manigault Hurley, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Michael Scott Rankin, Judge of the Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury, Judge of the Family Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Angela J. Moss, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Michael Todd Thigpen, Judge of the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Matthew Price Turner, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his election to the Court of Appeals, and the successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire on June 30, 2031; to elect a successor to the Honorable Joseph Collins Smithdeal, Judge of the Family Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Alice Anne Richter, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable David J. Brousseau, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Robert E. Newton, Judge of the Family Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Alicia A. Richardson, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable FitzLee Howard McEachin, Judge of the Family Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Rochelle Y. Conits, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will

expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable William Marsh Robertson, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini, Judge of the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, upon her election to the Circuit Court, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which expires on June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Gerald Smoak Jr., Judge of the Family Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, Judge of the Family Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable David Glenn Guyton, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Kimaka Nichols-Graham, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Timothy E. Madden, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 2, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable James G. McGee III, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Monét S. Pincus, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 4, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Randall E. McGee, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 5, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable David E. Phillips, Judge of the Family Court, At-Large, Seat 6, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 2, upon his election to the Circuit Court, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire on June 30, 2027; and to elect a successor to the Honorable Robert L. Reibold, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 3, whose term will expire on June 30, 2025.

Be it further resolved that all nominations must be made by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, and that pursuant to Section 2-19-90, no further nominating or seconding speeches may be made by members of the General Assembly on behalf of any candidate.

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day due to National Guard duty.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GOVAN a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor 's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or

addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3012
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3048
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3057
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3175
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3184
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	EDGERTON, PACE, FRANK, GILREATH, HUFF, HARRIS, KILMARTIN, WHITE and CROMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3185
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HUFF, GILREATH, HARRIS, EDGERTON, FRANK, PACE, KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HADDON, WETMORE, M. M. SMITH, SCHUESSLER, STAVRINAKIS, MAGNUSON, KILMARTIN and TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3199
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3217
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3221
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3242
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	CROMER and HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3256
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3263
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN and LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3281
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3282
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HUFF, GILREATH, PACE, EDGERTON, FRANK, KILMARTIN, WHITE and CROMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3292
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3296
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3343
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3374
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3381
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	SESSIONS, JORDAN, ROBBINS, COLLINS, MARTIN, LAWSON, WICKENSIMER, LANDING, LONG, HIOTT, FORREST, SANDERS, TEEPLE, OREMUS, HARTZ, GUEST, PEDALINO, M. M. SMITH, SCHUESSLER, HIXON, CHAPMAN, GATCH, MCGINNIS, NEESE, HARDEE, LIGON, TAYLOR, WILLIS, VAUGHAN, BRITTAIN, ERICKSON, BRADLEY, RANKIN, HAGER, WHITMIRE, GILLIAM, CRAWFORD, HEWITT and BANNISTER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3435
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3492
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3498
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3506
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3510
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	CHAPMAN, KIRBY, LANDING, BUSTOS and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3526
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HARRIS, EDGERTON, FRANK, PACE, KILMARTIN, WHITE, CROMER, GILREATH and HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3527
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HARRIS, EDGERTON, FRANK, KILMARTIN, WHITE and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3528
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HUFF, GILREATH, EDGERTON, FRANK, KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3534
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	CHAPMAN and KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3572
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3591
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3625
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KIRBY and B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3649
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	HARRIS, EDGERTON, FRANK, KILMARTIN, WHITE and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3733
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3751
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	WHITE, KILMARTIN, BEACH, PACE, GILREATH, CROMER, OREMUS, HUFF and MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3759
Date:	ADD:
01/16/25	KILMARTIN

H. 3727--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on legislative business during the vote on H. 3727. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Mark M. Smith

H. 3727--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3727 be read the third time tomorrow.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3762 -- Rep. Bauer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERTAKE AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT UNDER SECTION 1, ARTICLE XV, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, THE STATE TREASURER, CURTIS LOFTIS, SHOULD BE IMPEACHED FOR SERIOUS MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DERELICTION OF DUTY AND BREACH OF THE PUBLIC TRUST AND, IF BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS ARE FOUND, TO REPORT ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3763 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy,

Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IN WINNSBORO AND TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S EXTRAORDINARY MILESTONE OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY WITH THE ALUMNI, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3764 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3765 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MATTIE KENNEDY BARR OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3766 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMAAL FRANCIS GERVE AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3780 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LUCY BECKHAM HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Referred to Darlington Delegation

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3769 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1910, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES TO AUTISTIC AND NEURODIVERGENT PERSONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3770 -- Reps. Bailey, Schuessler, Yow, Mitchell, Bradley, Brittain and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-130, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED IN CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3771 -- Reps. Hartnett, Erickson, M. M. Smith, Wetmore, Bradley, Stavrinakis, Hewitt, Hager, Lawson, Teeple, Brewer, Herbkersman, Landing, Bustos and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS ANCHORED IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN MARINE RECOVERY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3772 -- Reps. Hiott and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-13-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON TO REGISTER WITH AND OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BEFORE ADMINISTERING A BARRIER MOSQUITOCIDE TREATMENT AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3773 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-20-50, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF LICENSE TAXES ON CORPORATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY PORTION OF THE FIRST FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL STOCK AND PAID-IN OR CAPITAL SURPLUS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-44-409, RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO REFRAINING FROM COMPETING.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3774 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Stavrinakis, Jordan and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-1-560, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A THIRD-PARTY ACTION IN A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM, SO AS TO MAKE THE FILING OF A NOTICE FORM PERMISSIVE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3775 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BAN THE BOX ACT OF 2025" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS UNLESS THE CONVICTION DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE EMPLOYMENT OR LICENSURE SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, EXCLUSIONS, AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3776 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-25, RELATING TO NONCOMPLIANT COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION PROVIDING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO COUNTY BOARDS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF POST-ELECTION PROCESSES, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO INTERVENE IN COUNTIES POST-ELECTION PROCESSES WHEN A BOARD'S NONCOMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS, POLICIES, OR PROCEDURES COULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE ACCURACY OF THE ELECTION RESULTS OR THE ABILITY TO TIMELY CERTIFY THE RESULTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3777 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Brewer and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-45, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A DEALERSHIP BY A MANUFACTURER OR FRANCHISOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURER THAT OWNS OR OPERATES A MANUFACTURING FACTORY OR ASSEMBLY PLANT THAT HAS NEVER HAD DEALER

FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS MUST BE ALLOWED TO SELL DIRECTLY TO CONSUMERS TO PROMOTE CONSUMER CHOICE AND MARKET FREEDOM.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon and Jones: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3779 -- Reps. Teeple, Guffey, Bustos, Brewer, Guest, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hartnett, Landing and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, COMPUTATION OF GROSS INCOME, AND MODIFICATIONS TO GROSS INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TIPS FROM THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, AND TO DEFINE TIPS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. MOSS moves that the when the House adjourn today, it adjourns to next meet in statewide session at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 28, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:59 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. SPANN-WILDER, adjourned in memory of Louise Simmons, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, January 17, 2025
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Colossians 1:17: "He has always been! It is his hand that holds everything together."

Let us pray. We praise You for Your loving kindness that restores us and keeps us safe and secure in Your love. We thank You for the care You have given us this week and may we carry this forward over the weekend. Remember those who keep us safe and secure, our defenders of freedom and first responders. We pray for our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 28.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Colossians 7:24: "So brothers and sisters in whatever condition each was called there let him or her remain with God."

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You reach out every day to touch the lives of all Your people. Grant us Your grace as You continue Your presence in our lives and we go about the business at hand. Bless and keep in Your loving care, our defenders and those who respond to our call and those who give of their time and effort to keep us in Your vineyard. Bestow Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who suffer so that we might enjoy freedom. Remember our hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, January 17, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. DILLARD moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ruth Ann Butler of Greenville, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Ms. Ruth Ann Butler

Ms. Ruth Ann Butler was a Greenville native and civil rights activist, who dedicated her life to education and the preservation of Black history in Greenville. A graduate of Sterling High School and Benedict College, she taught in the public schools of South Carolina and Georgia for 18 years. After visiting an African American Museum in Tennessee, Ms. Butler set her sights on bringing something similar to her community and answering what she believed was her true calling. In 1987, she founded the Greenville Cultural Exchange Center to raise awareness of

contributions made by Black people in the Upstate and also promote economic empowerment within the community, doubling as an education and research center. In 2024, Butler received a South Carolina Historic Preservation Stewardship Award from the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Preservation South Carolina and the Office of the Governor for her important work. She was also a recipient of the Martin Luther King Service Award at Unity Park.

Ms. Ruth Ann Butler leaves a legacy that will be celebrated for generations to come and it is an honor to pause in our deliberations today to reflect on her life.

Rep. Chandra Dillard

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Ruth Ann Butler.

INVITATIONS

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

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Economic Developer's Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Capital Center Lobby, 1201 Main Street.

Sincerely,
Katie Koon, Executive Director
South Carolina Economic Developers Association

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Metro Chamber Coalition, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Parker Poe, 1221 Main Street.

Sincerely,
Logan Howard
Metro Chamber Coalition

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Mental Health Heroes, Aiken Barnwell Recovery Foundation, NAMI South Carolina, and Mental Health America SC, the Members of the House of Representative are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Robin Crawford
SC Department of Mental Health

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the United Way Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mary Kate Mackie

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Carolina Recycling Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely
Mary McClellan, Executive Director
Carolina Recycling Association

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Human Service Providers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Margie Williamson
SC Human Service Providers Association

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Coalition for Access to Health Care, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 6, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephanie Burgess
PhD, APRN, FAAN, FAANP

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the University of South Carolina/USC Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the USC Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Municipal Power Systems and Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Copeland
Staff Associate for Affiliate Services
Municipal Association of South Carolina

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Bryant Sims
Chief Operating Officer

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory on Bluff Road.

Sincerely,
Duncan M. Crotwell
Director of Government Affairs

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the South Carolina Arts Alliance, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jeff Robinson
Executive Director

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Mike Couick
President and CEO

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Halls Chophouse.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Craft Distillers Guild, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Scott Blackwell
President of the SC Craft Distillers Guild

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mary Kate Mackie

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Independent Banks of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely
Teresa D. Taylor
Executive Director

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Counties, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Timothy C. Winslow
Executive Director

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 19. 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Ahmad Ward, Executive Director
Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Forestry Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Cam Crawford
President and CEO

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Conservation Coalition, hosted by the Conservation Voters of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 701 Whaley Street.

Sincerely,
Alan Lee
Government Relations Director

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina State Museum, the Members of the House of Representatives, their Staff, and their families are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street.

Sincerely,
Amy Bartow-Melia
Executive Director

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jon Charest

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Technical College System, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Karen O. Taylor

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Association of ABC Stores of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
Hannah Lorance, Executive Director
Association of ABC Stores of South Carolina

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Together SC, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

Sincerely,
GP McLeer
Together SC

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Land Trust Network, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Howard, Executive Director
South Carolina Land Trust Network

January 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Student Loan Corporation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their Staff are invited to a legislative luncheon. This event will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MITCHELL, from the Darlington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3781 -- Reps. Neese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE INDIAN LAND MIDDLE SCHOOL SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 FMAC SEVENTH GRADE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3782 -- Rep. Bannister: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STAFF SERVING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT REQUIRED TO WORK ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025, AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3783 -- Reps. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE 3M GREENVILLE AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MANUFACTURING IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMPANY ON A HALF-CENTURY OF SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS ENDEAVORS IN THIS GREAT STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3784 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BLUE RIDGE HIGH

SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS ON ITS FINE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO COMMEND THE UNIT ON THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT HAVE MADE IT THE OUTSTANDING UNIT IT IS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3785 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE PALMETTO CONCERT BAND OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, TO THANK THE BAND FOR A QUARTERÂ-CENTURY OF EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE TO AUDIENCES RANGING FROM LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BESTOWING MUSICAL DELIGHT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3786 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD LIFELONG LEARNING @ ROCK HILL UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM ON FIVE YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3787 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JOHN WESLEY STROMAN OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3788 -- Reps. Hartz, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DOUGLAS E. "DOUG" HOLFORD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3789 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MS. GENEVIEVE JORDAN SMITH FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HORRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE COOPERATIVE'S 2025 LADY OF THE YEAR.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3790 -- Rep. Moss: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATE THE PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET (S-42-227) LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PACOLET IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS "JAMES 'PEE WEE' LAMBERT JR. ROAD" TO

ENSURE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACOLET ARE REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3791 -- Reps. Bailey, Hardee, McGinnis and Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUES FACING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE MARKETS ACROSS THE NATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 154 -- Senator Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND RYAN LOVETTE FOR HIS FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF PAID SERVICE WITH THE GREENWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 185 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH JR. OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 259 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MASTER TROOPER JOHN WAYNE VALDARIO SR. FOR HIS FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3792 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

On motion of Rep. PEDALINO, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3793 -- Reps. Teeple, Holman, Hartnett, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Brewer, Bustos, Edgerton, Gilreath, Guest, Landing, Martin and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OVERTIME INCOME IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3794 -- Reps. Mitchell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

23-31-240, RELATING TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ANYWHERE IN THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION INCLUDES PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATORS AND ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATORS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3795 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-101-50, RELATING TO ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE GIVEN TO RESIDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AFTER JULY 1, 2026 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE SHALL ENSURE THAT AT LEAST SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE APPLICANTS IT ACCEPTS FOR ADMISSION RESIDE IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3796 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY FROM GRANTING OR RECOGNIZING LEGAL PERSONHOOD IN CERTAIN ITEMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3797 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-198 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO TEST FIREFIGHTERS ANNUALLY FOR THE PRESENCE OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND POLYFLUOROALKYL IN THEIR BLOODSTREAMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3799 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Jordan, B. Newton, Brittain, B. L. Cox, Holman, W. Newton, Brewer, J. L. Johnson, Caskey, Guest, Hixon, McDaniel and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS MAY BE RETAINED BY SLED AND THE FBI FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3801 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT

FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3803 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL-OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION

SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT," SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-60-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR

SPECIAL USE VALUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 25 OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30 AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3804 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DECRIMINALIZE POSSESSION OF TWENTY-EIGHT GRAMS OR ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA OR TEN GRAMS OR LESS OF HASHISH, AND TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ISSUE A CIVIL CITATION FOR POSSESSION OF THAT SAME QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA OR HASHISH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3805 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-1-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY MINIMUM GRACE PERIOD OF TWENTY DAYS FOR A MORTGAGE PAYMENT, TO DEFINE THE TERM "GRACE

PERIOD," AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SIMPLE INTEREST OR OTHER MORTGAGE IN WHICH INTEREST ACCRUES DAILY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3806 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3895 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR PERSONS TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE USING CELLULAR TELEPHONES, PAGERS, PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT DEVICES, OR OTHER WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES THAT ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH HANDS-FREE MECHANISMS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3807 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY OPERATING IN THIS STATE SHALL BURY ALL OF ITS NEW ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMISSION LINES INSTALLED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2026, AND SHALL BURY ALL OF ITS EXISTING ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMISSION LINES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE ACCORDING TO A GRADUATED SCHEDULE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2031; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-20, RELATING TO AREAS IN WHICH THE CHAPTER IS INAPPLICABLE, SO AS TO MAKE THE CHAPTER APPLICABLE TO SECTION 58-27-25.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3808 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-250, RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF COVERAGE INFORMATION UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE REQUEST ALSO TO BE MADE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR FAX ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S FORM FR-10.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3809 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE A BASE STATE MINIMUM WAGE OF SEVENTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF THIS MINIMUM WAGE TO EMPLOYERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2026, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYER TO FAIL TO PAY THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE OR TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE LAW, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE A FIVE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACTIONS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS ACT MAY BE BROUGHT AS A CLASS ACTION UNDER STATE LAW.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3810 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1810, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND CERTAIN FEES FOR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2010, RELATING TO TEMPORARY PERMITS, SO AS TO AMEND A CERTAIN FEE AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OFFER CERTAIN ANNUAL FIFTY-TWO WEEK TEMPORARY PERMITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3811 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson, Frank, Kilmartin, Edgerton, Beach, Morgan, Terribile, Harris, Huff, Oremus, Gilreath and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE A CHILD WHO ATTENDS A QUALIFYING PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3812 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, W. Newton and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY AND RESILIENCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 39 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR ASSESSING AND COLLECTING LIENS, TO PROVIDE FINANCING, AND TO DEVELOP STANDARDS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Chris Yeakel of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, TERRIBILE, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3012
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3057
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3092
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	RANKIN, LONG, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3094
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3118
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3125
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	SANDERS and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3184
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON and BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	SANDERS and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3197
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3199
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3217
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS, MAGNUSON and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3221
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3249
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3256
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	LONG, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3263
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, TERRIBILE, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3264
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3296
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF, BURNS, MAGNUSON and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	KILMARTIN, HUFF, CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3365
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3381
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3383
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	TAYLOR and COBB-HUNTER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3442
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	B. NEWTON and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	HUFF, CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3472
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	PEDALINO and HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3473
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3504
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, OREMUS, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON and BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3506
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MITCHELL, RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, GIBSON, LAWSON, BURNS and EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3507
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3572
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	RANKIN, LONG, OREMUS, EDGERTON, GIBSON, HUFF, LAWSON, BURNS and MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3576
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3579
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3589
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	COLLINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3603
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	MAGNUSON and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3625
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	RANKIN, MITCHELL, LONG, OREMUS, TERRIBILE, EDGERTON, HUFF, LAWSON, BURNS and MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3728
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	LOWE and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3773
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3778
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3779
Date:	ADD:
01/28/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3530
Date:	REMOVE:
01/28/25	PEDALINO

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3726 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

H. 3725 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:53 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. DILLARD, adjourned in memory of Ruth Ann Butler of Greenville, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Corinthians 13:13: “So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three remain, but the greatest of these is love.”

Let us pray. We give You our thanks and praise for what You have bestowed upon us. Grant us wisdom that we might join You, O Lord, in finding the things that are important for us to work on during this time in Session. Grant Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Keep them safe. We pray for our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, and Staff. We lift prayers to keep safe our men and women who serve and sacrifice for our freedom. Heal the wounds of those seen and those hidden. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ANDERSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Leitha Mae Anderson Manigault, mother of Rep. ANDERSON, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Ms. Leitha Mae Anderson Manigault

God's gift to us is life, and our gift to God is how we live it. Leitha Mae Anderson Manigault was a shining example of a well-lived life.

On the evening of December 17, 2024, Leitha traded time for eternity and answered the call of her Creator: "Come unto Me and Rest." Known by many names, her legacy of love spans for generations.

A woman of deep faith. A member of Greater St. Stephen A. M. E. Church, Georgetown, where she served faithfully.

Mom lived life with grace, humor, and love, proving that sometimes, a plate of collard greens can bring more joy than words ever could. Rest well, Momma.

Mr. Speaker, Members, staff, lobbyists, and businesses, thanks to all of you for your acts of kindness.

Rep. Carl Anderson

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3816 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EDUCATOR TESSIE BRIDGES OF CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO EDUCATION IN THIS GREAT STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3817 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. LOUISE THELMA ROBINSON-SIMMONS OF UNION HEIGHTS, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3818 -- Reps. Pope, Sessions, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss and Terribile: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR U.S. ARMY COLONEL (RET.) MELINDA WOODHURST FOR HER FAITHFUL LABORS IN SUPPORT OF YORK COUNTY VETERANS AND TO THANK HER FOR HER OWN MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3819 -- Reps. Pope, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SUPPORT CONSTANT TALKS UNDER THE "US-TAIWAN INITIATIVE ON 21ST-CENTURY TRADE" AND A "US-TAIWAN AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT" AS TAIWANESE COMPANIES ARE LOOKING FOR A DIVERSE AND FREE MARKET INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ORGANIZE A TRADE DELEGATION TO TAIWAN TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENTS AND CITY GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL "SMART CITY" FORUM IN TAIWAN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3820 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley,

Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 23, 2025, "TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS AND PLEASURE OF PLAYING THIS ENJOYABLE SPORT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3821 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire,

Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PJ MORTON FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL MUSICAL TALENT AND SUCCESS AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE KOGER CENTER IN COLUMBIA ON FEBRUARY 21, 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3822 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TRACIE ANDERSON SWILLEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON BEING NAMED 2025 NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3823 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HANNAH MILLER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 CITY OF GOOSE CREEK RECREATION DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AND 2024 CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3824 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR ITS PIONEERING WORK IN THE STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3825 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACKSON THOMAS BENTON OF BERKELEY COUNTY FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON ACHIEVING

THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3826 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND CALVERT R. BRADLEY AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NORTH CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3827 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE APRIL 2, 2025, AS "STEM EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3828 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBINSON EARLE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 237 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb and Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2029; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL SERVE A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS

RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON APRIL 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL

EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO

A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3829 -- Reps. Bauer and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DECLARE THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS "TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3830 -- Rep. Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION FOR "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" AND TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "DATING RELATIONSHIP."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND

EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--116

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Shelley Janssen of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3098
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3173
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BERNSTEIN and WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3202
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, HOLMAN and WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3236
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	WETMORE and BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3346
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	CLYBURN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3394
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BAILEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BERNSTEIN, GOVAN and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3472
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	GIBSON and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BAILEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3530
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3536
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3571
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3589
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3633
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	M. M. SMITH, HADDON, NEESE, TEEPLE, FORREST, WILLIS, RANKIN, HOLMAN, MCCRAVY, GIBSON, LAWSON, HAGER, CRAWFORD, BAILEY, GAGNON, MCGINNIS, HARTNETT, BRITTAIN, GUFFEY, SESSIONS and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3650
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BAILEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3770
Date:	ADD:
01/29/25	BURNS, CROMER, HADDON and VAUGHAN

H. 3767--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL

COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3792--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3792 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

Rep. PEDALINO explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest

Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Robbins	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3792. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

H. 3815--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following was introduced:

H. 3815 -- Rules Committee: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULES 6.3 14. AND 15., AND 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL RELATING TO THE MOTION PERIOD, SO AS TO DELETE THE MOTION PERIOD AND ALL REFERENCES TO IT, AND TO FURTHER AMEND 15. TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO MATTERS REGARDING SETTING SPECIAL ORDER; TO AMEND RULE 4.2 10., RELATING TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIPS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT; TO AMEND RULE 5.20, RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS, AN AGENCY, OR AN OFFICIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OR TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE WITH SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION; TO AMEND RULE 4.13, RELATING TO INVITATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS AS EARLY AT 5:00P.M.; TO DELETE RULE 5.12 RELATING TO THE APRIL TENTH CROSSOVER DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATION; TO AMEND RULE 4.4, RELATING TO COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE STREAMING OF COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN FEASIBLE AND PROVIDE A CAVEAT; TO ADD RULE 2.17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK, READING CLERK, CHAPLAIN, AND SERGEANT AT ARMS MUST PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN A FAIR AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER THAT DOES NOT OPENLY REFLECT THEIR PERSONAL POLITICAL BELIEFS OR OPINIONS CONCERNING ISSUES, CAMPAIGNS, OR OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO DELETE RULES 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, AND 4.12, ALL RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ITS OPERATION.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

(1) That Rule 6.3 14. and 15. of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

14. ~~a. motion period;~~

~~b.~~ consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

15. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

a. Notwithstanding the order of business set forth in Rule 6.3 a matter may be set for Special Order for consideration on a particular day at a particular hour or at a particular place on the Calendar.

b. Special orders may be set for appropriations bills and local bills by majority vote of the House. Special orders on all other ~~bills~~matters placed on the Calendar shall be set only by written resolution, which has been referred to the Rules Committee or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of that committee and agreed to by majority of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report~~; provided,~~. Resolutions setting matters for special order may include language governing the time, date, and debate of the matters set for special order; however, ~~that~~ notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 governing the amendability of bills and resolutions, no amendments may be offered to any Special Order resolution, which amendments do not pertain to the bill which is the subject of the Special Order resolution, except as to the time and date called for in such resolution.

Provided, that for the purpose of explaining any Special Order resolution the time limit for opponents shall not exceed five minutes and the time limit for proponents shall not exceed five minutes.

c. A Special Order set for a certain day and hour, not being considered by the House at the hour named, shall be transferred by the Clerk of the House to the Special Orders of the following day until disposed of, in the chronological order of original appointment.

Any member may insist upon a Special Order of the Day, or other Special Orders, until it be discharged.

~~d. The motion period provided for the daily order of business under Rule 6.3 shall be limited to ten minutes only.~~

~~Provided, however, that time consumed by roll call votes shall not be construed as part of time allotted to said motions period.~~

(Reserved.)

e. Consideration of uncontested local bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 7a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of ten minutes only. Consideration of contested local bills and joint resolutions on second and third readings as provided in subsections 12b and 14b of this rule is limited to a total of ten minutes for second reading bills and joint resolutions and ten minutes for third reading bills and joint resolutions.

f. Consideration of uncontested statewide bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 8a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes only.

g. No debate shall be allowed in the uncontested period, *provided,* however, the Speaker may recognize a proponent and opponent of any uncontested bill or joint resolution for a brief explanation of their position.

h. Consideration of unanimous consent requests as provided for in subsection 12 of this rule shall be limited to five minutes only. No unanimous consent requests except those unanimous consent requests dealing with the pending matter may be considered at any time other than during the time provided for in subsection 12 of this rule.

(2) That Rule 8.9 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

8.9 ~~When a motion is made during a motion period, the Speaker shall entertain but one motion at a time and there shall be no substitute motions considered. The same motion may be entertained consecutively during the motion period.~~ (Reserved.)

(3) That Rule 4.2 10. of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

10. Committee on Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight (Oversight and Review of Government Operations and Accountability, SC Code of Laws Section 2-2-5 et seq.) -- 20.

(4) That Rule 5.20 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.20 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other House Rule, no House or Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the

United States, the President of the United States, or any state or federal department, agency, or official shall receive immediate consideration but shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions or the appropriate committee with subject matter jurisdiction concerning the resolution. Provided, a House or Concurrent Resolution referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions~~and~~ shall remain in such committee unless three members of the committee vote to report the resolution out of committee. No such resolution may be recalled from committee.

(5) That Rule 4.13 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

4.13 No person shall be permitted to address the House or the Joint Assembly except by written resolution, and such resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions before being considered by the House. The Committee shall not extend an invitation to any individual or group to address the House or the Joint Assembly unless such person or group is of significant national or state prominence at the time the invitation is extended and will bring a message of major importance to the State or such individual or group will present an artistic performance during the established hours of meeting.

Any invitations extended to the House as a whole to attend any functions shall be submitted to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions at least 10 days in advance in order that it may determine what legislation or other pertinent matters may be pending before the House and its Committees before the invitation is accepted. The House shall accept no invitations to any functions other than a breakfast or luncheon prior to ~~6:00~~5:00 p.m. Pages are not permitted to attend such functions. No invitations to functions for the House as a whole will be accepted during the week anticipated for the debate of the State Appropriations Bill.

(6) That Rule 5.12 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.12 ~~No bill or joint resolution from the Senate shall be considered unless received by April tenth in the House. Provided, such bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the Calendar for further consideration if two thirds of those members present and voting agree to waive the rule.~~

~~Any bill or joint resolution failing to receive the required vote shall be returned to the appropriate committee. Once voted on and rejected, no further vote shall be allowed to waive this rule.~~

~~The motion to waive this rule shall not be debatable, except that the mover shall have the right to make a three minute explanation of his motion.~~

~~The provisions of this rule shall apply only to regular sessions of the General Assembly as opposed to special sessions of the General Assembly.~~

~~The Speaker shall enforce the deadlines provided by this rule and shall not allow consideration without putting the question of waiver before the House.~~ (Reserved.)

(7) That Rule 4.4 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

4.4 Committees shall meet regularly to consider pending legislation in the room assigned for their use by the Speaker or as otherwise authorized by this rule. Notice of date, time, and place of such meetings shall be posted on the legislative website and displayed in the lobby on each floor of the Solomon Blatt Building. A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown. Committee and subcommittee meetings shall be streamed online whenever feasible; however, the inability to broadcast a meeting online shall not invalidate any action taken at a meeting. No committee shall meet while the House is in session without special leave by the Speaker. Provided, however, that the Committee on Rules and any committee of conference or free conference, may sit at any time and may report its message to the House at any time.

A committee may provide, pursuant to its own rules, for the Chairmen to designate alternative meeting arrangements and procedures. Provided, however, the Chairman may only implement alternative meeting arrangements and procedures in the event that extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God, render them necessary. The alternative meeting arrangements and procedures must:

(1) provide for public observation or participation as required by House Rules and the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended;

(2) provide both a video and audio component that is publicly accessible; and

(3) record the meeting, in its entirety, and make the recording available on the General Assembly website, as soon as practicable following the meeting.

No committee shall sit unless a quorum be present and all bills introduced by committees must carry the statement of the Chairman that the bill has the approval of two thirds of the membership of the committee, except that the State Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, a Rescission Bill, and the Deficiency Appropriations Bill may be introduced by a majority vote of the Ways and Means Committee.

No committee shall introduce a bill pertaining to subject matter over which it has no jurisdiction.

Notice in writing of all committee action taken on a bill or resolution shall be given to the principal author thereof.

No statewide bill directly appropriating money shall be considered by the House until after such bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, provided, however, a statewide bill which directly or by implication provides for per diem, subsistence or mileage in connection with the subject matter of the bill, but does not otherwise directly appropriate money, shall not be required to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

After the House sets a bill for Special Order pursuant to Rule 6.3, no point of order may be raised regarding its reference to committee, however, the House by majority vote may commit or recommit a bill or other matter under debate.

No committee action shall be taken on a bill or resolution except at a regular or called meeting, but this shall not apply to resolutions referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

When any standing committee or subcommittee schedules a public hearing on a bill or resolution, the principal sponsor of such bill or resolution shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing not less than five calendar days prior to the hearing date.

(8) That Rule 2 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding:

2.17 The Clerk, Reading Clerk, Chaplain, and Sergeant at Arms must perform the duties and responsibilities of their offices in a fair and professional manner that does not openly reflect their personal political beliefs or opinions concerning issues, campaigns, or other matters before the General Assembly.

(9) That Rules 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12 of the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended to read:

4.9 ~~In all cases the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. The motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole shall specify the subject(s) to be considered in the Committee of the Whole. In the event the House resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole shall limit discussion to the subject(s) specified in the motion. The Speaker shall leave the Chair after appointing a Chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, have the power to cause same to be cleared. No bill or resolution may be considered by the Committee of the Whole House, except by a two thirds vote, unless same has first been considered by the appropriate Standing Committee of the House.~~ (Reserved.)

4.10 ~~The Committee of the Whole shall consist of the entire body of members in attendance at the particular meeting of the House. Such committee is a real committee in the parliamentary sense. During the time that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole is held, it is technically not 'the assembly'.~~ (Reserved.)

4.11 ~~The Rules of the House so far as they are applicable shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman being substituted for the Speaker.~~ (Reserved.)

4.12 ~~No Committee of the Whole or other committee shall deface or interline a bill or other paper, referred to it, but shall report any amendments recommended on a separate paper, noting the page and line.~~ (Reserved.)

Rep. CASKEY explained the Resolution.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Point of Order that House Resolution H. 3815 was not available for the Members to view online and Members

could not access it from their computers. He stated that the House should stop debate until the resolution was available online.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT overruled the Point of Order. He stated that nothing in the House Rules required the resolution be available online prior to debate by the House. He stated further that regardless of the lack of a rule requiring the resolution to be available online that the resolution was, in fact, available online for all Members to access.

Rep. CASKEY continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. CASKEY continued speaking.

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.DG0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by adding at the end:

( ) That Rule 5.19 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.19 a. No member shall speak more than twice on the main question of a bill or resolution being considered for any reading and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. No member shall speak more than twice upon an amendment or a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than ten minutes each time. However, if the previous question has been invoked, no member may speak more than twice on a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than the amount of time remaining for debate of the underlying motion; provided, that proposed amendments announced and introduced by the Reading Clerk shall be considered prior to a member speaking on the bill. No member shall speak more than twice on Senate amendments to a House bill and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. The House may, however, by consent of a majority of the members present and voting suspend the operation of this rule during any debate on any particular question before the House.

Provided, each bill or joint resolution, prior to receiving second reading, must be explained for a minimum of ten minutes or until all questions from House members are addressed, whichever occurs first.

The committee chairman of the committee to which a bill or joint resolution was referred, the committee chairman's designee, the sponsor(s) of the bill or joint resolution, and other members of the House may jointly explain the bill or joint resolution in order to provide the required explanation.

b. Subsection a. of this rule shall be applicable on a section by section basis on debate upon the General Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, or the bond bills but shall not apply to bills on reapportionment.

c. The question of granting Free Conference Powers shall require an affirmative vote of two thirds of the membership of the House and is not debatable. No member shall speak more than twice on the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. When the pending question is adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report, the yeas and nays must be taken by roll call and the votes on it must be recorded by name in the Journal. Furthermore, the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report is subject to the provisions of Rule 8.6.

d. The time limits set by this rule when a member is speaking are paused and the time allotment does not continue to run during points of order, parliamentary inquires, or other similar motions or circumstances.

( ) That Rule 8.6 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

8.6 The previous question upon any matter may be invoked as follows:

Upon an affirmative vote on a motion for the previous question (fifty percent of those present and voting, a quorum being present, plus five, being required to interrupt debate and a simple majority vote at all other times), the amendments then upon the desk shall be considered, but no further amendments shall be allowed to be offered unless the amendment has at least two thirds of the membership of the House as its sponsor. The proponents of an amendment shall be allowed an opportunity to make a short explanation of his amendment for a period not to exceed three minutes, then opponents to the amendment shall be permitted not more than three minutes to oppose the proposed amendment. Then two hours of debate shall be allowed on the bill, the time being equally divided between opponents and proponents with no person to speak more than ten minutes. Provided, that after the previous

question has been invoked, the primary sponsor of an amendment may withdraw it with unanimous consent without making a motion to table it.

Provided, the previous question may be invoked on a motion to reconsider only when the matter to be reconsidered is debatable.

Provided, a motion to adjourn debate shall be in order even though the previous question has been invoked.

Provided, further, any member who has been recognized by the Speaker and is speaking from the podium, is considered to be debating the issue and a call for the previous question, whether by the member or any other member, requires the necessary fifty percent of those present and voting plus five.

The time limits set by this rule when a member is speaking are paused and the time allotment does not continue to run during points of order, parliamentary inquires, or other similar motions or circumstances.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 50

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Duncan	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCravy	McGinnis

Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Burns	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Dillard	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Harris	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Oremus	Pace	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Terribile	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--50

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HART moved to adjourn debate on the Resolution until Tuesday, February 4.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 50

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Burns	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Garvin
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Harris	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	Oremus	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Terribile	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--50

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. KING moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 44; Nays 69

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Terribile	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--44

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon

Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--69

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recede until 5:15 p.m.

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

Yeas 42; Nays 68

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Harris
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Luck	Magnuson

McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pace	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Terribile	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--42

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

So, the House refused to recede.

Reps. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3815 (LC-3518.AHB0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an item at the end to

read:

( ) That Rule 5.1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.1 a. No notice shall be required of a member of his intention to introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and resolutions shall be referred by the Speaker of the House to the appropriate committee or committees which may then consider them at such times as the committee meets. Provided, however, the Speaker may delay referral of a bill or resolution for one statewide legislative day in order to review the legislation's subject matter content. Any matter acted upon favorably by any committee may be reported out by the committee when the House reconvenes and need not thereafter be sent to any committee but shall then be ready, upon compliance with other Rules of the House, for second reading consideration; provided, however, that bills appropriating revenue shall be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Provided, further, that bills and resolutions creating study committees shall first be referred to the appropriate standing committee having jurisdiction of the subject matter of the bill or resolution.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a., a bill or resolution sponsored by a majority of the House must be placed on the House calendar for consideration and not referred first to a committee.

c. The Speaker may establish procedures and dates for prefiling legislation prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly. All bills received prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly shall receive first reading on the first day of the session.

d. In those years in which all seats of the House are up for election, no bill shall be received for prefiling between the dates of adjournment sine die and the date of completion of the Organizational Session of the House.

e. When the House of Representatives is not in session and bills are being prefiled and assigned to committees, any member who wishes to have their name added as a sponsor of a bill may do so by notifying the Clerk of the House in writing. The Clerk shall then notify the Chairman of the committee to which the bill has been assigned and their name shall be added. If a member wishes to sponsor a bill individually then they shall so indicate on the face of the bill and no additional sponsors shall be allowed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. HARRIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 65; Nays 42

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bannister	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Martin	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--65

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilreath

Grant	Harris	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	J. Moore	Oremus
Pace	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Terribile	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--42

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. KILMARTIN moved to recommit the Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 46

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bannister	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Garvin
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Harris	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	J. Moore
Oremus	Pace	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Terribile
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Williams		

Total--46

So, the House refused to recommit the Resolution.

Rep. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE AND WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0004H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by adding an item at the end to read:

( ) That Rule 5.1 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.1 a. No notice shall be required of a member of his intention to introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and resolutions shall be referred by the Speaker of the House to the appropriate committee or committees

which may then consider them at such times as the committee meets. Provided, however, the Speaker may delay referral of a bill or resolution for one statewide legislative day in order to review the legislation's subject matter content. Any matter acted upon favorably by any committee may be reported out by the committee when the House reconvenes and need not thereafter be sent to any committee but shall then be ready, upon compliance with other Rules of the House, for second reading consideration; provided, however, that bills appropriating revenue shall be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. Provided, further, that bills and resolutions creating study committees shall first be referred to the appropriate standing committee having jurisdiction of the subject matter of the bill or resolution.

b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection a., a bill or resolution sponsored by a majority of the House must be placed on the House calendar for consideration and not referred first to a committee.

c. The Speaker may establish procedures and dates for prefiling legislation prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly. All bills received prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly shall receive first reading on the first day of the session.

d. In those years in which all seats of the House are up for election, no bill shall be received for prefiling between the dates of adjournment sine die and the date of completion of the Organizational Session of the House.

e. When the House of Representatives is not in session and bills are being prefiled and assigned to committees, any member who wishes to have their name added as a sponsor of a bill may do so by notifying the Clerk of the House in writing. The Clerk shall then notify the Chairman of the committee to which the bill has been assigned and their name shall be added. If a member wishes to sponsor a bill individually then they shall so indicate on the face of the bill and no additional sponsors shall be allowed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep CASKEY raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 3 was not germane to H. 3815.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke against the Point of Order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that Rule 9.3 governs the germaneness of amendments. He stated that the amendment must

concern the same specific subject matter referenced within the resolution and may not expand the scope of the resolution. He stated that Amendment No. 3 addressed a House Rule that was not referenced or affected by the resolution and went beyond the resolution's subject matter. He sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. CROMER, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0006H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by adding an item at the end to read:

( ) That Rule 1.9 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

1.9 All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise provided for by rule or by law, except Senatorial and Gubernatorial appointees and *ex officio* members of the House. The Speaker shall name the members constituting each committee in alphabetical order. The Chairman <u>of a committee or subcommittee, who must be a member of the Majority Party,</u> shall be elected by the respective committees during the organizational session. If any subsequent vacancy shall occur in a committee's chairmanship, the election of a new committee chairman shall take place at the time and date to be set by the presiding officer of the respective committee. The committees may at their discretion elect a Vice-Chairman and such other officers as they may choose.

Provided, when appointing members to a Committee on Conference or Free Conference, the Speaker shall consult with the majority and minority political party leaders and appoint at least one member of the minority political party represented in the House.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was not germane to H. 3815.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Point of Order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* cited the earlier ruling and stated that the amendment dealt with House Rules not referenced in the resolution, and he sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 43; Nays 68

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Burns	Cromer
Dillard	Edgerton	Frank
Garvin	Gibson	Gilreath
Grant	Harris	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pace	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Terribile
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Williams		

Total--43

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Reps. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0008H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by deleting items (1), (2), and (9) in their entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HAYES a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to family medical reasons.

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 43

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Martin	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Burns	Cromer
Dillard	Edgerton	Frank
Garvin	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	J. Moore
Oremus	Pace	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Terribile
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Williams		

Total--43

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the motion.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 70; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Burns	Cromer	Dillard

Edgerton	Frank	Garvin
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Harris	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pace	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Terribile	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--38

So, the House refused to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to table the motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole. If I had been present, I would have voted against the tabling motion.

Rep. Beach

Reps. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0007H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by striking all after the resolving clause and inserting:

"Rule 1

The Speaker

Speaker *Pro Tempore*

1.1 The Speaker shall take the chair on every legislative day precisely at the hour to which the House adjourned at the last sitting, immediately call the members to order, cause prayer to be said, the Journal of the previous proceedings to be corrected, and if a quorum be present, proceed to other business.

1.2 The Speaker shall preserve order and decorum pursuant to the rules of the House of Representatives, and, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries, or in the lobby, may cause the same to be cleared. The Speaker shall take measures to strictly enforce the provisions of House Rule 3.6 and will ensure that every member takes

his seat, acts with decorum at all times, refrains from disrespect to the institution of the House or the Senate and to all personalities, observes decency of speech, and confines himself to the question under consideration when the House is in session. Any person guilty of contempt of the House may be ordered into custody by the House and dealt with as it deems proper.

1.3 If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the House, the Speaker shall call him to order, or any member may call such transgressions to the attention of the Speaker who shall call the transgressor to order. If repeated cries of order are ineffective, the Speaker may call a member by name, and if the Speaker deems it necessary, he shall state the offense committed. The member may be heard in his exculpation and shall withdraw, and the House shall consider his punishment or any further proceedings to be had.

1.4 The Speaker shall sign all acts, joint resolutions, memorials, writs, warrants, and authorizations for payment or other papers authorized by the House.

1.5 The Speaker shall decide all points of order, subject to an appeal by any member, and he may require the member raising a point of order to cite the rule or other authority in support of the question. A member may withdraw a point of order the member has raised. Upon appeal, no member shall speak more than once and for no longer than twenty minutes each, except by permission of the House.

1.6 The Speaker may vote in all cases (except when he may be personally or pecuniarily interested). If the House be equally divided, the question shall be decided in the negative. The presiding officer may give information or explain any matter before the House; he may speak on points of order in preference to other members, and as often as he may deem necessary, but he shall not enter into any debate or endeavor to influence any question before the House while presiding. Provided, the Speaker, in his discretion, may address the body concerning matters of importance to the House.

1.7 The Speaker shall be elected on the opening day of the organizational session by the membership of the House. Pursuant to this rule a person elected Speaker may not serve more than five consecutive terms in that office.

1.8 The Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be elected on the opening day of the organizational session and shall preside in the absence of the Speaker. If a conflict of interest arises involving the Speaker and the performance of his duties the Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall perform the duties of the Speaker to the extent that the conflict of interest exists.

Provided, the Speaker or the Speaker *Pro Tempore*, whoever may be presiding at the time, may name a member to preside, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment. In the absence of the Speaker and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* for more than one day, the House may elect a Speaker *Pro Tempore* to serve until the return of the Speaker or Speaker *Pro Tempore*. When the Speaker *Pro Tempore* is absent for more than three consecutive statewide legislative days, the House of Representatives may elect an acting Speaker *Pro Tempore* who shall serve until the return of the Speaker *Pro Tempore*. The acting Speaker *Pro Tempore* may continue to serve on any committee to which he has been appointed.

1.9 All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise provided for by rule or by law, except Senatorial and Gubernatorial appointees and *ex officio* members of the House. The Speaker shall name the members constituting each committee in alphabetical order. The Chairman shall be elected by the respective committees during the organizational session. If any subsequent vacancy shall occur in a committee's chairmanship, the election of a new committee chairman shall take place at the time and date to be set by the presiding officer of the respective committee. The committees may at their discretion elect a Vice-Chairman and such other officers as they may choose.

Provided, when appointing members to a Committee on Conference or Free Conference, the Speaker shall consult with the majority and minority political party leaders and appoint at least one member of the minority political party represented in the House.

1.10 The Speaker is responsible that all amendments ordered by the House be correctly made and that the attention of the House be called to all amendments made by the Senate since the matter was before the House. All Senate amendments to matters previously considered by the House and all House amendments to matters previously considered by the Senate shall, after adoption, be printed by use of distinctive type interlineation in such a manner as to reflect in one text the original version and the language of the amendment.

1.11 If the Speaker or Speaker *Pro Tempore* resigns from such position, he shall submit his resignation to the Clerk of the House in writing. This procedure shall be followed in the case of the resignation of any elected officer of the House.

1.12 In case of emergency, the Speaker has the authority, when, in his opinion, it is impractical or dangerous to hold a regularly scheduled session(s) of the House of Representatives, to declare the body adjourned

to some other time. Such actions are to be taken only in times of great emergency including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God.

When, due to great emergency or through inadvertence, the House is adjourned without provision for the next meeting, the Speaker may issue a call specifying the time for the next meeting.

1.13 Section 2-3-110 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, designates the Speaker of the House as the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, and as such, the Speaker is authorized to initiate or otherwise participate in litigation on behalf of the House. The Speaker shall comply with the applicable rules of civil procedure in the relevant jurisdiction when taking action on behalf of the House.

Rule 2
Elected Officials
Clerk, Reading Clerk, Chaplain, and
Sergeant At Arms

2.1 The Clerk shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.2 The Clerk of the preceding session shall, at the beginning of the organizational session of the House, call the members to order, proceed to call the roll of members in alphabetical order, and pending election of a Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, or temporary officers, preserve order and decorum, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal by any member. The duties of this section may be delegated by the Clerk to any member of the House.

2.3 The Clerk shall cause to be kept a correct Journal of the proceedings of the House, and this Journal shall be numbered serially from the first day of each session of the Legislature. He shall not permit any books or papers belonging to the House to be taken out of his custody other than in the regular course of business and then upon receipt when he deems necessary. He shall report any missing papers to the Speaker.

2.4 The Clerk of the House shall cause to be prepared and laid on the desks of the members every morning an itinerary of the day's business to be called the Calendar. This Calendar shall include the orders of the preceding day and all continued matters arranged according to priority, and numbered from the commencement of the session, every matter being introduced and newly numbered after every new order upon it.

2.5 The Clerk shall assist, under the direction of the Speaker, in taking roll call or division votes.

2.6 The Clerk shall issue all pay certificates for *per diem* and mileage and incidental expenses upon the order of the Speaker, the signature of the Speaker being attested by the Clerk. The Clerk shall also attest to all writs and warrants and to the passage of all bills, resolutions, and memorials.

2.7 The Clerk shall prepare in writing and send all messages to the Senate and elsewhere as ordered by the House.

2.8 The Clerk shall also be charged with the duty of having executed, in a prompt and accurate manner, all the printing required by the Rules or orders of the House.

2.9 The Reading Clerk shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.10 The Reading Clerk shall read all papers to be read at the desk, which the Speaker may direct him to read and shall assist in taking any roll call votes at the Speaker's direction. Upon ordering of a roll call vote, or upon a quorum call, the electronic roll call system is to be used following the procedure of Rule 7.3. When the electronic roll call system is not operating in any manner, the Reading Clerk shall call the roll and take the names of all who vote 'aye' and all who vote 'nay' which shall be entered in the Journal and the provisions of Rule 7.3 shall not apply. If, during the course of an ordered electronic roll call, the electronic roll system malfunctions, in such a manner that the number of aye votes and the number of nay votes are recorded but the names of the members so voting are not recorded, the vote shall stand, and any member desiring to publish a record of his individual vote may submit a statement which shall be printed in the House Journal. If, during the course of an ordered electronic roll call, the electronic roll call system malfunctions in such a manner as to record no accurate information as to the vote totals, the question shall be resubmitted and the Reading Clerk shall call the roll of the members as hereinabove specified.

Provided, however, in the case of a malfunction in the electronic roll call where the roll call to be taken is mandated by the Constitution or Statutes, any malfunction will void the roll call and it will be retaken.

Provided, that whether the ayes and nays are taken by electronic roll or otherwise, they shall be recorded by the Clerk in the Journal.

2.11 The Chaplain shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.12 The Chaplain shall provide spiritual guidance for the membership of the House.

2.13 The Sergeant at Arms shall be elected by the membership of the House for a term of two years and shall be under the direct supervision of the Speaker of the House. This election will take place on the opening day of the organizational session.

2.14 The Sergeant at Arms shall assist the Speaker in maintaining order and decorum.

2.15 The duties of the Sergeant at Arms, shall be as provided for in Chapter 3 of Title 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

2.16 The Sergeant at Arms may designate, subject to the approval of the Speaker, other staff members of the House to assist the Speaker and the Sergeant in performing such duties as they may direct, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 2, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Rule 3

Members and Membership

3.1 Every member shall be within the House Chamber during its sittings unless excused or necessarily prevented, and may vote on each question put, except that no member shall be permitted to vote on any question immediately concerning his private rights as distinct from the public interest.

3.2 The Speaker may excuse any member from attendance on the House and its committees for any stated period upon reason shown, and such excused absence shall be noted in the Journal.

3.3 Any member absenting himself from attendance on the House or its committees and having in his possession any original papers relating to the business before the House, shall leave such original papers with the Clerk before departing from the Capitol.

3.4 Any member who enters after the roll call at the opening of the daily session and notifies the Clerk in writing shall thereafter be shown as present for such day. *Provided*, that no person except those recorded present shall be eligible for subsistence for that day.

3.5 In cases of contest for a seat in the House, notice setting forth the grounds of such contest shall be given by the contestant to the House within three calendar days after the House first convenes, and in such case, the contest shall be determined by majority vote as speedily as reasonably possible.

3.6 When the House is called to order, every member shall take his seat and shall act with decorum at all times when the House is in session. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to ‘Mr. Speaker’ and shall avoid disrespect to the House or the Senate and all personalities, observe

decency of speech, and shall confine himself to the question under consideration.

The Speaker, when duly addressed by a member, shall hear from the member who, in the Speaker's opinion, shall arise first, by identifying the member. The Reading Clerk shall not turn on any member's microphone until the Speaker has recognized that person.

3.7 (Reserved)

3.8 No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the House, except merely to explain his meaning, even if the debate on the question should be continued for many days. In the case of a matter requiring more than one reading, this limitation applies separately to each reading, *provided*, however, notwithstanding that a matter may move from the uncontested to contested Calendar or vice versa within the same reading, the limitation applies to the entire reading. If a member has the floor and is addressing the body, he shall not lose the floor by asking a question of any member of the body.

3.9 If any member shall be absent without leave and a quorum is not present, the Speaker shall instruct the Sergeant at Arms or appoint other authorized persons to send for such member or members and take them into custody. The outer doors to the Chamber shall be closed. The Speaker shall order that security personnel shall be posted at the outer doors of the Chamber and no member shall be permitted to leave the second floor of the State House without written leave of the Speaker. The Speaker may also order that security personnel be posted at all entrances to the State House to prevent members from leaving without authorization. An absent member who is taken into custody after the invocation of this rule shall pay for all reasonable expenses incurred which shall include mileage at the prevailing rate for state employees. In addition, such absent member who is taken into custody shall forfeit his entitlement to subsistence and mileage for that legislative day and shall be subject to any additional penalties the Speaker deems necessary. Should a quorum be present and ten members request, such absent member or members shall be sent for as herein provided and subjected to the same penalties. The Speaker shall strictly enforce the provisions of this rule. *Provided*, however, in the case of a member not being present when Rule 3.9 is invoked and such member voluntarily returns without being taken into custody, he shall not be subject to the penalties of this section. The invocation of this rule may be rescinded by a majority vote of those present and voting.

3.10 As soon as practicable, after the House has been organized, the seats of the members shall be allotted as follows:

The Clerk shall prepare a ballot for each county with only its name printed on it. These shall be put in a closed box. The Speaker shall then direct a person or persons to draw them out, one by one. As each ballot is drawn, the delegation from that county shall select their seats, in accordance with the county in which the member resides. In the event a member's district consists of more than one county, the member may elect to be seated with the delegation the member desires, provided the member indicates the preference to the Clerk of the House prior to balloting. No delegation may select more than one seat on the main aisle.

3.11 As soon as practicable, after the House has been organized, office space of members must be allotted as follows:

Each member shall be assigned an office in the Blatt Building on the basis of their seniority in the House. A member who has served in the immediately preceding session shall have first preference on retention of his previously assigned office. The House Operations and Management Committee is authorized to make necessary adjustments in the assignment of office space with the consent of the Speaker when necessary.

The provisions of this rule do not apply to office space for the Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, Chairman of the Rules Committee, Chairman of the Invitations and Memorial Resolutions Committee, Chairman of the Interstate Cooperation Committee and Chairmen of any other standing committees or any other caucus having assigned space in the Blatt Building.

Provided, further, each member shall be assigned a parking space in the parking facility on the basis of their seniority in the House. A member who has served in the immediately preceding session shall have first preference on retention of his previously assigned parking space.

3.12 (Reserved)

3.13 Each legislative caucus occupying office space in the Blatt Office Building may pay to the Clerk of the House of Representatives an amount, determined by the Clerk, for the use of office space by each caucus. Each caucus may also pay an amount for use of state-owned office related equipment including, but not limited to, copying services, computer equipment, and software and related connection charges for internet access and telephone equipment and service. Each legislative caucus may make payment for equipment and services in the manner to be determined by the Clerk.

Rule 4

Committees

4.1 Committee appointments: see Rule 1.9.

4.2 As soon as practicable after the members have been sworn in and have taken their seats, the following Standing Committees, except the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee, and the House of Representatives Committee on Operations and Management, shall be appointed with the indicated number of members appointed thereto:

1. Committee on Ways and Means – 25.

2. Committee on the Judiciary (Privileges and Elections) – 25.

3. Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (Fish, Game, Forestry, State Parks, Rural Development, Environmental Affairs) – 18.

4. Committee on Education and Public Works (Education, Highways, State House and Grounds, Railroads, Aviation) – 18.

5. Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (Medical Affairs, Social Security, Penitentiary, State Hospital, Police Regulations, Military Affairs, Veteran's Affairs) – 18.

6. Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Labor, Commerce and Manufacturing, Banking and Insurance, Merchants and Mercantile Affairs) – 18.

7. Committee on Rules – 15.

8. Committee on Interstate Cooperation (membership limited to 5, under 1976 Code, Sec. 1–17–30) – 5.

9. Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity - 13.

10. Committee on Legislative Oversight (Oversight and Review of Government Operations and Accountability, SC Code of Laws Section 2-2-5 et seq.) - 20.

11. House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee – 10.

12. Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions (Invitations, Resolutions memorializing the Federal or State Government or any official or agency thereof, sympathy, and congratulatory Resolutions) – 5.

13. Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives (Advisory to the Speaker on personnel, administration and management of facilities, including management of the Blatt Building) – 8.

Each member shall serve on one and only one of the first six Standing Committees listed above. However, a member of these Committees may also serve on any one of the following Committees: Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial

Intelligence and Cybersecurity, Committee on Legislative Oversight, Committee on Rules, Committee on Interstate Cooperation, Committee on Ethics, Committee on Invitations, or Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives. The Speaker, Speaker *Pro Tempore*, and Clerk shall serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives but no chairman of any other standing committee shall serve as a member of such committee.

Provided, that a minimum of two members from each of the first six Standing Committees listed above shall be appointed to the Committee on Regulations, Administrative Procedures, Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity.

Provided, that the members of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives (advisory to the Speaker on personnel, administration and management of facilities), and the members of the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee, shall be elected by the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, their terms to be coterminous with their respective term of office. The Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives shall consist of eight members. Four members of the committee shall be members of the majority party represented in the House of Representatives and four members shall be members of the minority party represented in the House of Representatives or be nonaffiliated with any party or another party not in the majority. The Chairman of the Committee on Operations and Management of the House shall be one of the four members of the committee from the majority party represented in the House to be elected by the members of the committee. Other officers of the committee are not required to be affiliated with a particular party.

Provided, that the Committee on Education and Public Works shall be deemed to be the Committee on Education, and the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs shall be deemed to be the Committee on Military Affairs and the Committee on Medical Affairs, in all cases where the statutes provide for the Chairman of these committees to perform *ex officio* duties.

Provided, that the Committee on Operations and Management of the House of Representatives with the consent of the Speaker may formulate such policies as it deems advisable relating to House personnel. Such policies shall be distributed to the members and must be adopted by majority vote of the House by House Resolution.

Provided, that except as herein provided neither the Speaker nor

Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of any of the foregoing Standing Committees.

No member shall be appointed on a committee before he has been sworn in and has taken his seat. Any member who is sworn in after the general announcement of the committee shall, within a few days afterward, be placed by the Speaker on a Standing Committee whose number of members will not thereby be extended beyond the number provided in these rules.

After a committee has been appointed, no addition to it or change shall be made, except to fill a vacancy or to remove a member for conduct unbecoming a member.

Provided, that in filling a vacancy, the assignment of any member may be changed from another committee to fill such vacancy.

4.3 Unless otherwise ordered, committees shall have jurisdiction only over matters pertaining to the subjects indicated by the names of the respective committees, and to the subject matter indicated in parenthesis following the names.

4.4 Committees shall meet regularly to consider pending legislation in the room assigned for their use by the Speaker or as otherwise authorized by this rule. Notice of date, time, and place of such meetings shall be posted on the legislative website and displayed in the lobby on each floor of the Solomon Blatt Building. A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown. No committee shall meet while the House is in session without special leave by the Speaker. *Provided,* however, that the Committee on Rules and any committee of conference or free conference, may sit at any time and may report its message to the House at any time.

A committee may provide, pursuant to its own rules, for the Chairmen to designate alternative meeting arrangements and procedures. *Provided*, however, the Chairman may only implement alternative meeting arrangements and procedures in the event that extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God, render them necessary. The alternative meeting arrangements and procedures must:

(1) provide for public observation or participation as required by House Rules and the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code

of Laws of South Carolina, as amended;

(2) provide both a video and audio component that is publicly accessible; and

(3) record the meeting, in its entirety, and make the recording available on the General Assembly website, as soon as practicable following the meeting.

No committee shall sit unless a quorum be present and all bills introduced by committees must carry the statement of the Chairman that the bill has the approval of two-thirds of the membership of the committee, except that the State Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, a Rescission Bill, and the Deficiency Appropriations Bill may be introduced by a majority vote of the Ways and Means Committee.

No committee shall introduce a bill pertaining to subject matter over which it has no jurisdiction.

Notice in writing of all committee action taken on a bill or resolution shall be given to the principal author thereof.

No statewide bill directly appropriating money shall be considered by the House until after such bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, *provided,* however, a statewide bill which directly or by implication provides for *per diem*, subsistence or mileage in connection with the subject matter of the bill, but does not otherwise directly appropriate money, shall not be required to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

After the House sets a bill for Special Order pursuant to Rule 6.3, no point of order may be raised regarding its reference to committee, however, the House by majority vote may commit or recommit a bill or other matter under debate.

No committee action shall be taken on a bill or resolution except at a regular or called meeting, but this shall not apply to resolutions referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

When any standing committee or subcommittee schedules a public hearing on a bill or resolution, the principal sponsor of such bill or resolution shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing not less than five calendar days prior to the hearing date.

4.5 All meetings of all committees shall be open to the public at all times, subject always to the power and authority of the Chairman to maintain order and decorum with the right to go into Executive Session as provided for in the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended. *Provided*, a legislative caucus as defined by Section 2-17-10 of the 1976

Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, and its meetings are not subject to the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.

No committee shall file a report unless the committee has met formally at an authorized time and place with a quorum present. All standing committees of the House shall prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended, the minutes of full committee meetings. Such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings but shall include those matters required by the above mentioned Freedom of Information Act.

4.6 After twenty days from the date of reference, the Chairman of the Committee in possession of a measure shall, upon written request of a sponsor or, in the case of a Senate measure, a House member, set a time for consideration of the measure by the full committee or subcommittee which shall be no later than seven legislative working days thereafter. *Provided*, however, that a member may request consideration of a bill or resolution pursuant to this rule only one time per bill or resolution during a legislative session.

4.7 a. Each report of a committee shall contain the action of the committee on the bill or other measure being transmitted. Such report shall certify the action by the committee and shall be signed by an officer of the committee.

b. When reporting a Senate bill as favorable, the committee may include in its report an amendment identical to the final version of any House bill that has been referred to that committee and passed by the House during the current two-year session. If the amendment is identical to a previously passed House bill, the amendment must be considered germane to the bill.

4.8 Any bill, report, petition, or other paper except an amendment which may come before the House, may be committed or recommitted before a final decision thereon. *Provided*, further that the Speaker shall commit to a committee any bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution returned from the Senate with an amendment that has so materially changed the bill that the bill's contents, as amended by the Senate, are no longer substantially germane to the bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution as it passed the House. Such bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution may be reported out of the committee with its recommendation and shall be placed on the Calendar under the heading of Senate Amendments. If not amended, it shall be enrolled as an act and ratified. If said bill, joint resolution, or concurrent resolution shall

be amended, it shall be returned to the Senate at the conclusion of the process as a House amendment. *Provided*, the provisions of this rule may be dispensed with by a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting of the House, a quorum being present.

4.9 In all cases the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. The motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole shall specify the subject(s) to be considered in the Committee of the Whole. In the event the House resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole shall limit discussion to the subject(s) specified in the motion. The Speaker shall leave the Chair after appointing a Chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, have the power to cause same to be cleared. No bill or resolution may be considered by the Committee of the Whole House, except by a two-thirds vote, unless same has first been considered by the appropriate Standing Committee of the House.

4.10 The Committee of the Whole shall consist of the entire body of members in attendance at the particular meeting of the House. Such committee is a real committee in the parliamentary sense. During the time that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole is held, it is technically not 'the assembly'.

4.11 The Rules of the House so far as they are applicable shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman being substituted for the Speaker.

4.12 No Committee of the Whole or other committee shall deface or interline a bill or other paper, referred to it, but shall report any amendments recommended on a separate paper, noting the page and line.

4.13 No person shall be permitted to address the House or the Joint Assembly except by written resolution, and such resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions before being considered by the House. The Committee shall not extend an invitation to any individual or group to address the House or the Joint Assembly unless such person or group is of significant national or state prominence at the time the invitation is extended and will bring a message of major importance to the State or such individual or group will present an artistic performance during the established hours of meeting.

Any invitations extended to the House as a whole to attend any functions shall be submitted to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions at least 10 days in advance in order that it may determine what legislation or other pertinent matters may be pending before the House and its Committees before the invitation is accepted.

The House shall accept no invitations to any functions other than a breakfast or luncheon prior to 6:00 p.m. Pages are not permitted to attend such functions. No invitations to functions for the House as a whole will be accepted during the week anticipated for the debate of the State Appropriations Bill.

4.14 No member of a committee shall be allowed under any circumstances to vote by proxy.

4.15 None of the House Rules shall be rescinded, suspended, or altered, except by written resolution which has been referred to the Rules Committee, or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report. *Provided*, that any rule may be amended by a simple majority of the House during the month of January of each year.

4.16 A. The House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee (Committee) consists of ten (10) members. The ten members of the House of Representatives Legislative Ethics Committee shall be elected by the members of the House. Five members of the committee shall be members of the majority party represented in the House of Representatives and five members shall be members of the minority party represented in the House of Representatives or be nonaffiliated with any party or another party not in the majority. The Chairman of the Ethics Committee shall be one of the five members of the committee from the majority party represented in the House to be elected by the members of the committee. Other officers of the committee are not required to be affiliated with a particular party and shall be elected by members of the committee as well.

B. Jurisdiction

(1) The committee shall have jurisdiction over individuals and entities pursuant to Chapter 13, Title 8.

(2) No matter shall be considered later than four years after the violation allegedly occurred.

(3) No complaint may be accepted by the Ethics Committee concerning a member of or candidate for the House during the fifty-day period before an election in which the member or candidate is participating.

C. Duties

The committee shall:

(1) ascertain whether a person has failed to comply fully and accurately with the disclosure requirements of this Chapter 13, Title 8, which may include, but are not limited to, an audit of filed reports and applicable campaign bank statements, and to promptly notify the person

to file the necessary notices and reports to satisfy the requirements of this Chapter 13, Title 8;

(2) receive complaints or allegations concerning any person under the jurisdiction of the committee alleging a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2 and refer any complaint except for a complaint regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives to the State Ethics Commission (commission) for investigation in compliance with Sections 8-13-530 through 8-13-550;

(3) upon a majority vote of the members of the committee initiate a complaint concerning any person under the jurisdiction of the committee alleging a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2 and refer the complaint for investigation to the commission except for a complaint concerning a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives;

(4) cause to be investigated any complaints or allegations regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives or technical violation;

(5) upon request of any member, officer, or employee of the House render committee advisory opinions with regard to legislative ethics when, in its judgment, these opinions would serve the public interest. Such advisory opinions shall serve as binding precedent for the committee until specifically altered or withdrawn;

(6) act as an advisory body to the House and to individual members of or candidates for the House on questions pertaining to Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2;

(7) issue through its staff a written informal advisory opinion, based on real or hypothetical sets of circumstances, to a person or entity within the committee's jurisdiction upon that person's or entity's request. If an informal advisory opinion is raised as a defense in response to a complaint, the committee shall consider whether the respondent is the person who requested the informal advisory opinion or is a member of the entity that requested the informal opinion. The committee also shall consider the accuracy of the facts presented in the informal advisory opinion and determine whether the respondent relied in good faith upon the written informal advisory opinion. The committee shall consider this information prior to making a probable cause determination;

(8) administer or recommend appropriate sanctions or dismiss charges as the result of a properly filed complaint including a complaint which has been investigated by the commission;

(9) ascertain whether a person has failed to comply fully and

accurately with the disclosure requirements of Chapter 13, Title 8 and promptly notify the person to file the necessary disclosures to satisfy the requirements and assess and collect any fines or fees authorized by state law for the failure to timely file a disclosure statement; and

(10) recommend a rule or statutory change relating to ethics as the committee deems appropriate.

D. Complaints and Investigations

(1) Complaints must be verified in writing and state the name of the person alleged to have committed the violation and the particulars of the violation.

(2) When a complaint is filed with or by the committee, a copy must be sent to the person alleged to have committed the violation, the respondent, and to the commission for investigation, except for a complaint alleging a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives, within thirty days from the date the complaint was filed.

(3) If the committee determines that the complaint regarding a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives alleges facts sufficient to constitute a violation, an investigation shall be conducted into the alleged violation.

(4) Upon the initiation of an investigation by the committee, pursuant to Rule 4.16D.(3) the committee shall notify the respondent of what matters it intends to investigate and the respondent shall have the opportunity to submit a written response to any complaint or allegations being investigated within thirty days of being notified by the committee. Any complaint referred to the commission by the committee will be handled in accordance with Sections 8-13-530 through 8-13-550.

(5) After the investigation of a complaint referred to the commission and the commission subsequently provides a report to the committee with a recommendation that there is probable cause to believe a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, the committee may then concur or nonconcur with the commission's recommendation, or within forty-five days from the committee's receipt of the report, submit a request to the commission to continue the investigation in order to review information previously received or consider additional matters not considered by the commission.

(6) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that there is not competent and substantial evidence of a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, the committee shall dismiss the complaint and send a written decision to the respondent and the complainant. The notice of dismissal must be made public if the

commission made a recommendation that probable cause existed.

(7) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that the respondent has committed only a technical violation pursuant to Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, then the provisions of the appropriate section apply.

(8) If, after reviewing the commission's recommendation and relevant evidence, the committee determines that there is competent and substantial evidence that a violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or of Chapter 17, Title 2 has occurred, except for a technical violation of Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, the committee shall, as appropriate:

(a) render an advisory opinion to the respondent and require the respondent's compliance within a reasonable time; or

(b) convene a formal public hearing on the matter.

(9) The committee may obtain its own information, or request additional investigation by the commission, if it needs additional information to make a determination as to whether or not competent and substantial evidence of a violation exists.

(10) The committee may compel testimony and issue subpoenas for the procurement of witnesses and materials including books, papers, records, documents, or other tangible objects relevant to its investigation by approval of the chairman or a majority of the committee membership, subject to judicial enforcement as provided by law. The committee may administer oaths and affirmation for the testimony. A person to whom a subpoena has been issued may move before the committee for an order quashing a subpoena issued pursuant to this rule.

(11) If the committee determines that assistance is needed in conducting an investigation, the committee shall request the assistance of appropriate agencies.

(12) If the committee determines that there is no probable cause it shall dismiss the complaint.

(13) The committee shall refer any matters, regardless of a finding of probable cause, that are violations of law not under its jurisdiction to the appropriate law enforcement or regulatory agency.

E. Formal Public Hearings

(1) All formal public hearings of the committee must be open to the public subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Chapter 4, Title 30).

(2) The investigator or attorney handling the investigation concerning a violation of the rules of the House of Representatives or a technical violation for the committee shall present the evidence related to the complaint at any public hearing and shall not serve as counsel to

the committee during the hearing.

(3) The investigator or attorney handling the investigation for the commission shall present the evidence related to the complaint to the committee.

(4) It is the duty of the investigator or attorney to further investigate the subject of the complaint and any related matters under the jurisdiction and at the direction of the committee, to request assistance from appropriate state agencies as needed, to request authorization from the committee for funds for the hiring of auditors, investigators, or other assistance as necessary, to prepare subpoenas, and to present evidence to the committee at any public hearing.

(5) The respondent must be allowed to examine and make copies of all evidence in the committee's possession relating to the charges. At the hearing the respondent must be afforded appropriate due process protections, including the right to be represented by counsel, the right to call and examine witnesses, the right to introduce exhibits, and the right to cross-examine opposing witnesses. The committee shall issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses requested by the respondent pursuant to these rules.

(6) The committee may deliberate in executive session but must render its findings of fact and issue any sanctions in a public hearing.

F. Sanctions

(a) If the committee finds the respondent has committed a violation within the committee's jurisdiction it shall:

(1) administer a public reprimand;

(2) determine that a technical violation as provided for in Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372 has occurred;

(3) require the respondent to pay a civil penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars for each nontechnical violation that is unrelated to the late filing of a required statement or report or failure to file a required statement or report;

(4) require the forfeiture of gifts, receipts, or profits, or the value of each, obtained in violation of Chapter 13, Title 8 or Chapter 17, Title 2;

(5) recommend expulsion of the member;

(6) provide a copy of the complaint and accompanying materials to the Attorney General if the committee finds that there is probable cause to support the existence of criminal intent on the part of the respondent when the violation occurred;

(7) require a combination of items (1) though (6) as necessary and appropriate.

(b) The committee may levy an enforcement or administrative fee on a person found in violation or who admits to a violation, pursuant to Title 2 or Title 8, to reimburse the committee for costs associated with the investigation and hearing of a violation as provided in Section 8-13-130.

(c) The committee shall report its findings in writing to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report must be accompanied by an order of punishment and supported and signed by a majority of the Ethics Committee members. If the committee finds the respondent has not violated a code or statutory provision, it shall dismiss the charges.

(d) The complainant or respondent has ten days from the date of the notification of the committee's action to appeal the action to the full legislative body by written notice to the Speaker of the House.

G. Confidentiality

(1) Complaints are not considered a public record until there is a recommendation of probable cause by the commission unless the Respondent, in writing, waives the right to confidentiality.

(2) Upon a recommendation of probable cause by the commission for a violation, other than a technical violation pursuant to Section 8-13-1170 or 8-13-1372, the following documents become public record: the complaint, the response by the respondent, and the commission's recommendation of probable cause.

(3) If the appropriate committee requests further investigation after receipt of the commission's report, documents only may be released if the commission's second report to the committee recommends a finding of probable cause.

(4) Upon the issuance of the final order after a public hearing, the following documents become public record: exhibits introduced at the hearing, the committee's findings, and the final order. Exhibits introduced must be redacted prior to release to exclude personal information when the public disclosure would constitute an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.

(5) This Rule does not affect the release of confidential information pursuant to Section 8-13-725 of the Ethics Act.

H. General Provisions

(1) Unless otherwise indicated by rule or statute, all meetings, deliberations, actions, issuance of advisory opinions, debates, recommendations, and other activities of the committee are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (Chapter 4, Title 30).

(2) In an instance when the statutory process of amending a

required disclosure form cannot adequately correct an error or omission contained in the form, persons subject to the jurisdiction of the committee may request that the committee correct the original filing electronically. All requests must be made to the committee in writing, containing the specific error or omission to be corrected and an explanation as to why the statutory amendment process is not adequate. The request is considered public and must be supported by a vote of a majority of the committee to be carried out. The committee will maintain a record of requests made and changes made for no less than five years.

(3) Notwithstanding Section 8-13-1340, a member of the House shall not, directly or indirectly, establish, finance, maintain, or control any entity including, but not limited to, a noncandidate committee that receives or makes contributions as defined in Section 8-13-1300. This rule does not apply to a candidate committee or a legislative caucus committee.

(4) The Clerk of the House shall, in consultation with the Chairman of the Ethics Committee, cause to be employed by the House of Representatives, counsel exclusively for the purpose of providing legal advice and counsel to the Ethics Committee. Counsel employed for this purpose shall not be employed by or with any office within the House of Representatives other than the office of the Clerk of the House.

4.17 The Standing Committees may order to be printed for their use such papers as shall be referred to them.

4.18 The House shall not resolve itself into Executive Session except under those circumstances permitted by the laws of this State, and then only upon a vote of two-thirds of the membership present and voting, a quorum being present. Upon resolving itself into Executive Session, the Halls of the House shall be cleared of all persons except the members of the House, the Clerk of the House and the Sergeant at Arms.

No action shall be taken which violates the Statutory Law of this State and when such action is permissible it shall only be taken upon a two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting, a quorum being present.

4.19 When a bill or resolution is reported out of a standing committee of the House of Representatives, a summary of the bill or resolution prepared by the staff of that committee, if such summary is available, may be made available to the members electronically. Each summary prepared by staff shall have the following language printed in bold capital letters at the top of the summary: 'THE BELOW CONSTITUTED SUMMARY IS PREPARED BY THE STAFF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS

NOT THE EXPRESSION OF THE LEGISLATION'S SPONSOR(S) OR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS STRICTLY FOR THE INTERNAL USE AND BENEFIT OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND IS NOT TO BE CONSTRUED BY A COURT OF LAW AS AN EXPRESSION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT.'

4.20 All Committees and subcommittees shall order a roll call vote, with the yeas and nays recorded in the minutes, on the questions of adopting a bill or joint resolution with a favorable report.

4.21 A special Ad Hoc committee not otherwise referenced in these rules may be created by resolution or upon order of the Speaker. The resolution or Speaker's order creating the Ad Hoc committee shall specify the subject matter of the committee, the number of members to be appointed thereto, the mode in which the committee shall be appointed, and the time of its appointment. The resolution or order may specify a reporting date for the committee, dictate the contents and subject matter of the report, and may set a termination date for the committee's duties and operations. The procedure in an Ad Hoc committee is the same in all important particulars as procedure in standing committees as set forth in these rules.

Provided, further, standing committee chairmen may, upon the order of the chairman or motion of the standing committee create a special Ad Hoc committee concerning subject matter within the standing committee's jurisdiction. Such Ad Hoc committee is restricted to the membership of the standing committee.

Rule 5

Bills, Resolutions, and Reports

5.1 No notice shall be required of a member of his intention to introduce a bill or resolution. Bills and resolutions shall be referred by the Speaker of the House to the appropriate committee or committees which may then consider them at such times as the committee meets. Provided, however, the Speaker may delay referral of a bill or resolution for one statewide legislative day in order to review the legislation's subject matter content. Any matter acted upon favorably by any committee may be reported out by the committee when the House reconvenes and need not thereafter be sent to any committee but shall then be ready, upon compliance with other Rules of the House, for second reading consideration; *provided*, however, that bills appropriating revenue shall be referred to the Ways and Means Committee. *Provided*, further, that bills and resolutions creating study committees shall first be referred to the appropriate standing committee

having jurisdiction of the subject matter of the bill or resolution.

The Speaker may establish procedures and dates for prefiling legislation prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly. All bills received prior to the first day of the convening or reconvening of the General Assembly shall receive first reading on the first day of the session.

In those years in which all seats of the House are up for election, no bill shall be received for prefiling between the dates of adjournment *sine die* and the date of completion of the Organizational Session of the House.

When the House of Representatives is not in session and bills are being prefiled and assigned to committees, any member who wishes to have their name added as a sponsor of a bill may do so by notifying the Clerk of the House in writing. The Clerk shall then notify the Chairman of the committee to which the bill has been assigned and their name shall be added. If a member wishes to sponsor a bill individually then they shall so indicate on the face of the bill and no additional sponsors shall be allowed.

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

And every bill or joint resolution which shall propose the amendment or repeal of any Section, Chapter, or Title of the General Statutes or of any Act of Assembly or joint resolution, shall, in its title express the subject matter of such section, chapter, title, act, or joint resolution so sought to be amended or repealed. If this is not complied with, the paper shall not be received by the Speaker and objection may be raised by any member to such improper introduction at any time prior to third reading that the bill or resolution is being considered by the House.

Every bill or joint resolution proposing to amend any section or

clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a section of any chapter of the General Statutes or of any Act of Assembly or joint resolution shall give the full text of the Section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a Section as it would read with such amendment inserted therein. And if this latter clause of this rule is not complied with, the bill or joint resolution shall be amended so as to conform to this rule before it be considered by the House. Any member may require such amendment at any time a bill or resolution not in conformance herewith is being considered by the House.

5.3 General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bill

A. Certificate: Every General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of State Government before presentation shall have attached thereto a certificate from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office stating that the total of the appropriations therein provided for is not in excess of the estimated total revenue of the State for such purposes, including that revenue which may be provided for in the bill, or in any other bill previously passed by the House for the fiscal year to which the bill is applicable, and an Appropriations Bill without such certificate shall not be read the first time in the House, but shall be returned to the Committee on Ways and Means by the Speaker. After passage on second reading and before its consideration on third reading, every General Appropriations Bill, and every Supplemental Appropriations Bill shall have attached thereto a certificate from the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office that the total of the appropriations therein provided is not in excess of the estimated total revenue of the State for such purposes, including that revenue which may be provided in the bill, or in any other bill previously passed by the House for the fiscal year to which the bill is applicable, and if the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office cannot give such certificate, the Speaker shall order the bill recommitted to the Ways and Means Committee.

B. Germaneness and Amendments: The General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills may include both temporary and permanent provisions of law.

1. The principal effect of all temporary provisions of law and amendments thereto must be directly germane to the appropriation of funds, affecting revenue, or be rules, regulations, directives, or procedures relative to the appropriation of funds or affecting revenue for the fiscal year referred to in the bill.

2. The principal effect of all permanent provisions of law and

amendments thereto must be directly related to and expressly germane to the purpose of an appropriation being made or revenue provided and require a vote of three fifths of the House members present and voting.

3. An amendment which has the effect of appropriating or reducing funds in excess of one million dollars during the fiscal year stated within the bill shall include within the amendment the corresponding appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) within the same section that shall fully fund the amendment's proposed appropriation(s) or revenue reductions(s) or have attached to it in writing an explanation of the specific appropriation reduction(s) and/or revenue increase(s) from the different section(s) that shall fully fund the amendment's proposed appropriation(s) or revenue reductions. Provided, if an amendment identifies unspent projected revenue or balance as the funding source, the Speaker must consult with the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs and confirm the existence of sufficient unspent revenue or balance before the House may consider the amendment.

4. No amendments thereto may temporarily or permanently add, amend, repeal, or alter a portion of the general permanent tax laws of South Carolina.

5. Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the temporary suspension of any permanent law.

The provisions of this paragraph shall be narrowly and strictly construed with regard to all provisions of and amendments to the General Appropriations Bill and Supplemental Appropriations Bills.

C. Report of Conference of Committee:

1. The following requirement applies to the report of the Conference Committee on the Annual Appropriations Bill: Any provision offered for inclusion in the Annual Appropriations Bill which increases or decreases the most recent official projection of general fund revenues of the Board of Economic Advisors may not be included in the bill or recommendation unless the revenue impact is certified by the Board of Economic Advisors. Changes to the official general fund revenue estimate as a result of such provisions may not exceed amounts certified by the Board of Economic Advisors. This requirement is in addition to other provisions of law regarding fiscal impact statements.

2. Any part, section, or division of a conference report concerning the General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bills must comply with the germaneness requirements of this rule. Provided, further, any part, section, or division of a conference report concerning the General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental

Appropriations Bills which amends, adds, or repeals a portion of the general permanent laws of South Carolina may only be included in any conference report or concurred in as a Senate amendment by a vote of three-fifths of the House members present and voting.

D. Format of Appropriations Bill: All State Appropriations Bills must be printed at the following stages in their passage so that:

1. The House Ways and Means Committee version of the Appropriations Bill must include the amounts recommended by the Ways and Means Committee.

2. The House version of the Appropriations Bill must include the amounts recommended by the Ways and Means Committee and the amounts passed by the House.

3. The Report of Conference or Free Conference Committee must include the amounts passed by the House, the amounts passed by the Senate, and the amounts agreed upon by the Conference Committee.

4. The Appropriations Act must include total funds approved for the next fiscal year and a listing of appropriations from the General Fund.

5. Provided, further, that:

a. the full salary of the principal officer of each department, agency, or institution shall be set forth as an item distinct and apart;

b. minor budget classifications or other descriptive terminology may be used when necessary to better express the purpose of the appropriation;

c. where the major portion of the operating funds to any department, institution, or principal operational division thereof is derived from Federal or other nonappropriated funds, the total appropriation for each major budget classification may be shown, and the relative contributions of State and nonappropriated funds therefor shall be shown as completely as possible; and

d. the appropriations must be in conformity with the program budget format as adopted by the Ways and Means Committee.

E. Any bill or resolution considered by the House of Representatives, upon second reading, that raises revenue must conform to the provisions of Article III, Section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution.

F. Earmark Projects and Programs: For purposes of this section:

1. 'Appropriations bill' means the annual general appropriations bill, a supplemental appropriations bill, the joint resolution appropriating revenues of the capital reserve fund, a bill appropriating contingency reserve fund revenues, bond bills, or any other bill appropriating state revenues while under consideration by the House Ways and Means

Committee or Senate Finance Committee or any subcommittee of it and any free conference committee on an appropriations bill. For purposes of this definition, a bill includes a joint resolution.

2. 'Earmark project or program' means an appropriation for a specific program or project not originating with a written agency budget request, executive budget recommendation, or not included in an appropriations act from the prior fiscal year.

3. Each request for an earmark project or program included in an appropriations bill must be memorialized in writing on a form designed by the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The form must include the member's name who requested the earmark project or program, an explanation of the earmark project or program requested, and such other information as the form may require. The form must be filed with the House Ways and Means Committee.

4. Each request for an earmark project or program included in the House Ways and Means Committee version of an appropriations bill must be listed on a separate document prepared by the appropriate committee and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the appropriations bill on second reading. The document must include the members' name requesting the earmark project or program, a brief description of the earmark project or program request, and such other information as the form may require and must be posted on the General Assembly's website.

5. An earmark project or program request made while an appropriations bill is in the Senate and is included in the report of a committee of conference must be listed on a separate document, similar to the form described in item 4., and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the report of the committee of conference. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is charged with providing this form to the House membership.

6. An earmark project or program request made while an appropriations bill is in a committee of free conference must be listed on a separate document, similar to the form described in item 4., and placed on the members' desks before beginning debate of the report of the committee of free conference. The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee is charged with providing this form to the House membership.

7. If the provisions of this subsection are not followed in reference to an individual earmark project or program, a two thirds vote of the membership present and voting is required to include the earmark project or program in the appropriations bill or the report of the

committee of conference or free conference.

G. The Annual General Appropriations Bill must be considered section by section on second reading, and when the pending question is the adoption of an individual section, the yeas and nays must be taken by roll call and the votes on it must be recorded by name in the Journal except when the House agrees to a section by unanimous consent.

5.4 No bill or amendment providing an appropriation to pay a private claim against this State or a department thereof shall be introduced or considered.

5.5 No bill or joint resolution shall be introduced as a delegation bill or resolution unless such bill or resolution relates only to local matters concerning the county which such delegation represents.

5.6 Except as provided in subsection 5.1, the first reading of the bill shall be by title only. No amendments shall then be in order and the bill shall be referred to some committee, unless the House unanimously agrees, without debate, to dispense with reference. *Provided,* a request to dispense with reference to committee shall not be in order unless the call of the roll of the House has been taken that day and the Speaker has determined a quorum to be present.

5.7 Upon the second reading of a bill, after all amendments and motions have been disposed of, the question shall be the passage of the bill. Upon a decision in the affirmative, the order shall be made accordingly and the bill shall take its place on the Calendar for third reading.

5.8 At the third reading of a bill, the bill shall be read by its title only.

If the bill originated in the House, the question then shall be the passage of the bill. On a bill which originated in the Senate, if no amendment has been made by the House, the question shall be the passage of the bill and in the case of an affirmative vote, the title 'Bill' shall be changed to an 'Act' and the act shall be enrolled for ratification.

If the bill has been amended in the House, the question shall be the passage of the bill, as amended, and in the event of an affirmative vote, the bill, as amended, shall be returned to the Senate.

5.9 All bills and resolutions reported by a committee shall, as a matter of course, be printed, together with the report of a committee. A bill or joint resolution shall be reprinted following its second reading, if amended by the House, reflecting the substance of the bill in its amended form. Every committee report which amends the provisions of legislation referred to such committee shall give the full text of the section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a section as it

would read with such amendment inserted therein. If this rule is not complied with, the committee report shall be amended so as to conform to this rule before the bill or joint resolution is considered by the House. This shall be the responsibility of the committee chairman.

5.10 No local bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one day prior to such reading. *Provided*, that no statewide bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading unless said bill or resolution has been set for Special Order consideration as provided for by Rule 6.3(15)(b). *Provided,* further, no General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of the State Government shall receive a second reading unless printed copies of such Appropriations Bill shall have been laid on the desks of members at least three legislative days prior to second reading.

5.11 Any bill, resolution, report, or other paper which has been under consideration, may, at the Speaker's discretion, be ordered to be printed for distribution to the members.

5.12 No bill or joint resolution from the Senate shall be considered unless received by April tenth in the House. Provided, such bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the Calendar for further consideration if two-thirds of those members present and voting agree to waive the rule. Any bill or joint resolution failing to receive the required vote shall be returned to the appropriate committee. Once voted on and rejected, no further vote shall be allowed to waive this rule.

The motion to waive this rule shall not be debatable, except that the mover shall have the right to make a three-minute explanation of his motion.

The provisions of this rule shall apply only to regular sessions of the General Assembly as opposed to special sessions of the General Assembly.

The Speaker shall enforce the deadlines provided by this rule and shall not allow consideration without putting the question of waiver before the House.

5.13 Each bill effecting the expenditures of money by the State or directly affecting state revenues shall, prior to receiving second reading, have attached to it in writing such comment of the appropriate state official or office as may appear appropriate regarding the bill's effect on the finances of the State. Each committee amendment that substantially changes a bill effecting expenditures of money by the State or directly

affecting state revenues, prior to the bill receiving second reading, shall have attached to the committee amendment such comment of the appropriate state official or office as may appear appropriate regarding the committee amendment's effect on the finances of the State. Provided, however, this rule shall not be invoked where the amount is shown in the bill.

Committee chairmen shall satisfy these requirements of a fiscal impact statement prior to the bill receiving second reading.

5.14 No report of a Committee on Conference or Free Conference, except on a *Sine Die* Resolution or local matters, shall be considered until such report has been printed in the House Journal and explained by the conferees on the floor of the House.

Provided, no report of a Committee on Conference or Free Conference concerning the General Appropriations Bills, Supplemental Appropriations Bills for the ordinary expenses of State Government, or legislation appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund, shall be considered until such report has been made available online to the public for at least twenty-four hours.

The provisions of this paragraph may be specifically dispensed with by a two thirds vote of the members present and voting of the House, a quorum being present.

5.15 The printing of any document required to be printed under the Rules of the House may specifically be dispensed with by two-thirds vote of the membership present and voting of the House, a quorum being present; *provided*, such vote shall be by division vote; *provided*, however, the printing of any bill which has not been referred to committee shall not be waived.

5.16 Should any member seek immediate consideration of any House or Concurrent Resolution, the resolution shall receive immediate consideration unless five members object. If immediate consideration of such resolution is not sought, or in the event five members do object where immediate consideration is sought, the resolution shall be referred to an appropriate committee and shall not be considered by the House until after the committee has made its report and at that time shall take its place on the Calendar. *Provided,* however, a House or Concurrent Resolution concerning *Sine Die* Adjournment under Article III, Section 21 of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 2-1-180 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, shall receive immediate consideration, which shall include the motion to commit or recommit.

A House or Concurrent Resolution sponsored by a committee shall receive immediate consideration if so requested by a member unless five

members object, in which case it shall take its place on the Calendar without the necessity of being referred to a committee. Such resolution shall be printed in the same manner as is prescribed in Rule 5.9 for the printing of bills.

Provided, however, the Clerk shall prepare forms for House Resolutions expressing the sympathy or congratulations of the members of the House. Any member wishing to sponsor such a resolution shall forward in writing on a form prepared by the Clerk information sufficient to prepare the resolution. The Speaker shall sign the resolution on behalf of the membership. Such resolutions shall not be read to the House or printed in the Journal except upon the request of ten members. The Speaker may refer any such resolution to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and, in such event, the resolutions must be approved by the committee or if the committee recommends, by the House.

When the roll of the House is added by unanimous consent to a House or Concurrent Resolution, the Clerk of the House shall maintain possession of such resolution until noon on the following legislative day. A member of the House who does not wish to have his name included on a House or Concurrent Resolution when the roll of the House is added by unanimous consent may request, on a form provided by the Clerk, that his name be removed from the resolution. The Clerk shall remove the member's name from such resolution if the request is received by noon on the following legislative day. After such time, a member who was not present when the roll of the House was added by unanimous consent to a House or Concurrent Resolution, shall be permitted to add a written statement, in less than two hundred words, in the appropriate journal stating that had the member been present in the chamber, he or she would not have voted in favor of the resolution.

5.17 (A) Upon the consideration of any statewide uncontested bill or joint resolution, an objection or request for debate by five (5) members at any time prevents the consideration of the statewide bill or resolution and it then must be placed upon the statewide contested Calendar and remain on it until one (1) or more objections or requests for debate are formally withdrawn from the floor, and if there are not further objections or requests for debate entered at that time so that the total number of outstanding cumulative objections or requests for debate is less than five (5) or more, the statewide bill or resolution shall then receive immediate consideration if there is any time remaining in the applicable period for that statewide day for that bill or resolution.

(B) Upon the consideration of any local uncontested bill or joint

resolution, an objection or request for debate by three (3) members at any time prevents the consideration of the local bill or resolution and it then must be placed upon the local contested Calendar and remain on it until one (1) or more objections or requests for debate are formally withdrawn from the floor, and if there are not further objections or requests for debate entered at that time so that the total number of outstanding objections or requests for debate is less than three (3), the local bill or resolution shall then receive immediate consideration if there is any time remaining in the applicable period for that day for that local bill or resolution.

5.18 If any bill or resolution shall be recommitted to a committee or referred to another committee retaining its place on the Calendar, the same may be listed on the Calendar by number only until it is returned to the floor for debate or such action as may be appropriate.

Any bill, resolution, or report upon which debate has been adjourned may be listed on the Calendar by number only until the date for consideration has been reached.

5.19 a. No member shall speak more than twice on the main question of a bill or resolution being considered for any reading and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. No member shall speak more than twice upon an amendment or a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than ten minutes each time. However, if the previous question has been invoked, no member may speak more than twice on a motion to reconsider that is debatable and then not longer than the amount of time remaining for debate of the underlying motion; *provided*, that proposed amendments announced and introduced by the Reading Clerk shall be considered prior to a member speaking on the bill. No member shall speak more than twice on Senate amendments to a House bill and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. The House may, however, by consent of a majority of the members present and voting suspend the operation of this rule during any debate on any particular question before the House.

Provided, each bill or joint resolution, prior to receiving second reading, must be explained for a minimum of ten minutes or until all questions from House members are addressed, whichever occurs first. The committee chairman of the committee to which a bill or joint resolution was referred, the committee chairman's designee, the

sponsor(s) of the bill or joint resolution, and other members of the House may jointly explain the bill or joint resolution in order to provide the required explanation.

b. Subsection a. of this rule shall be applicable on a section-by-section basis on debate upon the General Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, or the bond bills but shall not apply to bills on reapportionment.

c. The question of granting Free Conference Powers shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the membership of the House and is not debatable. No member shall speak more than twice on the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report and not longer than sixty minutes for the first speech nor longer than thirty minutes for the second speech, unless allowed to do so by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting. When the pending question is adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report, the yeas and nays must be taken by roll call and the votes on it must be recorded by name in the Journal. Furthermore, the question of adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report is subject to the provisions of Rule 8.6.

5.20 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other House Rule, no House or Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, or any state or federal department, agency, or official shall receive immediate consideration but shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and shall remain in such committee unless three members of the committee vote to report the resolution out of committee. No such resolution may be recalled from committee.

5.21 (A) A member of the House may request that a bill or joint resolution under consideration for second reading be read aloud to the chamber. Provided, further, the bill or joint resolution must be read aloud before receiving a vote on the question of second reading.

(B) The member requesting that a bill or joint resolution be read aloud may withdraw the request and shall ask to be recognized in order to withdraw the request. No other request to read the bill or joint resolution may be entertained by the House. After a bill or joint resolution has been read aloud, any additional requests to read the same bill or joint resolution are out of order.

(C) A member who requests that a bill or joint resolution be read aloud must remain seated in their assigned seat in the House chamber while the bill or joint resolution is read. If the member making the request fails or refuses to remain seated in his assigned seat, the request

to have the bill or joint resolution read aloud must be considered withdrawn. The Speaker shall enforce the provisions of this subsection.

(D) The Speaker will accept no motion other than the motion to adjourn while the bill or joint resolution is being read aloud, but the adoption of a motion to adjourn does not dispense with the requirement to comply with a request to read a bill or joint resolution pursuant to this rule.

Rule 6

Daily Order of Business and Calendar

6.1 a. The House shall meet each legislative day at 12:00 Noon every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday, and 10:00 a.m. every Thursday and Friday unless otherwise ordered by the House. *Provided*, that by motion made at any time the House by majority vote may fix the day and hour at which time the House shall next meet (not to exceed constitutional limitations) and this shall be decided without debate.

Provided, further, that during the first three weeks of the legislative session, unless a majority of the House members present object, on Wednesdays the House shall meet at 2:00 p.m. to provide time in the morning hours for committees to meet and hearings to be held.

Provided, further, that unless ordered otherwise, the House shall consider only local uncontested matters and bills and resolutions that have received unanimous consent for third reading on Friday of each week.

b. The Speaker, in his sole discretion, is authorized to call the House of Representatives into statewide session for the exclusive purpose of the introduction and referral of bills and resolutions and receipt and reading of communications and committee reports and to adjourn immediately thereafter with no roll to be taken. Any such action by the Speaker shall provide the specific date of the statewide session and shall provide that the House of Representatives must convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn not later than 10:30 a.m. on these days. Provided, that a statewide session held pursuant to this paragraph shall not be considered in calculating the provisions of Rules 5.10 and 9.1.

6.2 All questions as to priority of business or as to the time when any matters shall be considered or ordered for consideration and as to a departure from the regular order of business shall be decided without debate.

6.3 The following order of business shall be enforced every day by the Speaker, except that Special Orders as defined in subsection 14a of this rule shall be considered at the time and place set:

1. a. prayer;

b. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America;

2. corrections to the Journal;

3. receipt of communications including messages from the Senate;

4. reports of committees including Conference and Free Conference;

5. first reading of House resolutions, concurrent resolutions, committee reports on resolutions, joint resolutions, and bills upon the desk;

6. call of the roll of the House;

7. a. consideration of local uncontested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;

b. consideration of local uncontested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

8. Special introductions, recognitions, and announcements, the sum total of which may not exceed fifteen minutes with no more than eight special introductions, recognitions, or announcements, each one not exceeding ninety seconds. However, nothing contained herein limits the discretion of the Speaker to allow such special introductions, recognitions, and announcements during roll call voting as he deems appropriate;

9. a. consideration of statewide uncontested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;

b. consideration of statewide uncontested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

10. withdrawal of objections and requests for debate;

11. consideration of pending motions to reconsider;

12. a. consideration of unanimous consent requests;

b. consideration of vetoes;

c. consideration of Senate amendments;

d. consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on third reading;

13. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on third reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

14. a. motion period;

b. consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

15. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

a. Notwithstanding the order of business set forth in Rule 6.3

a matter may be set for Special Order for consideration on a particular day at a particular hour or at a particular place on the Calendar.

b. Special orders may be set for appropriations bills and local bills by majority vote of the House. Special orders on all other bills on the Calendar shall be set only by written resolution, which has been referred to the Rules Committee or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of that committee and agreed to by majority of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report; *provided*, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 governing the amendability of bills and resolutions, no amendments may be offered to any Special Order resolution, which amendments do not pertain to the bill which is the subject of the Special Order resolution, except as to the time and date called for in such resolution.

Provided, that for the purpose of explaining any Special Order resolution the time limit for opponents shall not exceed five minutes and the time limit for proponents shall not exceed five minutes.

c. A Special Order set for a certain day and hour, not being considered by the House at the hour named, shall be transferred by the Clerk of the House to the Special Orders of the following day until disposed of, in the chronological order of original appointment.

Any member may insist upon a Special Order of the Day, or other Special Orders, until it be discharged.

d. The motion period provided for the daily order of business under Rule 6.3 shall be limited to ten minutes only.

Provided, however, that time consumed by roll call votes shall not be construed as part of time allotted to said motions period.

e. Consideration of uncontested local bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 7a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of ten minutes only. Consideration of contested local bills and joint resolutions on second and third readings as provided in subsections 12b and 14b of this rule is limited to a total of ten minutes for second reading bills and joint resolutions and ten minutes for third reading bills and joint resolutions.

f. Consideration of uncontested statewide bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 8a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes only.

g. No debate shall be allowed in the uncontested period, *provided,* however, the Speaker may recognize a proponent and opponent of any uncontested bill or joint resolution for a brief explanation of their position.

h. Consideration of unanimous consent requests as provided

for in subsection 12 of this rule shall be limited to five minutes only. No unanimous consent requests except those unanimous consent requests dealing with the pending matter may be considered at any time other than during the time provided for in subsection 12 of this rule.

6.4 A debate interrupted by a simple adjournment shall afterwards be resumed at the point of interruption as if debate had been formally adjourned. A matter interrupted by a call for the Orders of the Day shall, after the Orders have been disposed of, be resumed at the point of interruption before any other question.

6.5 Messages may be received at any time while the door is open, except while a question is being put, or a ballot, or a *viva voce* vote is taken. A message shall be presented to the House by the Speaker when received, or afterwards, according to its nature, and the business in which the House is engaged, or its consideration may, on motion, be ordered by the House.

6.6 In all particulars not determined by these rules, or by the laws of the Constitution of this State, or of the United States, the practice of this House shall conform to its previous usage, or be guided by parliamentary law as it may be collected from the best authorities, *Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure* being the preferred parliamentary authority.

Rule 7
Voting

7.1 If, upon a question by acclamation, the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall proceed with a division vote by voting on the electronic roll call board. If the electronic roll call board malfunctions, the Speaker shall proceed to call the division vote by voice vote. When division votes are made by use of the electronic roll call equipment, no individual votes shall be recorded. The Speaker shall state: 'The pending question is..... (designating the matter to be voted upon)'. The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and announce that voting will proceed. He shall then sound the bell. Thirty seconds after the announcement of the commencement of the vote on the board, the Speaker shall then announce that voting is closed and shall lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to tabulate the vote on the electronic roll call board. The Speaker shall then announce the result of the vote.

7.2 The House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote on second and on third reading when an amendment has been made on third reading for the following matters, whereupon the yeas and nays shall be ordered and shall be entered by name in the House Journal, the electronic roll call system shall be used, and the procedure provided for in Rule 7.3

shall be followed:

(1) adoption of a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(2) adoption of legislation ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(3) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution establishing a fee or tax, raising an existing fee or tax, or reducing an existing fee or tax;

(4) adoption of the Annual General Appropriations Bill and any individual section of it pursuant to Rule 5.3G;

(5) adoption of a state or congressional reapportionment plan;

(6) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution directly increasing or decreasing the salary, benefits, or retirement benefits of members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the Executive Branch, or members of the Judicial Branch;

(7) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution amending the Ethics and Accountability Act or the Campaign Finance Act; and

(8) adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report pursuant to Rule 5.19c.

Provided, the House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote and shall enter the yeas and nays in the House Journal for the following questions:

(1) a question for which the Constitution of South Carolina requires the yeas and nays to be recorded;

(2) an election by the General Assembly or the House of Representatives except where the election is declared by unanimous consent to be by declaration;

(3) adoption of an amendment to the Annual General Appropriations Bill where the amendment directly effects the raising or spending of revenue in the amount of ten thousand dollars or more;

(4) a question of overriding or sustaining an Act returned by the Governor with objections;

(5) a question for which ten members of the House request a roll call vote; and

(6) a question of concurrence, nonconcurrence, or adoption of amendments to bills or joint resolutions returned to the House with amendments by the Senate.

7.3 a. When the House is ready to vote upon any question requiring the yeas and nays and the vote is to be taken by the electronic roll call system, the Speaker shall state: ‘The pending question is..... (designating the matter to be voted upon)’. The Speaker shall then unlock the voting machine and announce: ‘Roll call vote. Voting on the

board'. He shall then sound the bell. Once the voting has begun, it shall not be interrupted, except for the purpose of questioning the validity of a member's vote before the result is announced.

b. Two minutes after the bell has been sounded, the Speaker shall ask the question: 'Have all members present voted?' After a pause, the Speaker shall then lock the machine and instruct the Clerk to tabulate the vote on the electronic roll call board. The Speaker shall then announce the result of the vote.

c. After the voting machine is locked, no member may change his vote and the votes of tardy members shall not be counted.

d. Subject to the provisions of Rule 2.10, the vote as electronically recorded on the roll of members shall not in any manner be altered or changed by any person.

e. No member shall vote for another member, nor shall any person not a member vote for a member. Any member who shall vote or attempt to vote for another member or a person not a member who shall vote or attempt to vote for a member may be punished in such manner as the House determines.

f. Any member or other person who wilfully tampers with or attempts to disarrange, deface, impair, or destroy in any manner whatsoever the electronic voting equipment or who destroys or changes the record of votes thereon shall be punished in such manner as the House determines.

Provided, however, the minimum penalty for violation of Rule 7.3 shall be a public reprimand.

g. The Speaker *Pro Tempore* or a member who has been appointed by the Speaker to preside may designate another member to cast his vote on any question while he is presiding in accordance with his instructions from the Chair.

h. A member recorded as voting while absent from the Chamber shall present to the presiding officer an affidavit attesting to this fact. Any member may also report to the presiding officer his knowledge that another member was recorded as voting while absent from the Chamber. If the affidavit of the member whose vote is in question is presented within forty-eight hours of the vote, the presiding officer shall adjust the vote totals to reflect the affidavit and order action on the question in accordance with the adjusted vote total. If the member filing the affidavit or any other member has knowledge of the identity of the person who voted for him while absent, he shall present this information to the presiding officer who shall refer it to the Ethics Committee for consideration of any recommendation of punishment in accordance with

this rule.

i. Each member shall be issued one electronic card by the Sergeant at Arms to activate the voting console on his desk to operate the electronic voting system. That card may not be duplicated by the member nor may a duplicate be issued to a member. The card must not be left in the voting console at any time while the member is not within the outer doors of the Chamber. If a member loses his card, a replacement will be issued by the Sergeant at Arms at the member's expense. If a member is temporarily without his card while the House is in session, the Sergeant at Arms will provide a temporary card to that member at the member's request for that day only and that card may not be removed from the House Chamber.

7.4 If the electronic roll call machine is declared by the Speaker of the House to be inoperative, the 'Yeas' and 'Nays' shall be taken by the Reading Clerk calling each member's name in alphabetical order and each member responding by answering simply: 'Yea' or 'Nay'. Each member who may be in the House when called may give his vote.

Provided, further, that when the electronic roll call system is being used to record votes, the doors shall not be closed and members shall be permitted to vote as *provided* in Rule 7.3.

7.5 No member shall, under any circumstances, be permitted to vote after a decision shall have been announced by the Chair. After the decision of the question, a member absent may be permitted to record the vote he would have given if present, but such vote shall not affect the previous question.

7.6 No member shall be permitted to explain his vote during a roll call, but may reduce his explanation to writing, in not more than 200 words, and upon filing said explanation with the Clerk, it shall be entered in the Journal.

7.7 When the pending question is the passage of any bill or resolution on the contested Calendar on second reading, the yeas and nays shall be taken by roll call and the votes thereon shall be recorded in the Journal.

7.8 A member of the House of Representatives may give his proxy to vote on matters before the full body to another member of the House of Representatives if that member is deployed by military order for federal military duty or state national guard duty to a combat zone for a period of more than twenty-one days during a legislative session. However, the member holding the proxy may not cast a vote for the deployed member unless the deployed member has specifically provided the voting member with written voting instructions, including, but not

limited to, instruction transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail, with regard to the deployed member's position on the issue. The proxy on a particular question may be used upon unanimous consent of the members of the House present and voting provided the proxy vote does not change the outcome of the question.

Rule 8

Motions and Their Precedence

8.1 No motion shall be debated until it shall have been stated by the Speaker. Any motion, if requested by the Speaker, must be reduced to writing and delivered at the desk and read, before it shall be debated.

8.2 The mover may withdraw any question or proposition before an amendment or decision, except after a demand for the yeas and nays and except after the previous question has been ordered.

8.3 No dilatory motion or amendment shall be entertained by the Speaker, prior precedents to the contrary notwithstanding.

8.4 A question before the House shall be suspended by:

1. a message;

2. a report or resolution of the Committees on Rules, Conference, Free Conference, or Invitations;

3. a question of order;

4. a question of privilege;

5. a question of taking recess;

6. any other incidental questions, such as of reading papers, dividing a question, withdrawing a motion, excusing a member from voting, or the like. *Provided*, further, the five first named may suspend even a speech; *provided*, that the fifth, if once negatived, shall not be received during the same speech without the consent of the member speaking.

8.5 When a question is under debate only those motions herein below shall be received and notwithstanding the provisions of any other rule, none of such motions except the motion to adjourn or recede, a motion to continue, or a motion for the previous question shall be considered until the conclusion of such debate. Such motions shall require a simple majority vote unless otherwise specified herein:

1. to adjourn or recede;

2. to continue;

3. to lay on the table;

4. for the previous question (fifty percent of those present and voting, a quorum being present, plus five when a member has the floor at the time the motion is made);

5. to adjourn the debate to a certain day;

6. to commit or recommit.

These motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are hereinabove arranged.

Provided, a motion to reconsider shall be received and noted while a speech is being made but notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 8.14, shall be considered immediately after disposal of the pending matter or pursuant to Rule 6.3(11), whichever shall come first.

8.6 The previous question upon any matter may be invoked as follows:

Upon an affirmative vote on a motion for the previous question (fifty percent of those present and voting, a quorum being present, plus five, being required to interrupt debate and a simple majority vote at all other times), the amendments then upon the desk shall be considered, but no further amendments shall be allowed to be offered unless the amendment has at least two-thirds of the membership of the House as its sponsor. The proponents of an amendment shall be allowed an opportunity to make a short explanation of his amendment for a period not to exceed three minutes, then opponents to the amendment shall be permitted not more than three minutes to oppose the proposed amendment. Then two hours of debate shall be allowed on the bill, the time being equally divided between opponents and proponents with no person to speak more than ten minutes. *Provided*, that after the previous question has been invoked, the primary sponsor of an amendment may withdraw it with unanimous consent without making a motion to table it.

Provided, the previous question may be invoked on a motion to reconsider only when the matter to be reconsidered is debatable.

Provided, a motion to adjourn debate shall be in order even though the previous question has been invoked.

Provided, further, any member who has been recognized by the Speaker and is speaking from the podium, is considered to be debating the issue and a call for the previous question, whether by the member or any other member, requires the necessary fifty percent of those present and voting plus five.

8.7 A motion to recess may state the time for reconvening and in the absence of such time stated, reconvening shall be at the call of the Chair. The Speaker may at anytime order the House to stand at ease to be reconvened at the call of the Chair.

8.8 (Reserved)

8.9 When a motion is made during a motion period, the Speaker shall entertain but one motion at a time and there shall be no substitute

motions considered. The same motion may be entertained consecutively during the motion period.

8.10 Any member may without debate, call for the division of a question and the House may divide the question if the Speaker determines the question so distinct that, one being taken away, the rest may stand entirely on its own. *Provided*, however, that a bill may not be divided into separate parts.

8.11 a. The following motions shall be decided by simple majority unless otherwise specified and without debate after any short remarks the Speaker permits:

to adjourn;
to recede;
to continue;
to lay on the table;
for the previous question (unless it is made when a member has the floor and then it requires a majority plus five);
to adjourn debate;
to commit or recommit;
to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole;
to proceed to the orders of the day;
to recur to the morning hour;
to fix the hour to which the House shall next meet;
to grant free conference powers;
to divide the question.

b. The following motions shall not be permitted at the same stage of the bill or proposition until one hour of time has elapsed since the same question was negatived:

for the previous question;
to lay on the table;
to adjourn debate;
to continue;
to commit or recommit;
to recur to the morning hour.

8.12 Motions to adjourn, to recede, and to recede subject to the call of the Chair, shall always be in order except while the House is actually engaged in deciding a question by yeas and nays or in voting *viva voce* or in balloting. However, if a motion to adjourn or to take a recess has been negatived, no new motion to adjourn or take a recess shall be in order until fifteen minutes shall have elapsed from the decision of the former motion, even though such motion to recede might be to recede to a different time.

8.13 (Reserved)

8.14 When a question shall have been once decided in the affirmative or negative, any member who voted with the prevailing side may on the same day or the next day of the sitting of the House move for a reconsideration thereof and the House, if in session for statewide matters, shall immediately have the question of reconsideration before it. If the House is not in session for statewide matters or have before it a matter under Special Order, it shall have the question of reconsideration before it as provided in Rule 6.3. *Provided*, that, if the motion to reconsider concerns an amendment to the matter under Special Order, the House shall immediately have the question of reconsideration before it. If the House shall refuse to reconsider, or, upon reconsideration, shall affirm its first decision, no further motion shall be in order except by unanimous consent; *provided*, that once a motion to reconsider is made it may not be withdrawn except in the same day in which it was made.

Provided, that a motion to reconsider shall not be allowed if the bill, resolution, message, report, amendment, motion, or the paper upon which the vote was taken shall have gone out of the possession of the House.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table. If such motion be laid on the table, it shall be deemed a final disposition of the motion.

8.15 A member may move to continue a matter when called on the Calendar to the next session, but not to a specific date in the next session; and if the House agrees thereto, the matter shall be thereupon continued to the next session, and the Clerk of the House shall make up a Calendar of all the matters so continued, placing the same thereupon, in the order in which they have been continued. At the ensuing session the continued matters shall be taken up and considered in the same stage in which they were when so continued and shall have priority according to the last order for consideration made upon them.

If a motion to continue, having received an affirmative vote, shall be reconsidered and thereupon such motion to continue shall receive a negative vote, the matter shall be taken up in its original place on the Calendar.

Rule 9
Amendments

9.1 A bill which originated in the House, or which, having originated in the Senate and having been amended by the House, shall be returned from the Senate with amendments, such bill as amended shall be printed, placed on the House Calendar, and shall not be

considered until its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar for at least one statewide day prior to such reading. *Provided*, however, that this requirement shall not apply to local bills; nor shall this requirement apply to bills returned from the Senate with amendments during any extension of the session under Section 2-1-180 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, or to bills returned from the Senate with amendments during an extra session pursuant to Article IV, Section 19 of the South Carolina Constitution.

The General Appropriations Bill, Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of State Government, and legislation appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund, having been returned from the Senate with amendments, shall not be considered until:

(1) their number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar; and

(2) their contents, as amended, have been made available online to the public for at least forty-eight hours.

The consideration of amendments shall have precedence over a motion to either concur or nonconcur in the Senate amendments. Once the matter is amended and all pending amendments are considered, then said bill is returned to the Senate for consideration.

If no amendments have been adopted by the House then the question shall be: 'Will the House agree to the Senate amendment?' A decision in the negative shall be a rejection. Upon a decision in the affirmative, the title of the bill shall be changed to an act an ordered to be enrolled.

9.2 At the third reading of a bill, no amendment shall be permitted without unanimous consent, except that the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means may (if he shall have given notice at the second reading of his intention to offer amendments at the third) be permitted to offer amendments to any appropriations bill, as may be pertinent to the bill. The chairman of any committee may (if he has given notice at the second reading of his intention to offer amendments at the third) be permitted to offer technical amendments to any bill which has been reported from his committee; and

Provided, that the House may, in its discretion, commit or recommit any bill at its third reading and after the report of the committee any amendment which it shall recommend may be adopted.

9.3 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment unless it refers to the intent of the motion or proposition under consideration. *Provided*, further, that nothing shall prevent the adoption of an

amendment which rewrites the bill in its entirety if the bill as rewritten remains germane to the original title of the bill. *Provided*, further, that in determining whether or not any amendment be germane, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall be guided by precedents of the House of Representatives to the extent available.

9.4 A proposed amendment shall be in order regardless of the number of changes proposed therein to the matter under debate, *provided* such amendment is otherwise in order. Proposed amendments must be typewritten and in the proper format for the computer system except as allowed by the Speaker at his discretion.

9.5 Proposed amendments to any matter before the House shall be initially considered in the order in which received.

9.6 Proposed amendments to local bills may not impact, affect, or reference any portion of a county other than the county originally referenced in the local bill.

Rule 10

Miscellaneous

10.1 Only the following persons shall be admitted within the House Chamber during a session of the House unless otherwise authorized by House Resolution.

The present and former members and officers and present employees of the House of Representatives; the members of the Press as designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Governor; the Lieutenant Governor; each statewide constitutional officer; the present members, officers, and employees of the Senate; the present employees of the Legislative Council; dignitaries and the family of members designated by the Speaker, employees of the respective legislative delegations; the employees of legislative caucuses, and such persons as may be invited by resolution of the House; *provided*, however, that employees of legislative caucuses, legislative delegations, the Senate, state agencies, and other branches of state government that are authorized admittance must remain behind the rail in the back of the Chamber at all times when the House is in session; *provided*, no seat in the House shall be occupied by anyone except the members thereof. No lobbyist, including former members registered as lobbyists, shall be admitted within the Hall without special leave of the House. No former member seeking personal favors nor any former member who has filed as a candidate or is a candidate for a position which is elected by the General Assembly shall be admitted within the outer doors of the Chamber without special leave of the House. *Provided*, that no member of the Press may conduct interviews within the House Chamber while

the House is in session.

Provided, that notwithstanding other provisions of this rule, access within the outer doors of the Chamber is denied to any former House member who has been convicted of a crime, the conviction of which would impose a maximum penalty of imprisonment of one year or more. This paragraph does not apply to a former House member who is re-elected to either House of the General Assembly after the conviction of the crime referred to in this paragraph.

10.2 Whenever the pronoun 'he' appears in any rule, it shall be deemed to designate either masculine or feminine. The words 'person' and 'party' and any other word importing the singular number used in any bill or resolution shall be held to include the plural and to include firms, companies, associations, and corporations and all words in the plural shall apply also to the singular in all cases in which the spirit and intent of the bill or resolution may require it. All words in a bill or resolution importing the masculine gender shall apply to females also and words in the feminine gender shall apply to males. And all words importing the present tense shall apply to the future also.

10.3 Definitions of measures:

1. 'Resolutions' This term includes:

a. 'House Resolution' which affects only the action of the House and the members thereof. It requires only one reading for adoption, and shall not be submitted to the Senate.

b. 'Concurrent Resolution' which affects only the action of the General Assembly and the members thereof. It requires only one reading in each House for adoption.

c. 'Joint Resolution' which shall have the same force of law as an act, but is a temporary measure, dying when its subject matter is completed. It requires the same treatment as a bill does in its passage through both Houses, but its title after passage shall not be changed to that of an act; and when used to propose an amendment to the Constitution it does not require the approval of the Governor.

2. 'Bill' A bill is the term applied to a measure introduced in either House designed to become a permanent law (or an 'act').

It must be read and adopted three times on three separate days in each House, following which its title is changed to that of an act.

3. 'Act' An act is the term applied to a bill that has passed both Houses, been ratified by the presiding officer of each House and signed by the Governor or passed over his veto. It is a permanent measure, having the force of law until repealed.

4. 'Veto' The term used for disapproval of a bill or joint resolution

by the Governor. It may be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting with at least two-thirds of a quorum voting to override. This requirement is set forth in Article IV, Section 21, of the South Carolina Constitution and defined by the decisions of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

10.4 The House shall not accept any invitations to attend functions (social or otherwise) which are to be held at a club or organization which does not admit as members persons of all races, religions, colors, sexes, or national origins. All invitations received shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions and the five House members on the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions shall have the duty of recommending to the House which invitations should be accepted.

10.5 Each member of the House shall be entitled to appoint one individual as a House page to perform such duties as determined by the Speaker. The provisions of this rule shall be contingent upon the General Assembly providing for at least one hundred twenty–four House pages in the annual General Appropriations Act for the fiscal year during which such session shall take place. Any additional House pages authorized shall be appointed by the Speaker in his sole discretion.

10.6 Laptop computers located in the House Chamber may not be removed from the Chamber.

10.7 No smoking or use of tobacco products is permitted in any area under the exclusive control of the House of Representatives unless the area is otherwise designated a 'smoking area' by the Speaker. Smoking for purposes of this rule includes carrying a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted smoking equipment. *Provided*, further, that the consumption of food is not permitted within the House Chamber.

10.8 (Reserved)

10.9 House Resolutions granting the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber to persons not otherwise granted the privilege pursuant to House Rule 10.1 are limited to the following conditions:

(a) The privilege of admittance to the House Chamber is limited to school teams or school groups that have won state or national championships or received statewide or national awards. Individual persons are not granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber.

(b) School teams or groups may be scheduled for the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber only on Wednesdays and Thursdays that the House is in session, and no more than two teams or groups may be scheduled in one day. *Provided*, further, that no school

teams or groups may be granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber during the last week of the regularly scheduled legislative session.

(c) The House member wishing for the qualified school team or group to have privilege of admittance to the House Chamber shall introduce a House Resolution granting the privilege on a 'date and time to be determined by the Speaker of the House'. The House of Representatives shall adopt the resolution in order for the team or group to be granted the privilege. *Provided*, the school team or group's list of members, coaches, mascot, and other appropriate school officials must be listed on the House Calendar for the day in which they are granted the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber. The House member sponsoring the resolution shall provide the appropriate information to the Clerk five days in advance of the school team or group scheduled admittance to the House Chamber.

(d) All other teams, groups, or individuals not otherwise allowed the privilege of admittance to the House Chamber may be recognized in the balcony of the House Chamber at a 'time determined by the Speaker of the House'. *Provided*, no presentation either within the House Chamber or in the balcony may exceed five minutes, and no one, other than a House member, may speak or make remarks during a presentation.

10.10 The use of audible pagers, cell phones, and any other personal communication device by any person is prohibited in the House Chamber when the House is in session and when the General Assembly is meeting in Joint Session. The use of these devices by any person is also prohibited in House committee meetings and subcommittee meetings. These devices must be turned off, or placed in a silent mode, such as vibrate, prior to being carried into the House Chamber, committee meetings, or subcommittee meetings. Should a device which has been placed in a silent mode activate in the Chamber, a committee meeting, or subcommittee meeting the person possessing the device must exit the Chamber, committee room, or subcommittee room prior to responding in any fashion.

10.11 The Clerk's office shall establish procedures for providing House members with certificates commemorating birthdays, anniversaries, retirements, achievements, awards, etc. as needed. House members shall request certificates in writing and provide the Clerk's office with the information necessary to complete the certificates.

The Clerk's office also shall establish procedures whereby members may have House certificates and House and Concurrent

Resolutions framed at local businesses providing framing services within the Columbia area during the legislative session. House members are responsible for paying for all framing services within a timely manner.

The Clerk's office shall establish procedures whereby staff shall deliver framing requests to local businesses no more than one time each legislative day. *Provided*, further, the Clerk's office shall establish procedures whereby staff shall pickup framing requests from local businesses no more than one time each legislative day. Framing requests will not be delivered or picked up on nonlegislative days. All framing requests, upon their completion and pickup, must be delivered to the House member on the State House complex. House staff may not deliver framing requests to members outside the State House complex.

10.12 The Speaker shall establish procedures for the hiring of staff for the House of Representatives. The procedures must provide that a list of the most qualified applicants shall be submitted to the appropriate supervisory authority for consideration. The appropriate supervisory authority shall select an applicant from the list. If the appropriate authority determines no applicant to be acceptable the application process will reopen and a new list of most qualified applicants shall be submitted to the appropriate supervisory authority. The appropriate supervisory authority's selected applicant then must be submitted to the Speaker of the House for final appointment as a member of the staff of the House of Representatives.

For purposes of this rule the Speaker of the House and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* are the supervisory authority for their respective offices. The Committee Chairmen are the supervisory authority for their respective committees, and the Sergeant at Arms is the supervisory authority for security personnel necessary for the proper performance of the Sergeant at Arms' office and security needs of the House Chamber, Solomon Blatt Building, and other areas under the Sergeant at Arms' jurisdiction. The Clerk is the appropriate supervisory authority for administrative and clerical staff of the House necessary for the proper operation of the Clerk's Office and the general administrative and clerical needs of the House.

Provided, the appropriate supervisory authority's selected applicant must be submitted to the Speaker of the House for final appointment as a member of the staff of the House of Representatives.

10.13 The Speaker shall conduct reviews of employee salaries and compensation and shall, upon consultation with the appropriate supervisory authority, set the salary and compensation of new and

current employees.

10.14 (A) Gifts intended for members of the House of Representatives, whether individually or collectively as a body, may not be delivered to the chamber of the House of Representatives for distribution or placement on members' desks. A gift may be delivered to the members' offices with the presumption under penalty of perjury that the gift is not reportable on the member's Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. When, however, the gift is reportable on the member's Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710, the individual or officer providing the gift must deliver correspondence to the offices of the members of the House announcing their intention to provide a gift to the members and at that time must provide a statement of value to the House Ethics Committee. A member may choose to opt in to the receipt of all or specific gifts to be delivered to the member's office by notifying the appropriate giver of the gift in writing of such desire within seven (7) days of receipt of correspondence.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall strictly enforce the provisions of this rule.

10.15 Members, all employees of the House, and guests are expected to dress in business professional attire unless otherwise excused by the Speaker in his sole discretion. Examples of business professional attire include, but are not limited to, dress or sport coat, trousers, shirt and tie for males and dress, skirt, slacks and blouse, or suits for females.

10.16 No employee of the House shall personally interest or concern himself with the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever. If any employee does so, it shall be grounds for summary dismissal. While within the House Chamber during session, no one may personally, or in an official or representative capacity, concern himself with the passage or consideration of any measure whatsoever, except sitting members of the General Assembly and House staff in the usual and ordinary performance of their duties as an employee of the House. The Speaker may require immediate removal from the House Chamber of any person who violates the provisions of this rule."

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 7 was not germane to H. 3815.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE cited his earlier rulings and stated that the amendment rewrote the resolution entirely and went beyond the scope of the resolution's original title. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment out of order.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. PACE raised the Point of Order that H. 3815 was out of order and in violation of House Rule 5.20. He stated that the resolution referenced officers in the House and that Rule 5.20 required such a bill to be referred to the House Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE stated that the rule applied to bills "memorializing" state officials and that H. 3815 did not memorialize anyone. He overruled the Point of Order.

Reps. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0009H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by deleting item (1) in its entirety.

Amend the resolution further, by deleting item (2) and inserting:

(2) That Rule 8.9 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

8.9 When a motion is made during a motion period, the Speaker shall entertain but one motion at a time and there shall be no substitute motions considered. ~~The same motion may be entertained consecutively during the motion period.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 69; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Martin	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--69

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Beach	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilreath
Grant	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Huff	Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	J. Moore
Oremus	Pace	Reese
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Terribile	White	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Reps. CROMER, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0014H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by deleting Rule 4.9, as contained in item (9), and inserting:

4.9 ~~In all cases the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. The motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole shall specify the subject(s) to be considered in the Committee of the Whole. In the event the House resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole shall limit discussion to the subject(s) specified in the motion. The Speaker shall leave the Chair after appointing a Chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, have the power to cause same to be cleared. No bill or resolution may be considered by the Committee of the Whole House, except by a two thirds vote, unless same has first been considered by the appropriate Standing Committee of the House.~~ ~~(Reserved.)~~ In addition to and notwithstanding any other Rule relating to the operation of committees, the Chairman of a committee or subcommittee must be a member of the Majority Party.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 9 to H. 3815 was not germane. He stated that the amendment attempted to introduce a separate and distinct subject to the resolution that was not included within the resolution's original subject matter.

Rep. CROMER argued contra.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH sustained the Point of Order and stated that the amendment's effect was to try to add a subject not referenced in the original resolution.

Reps. HARRIS, CROMER, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0013H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by adding an item at the end to read:

( ) That Rule 7.2 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

7.2 The House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote on second and on third reading when an amendment has been made on third reading for the following matters, whereupon the yeas and nays shall be ordered and shall be entered by name in the House Journal, the electronic roll call system shall be used, and the procedure provided for in Rule 7.3 shall be followed:

(1) adoption of a Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(2) adoption of legislation ratifying a proposed amendment to the Constitution of South Carolina;

(3) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution establishing a fee or tax, raising an existing fee or tax, or reducing an existing fee or tax;

(4) adoption of the Annual General Appropriations Bill and any individual section of it pursuant to Rule 5.3G;

(5) adoption of a state or congressional reapportionment plan;

(6) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution directly increasing or decreasing the salary, benefits, or retirement benefits of members of the General Assembly, elected officials of the Executive Branch, or members of the Judicial Branch;

(7) adoption of a Bill or Joint Resolution amending the Ethics and Accountability Act or the Campaign Finance Act; and

(8) adoption of a Conference or Free Conference Report pursuant to Rule 5.19c.

Provided, the House of Representatives shall take a roll call vote and shall enter the yeas and nays in the House Journal for the following questions:

(1) a question for which the Constitution of South Carolina requires the yeas and nays to be recorded;

(2) an election by the General Assembly or the House of Representatives except where the election is declared by unanimous consent to be by declaration. However, if the election is a judicial election, the ayes and nays must be entered in the House journal and the electronic roll system must be used regardless of whether the election is contested;

(3) adoption of an amendment to the Annual General Appropriations Bill where the amendment directly effects the raising or spending of revenue in the amount of ten thousand dollars or more;

(4) a question of overriding or sustaining an Act returned by the Governor with objections;

(5) a question for which ten members of the House request a roll call vote; and

(6) a question of concurrence, nonconcurrence, or adoption of amendments to bills or joint resolutions returned to the House with amendments by the Senate.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. CROMER, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0015H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by deleting item (7) and inserting:

(7) That Rule 4.4 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

4.4 Committees shall meet regularly to consider pending legislation in the room assigned for their use by the Speaker or as otherwise authorized by this rule. Notice of date, time, and place of such meetings shall be posted on the legislative website and displayed in the lobby on each floor of the Solomon Blatt Building. A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown. Committee and subcommittee meetings shall be streamed online. No committee shall meet while the House is in session without special leave by the Speaker. Provided, however, that the Committee on Rules and any committee of conference or free conference, may sit at any time and may report its message to the House at any time.

A Committee may provide, pursuant to its own rules, for the Chairmen to designate alternative meeting arrangements and procedures. Provided, however, the Chairman may only implement alternative meeting arrangements and procedures in the event that extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God, render them necessary. The alternative meeting arrangements and procedures must:

(1) provide for public observation or participation as required by

House Rules and the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended;

(2) provide both a video and audio component that is publicly accessible; and

(3) record the meeting, in its entirety, and make the recording available on the General Assembly website, as soon as practicable following the meeting.

No committee shall sit unless a quorum be present and all bills introduced by committees must carry the statement of the Chairman that the bill has the approval of two thirds of the membership of the committee, except that the State Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, a Rescission Bill, and the Deficiency Appropriations Bill may be introduced by a majority vote of the Ways and Means Committee.

No committee shall introduce a bill pertaining to subject matter over which it has no jurisdiction.

Notice in writing of all committee action taken on a bill or resolution shall be given to the principal author thereof.

No statewide bill directly appropriating money shall be considered by the House until after such bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, provided, however, a statewide bill which directly or by implication provides for per diem, subsistence or mileage in connection with the subject matter of the bill, but does not otherwise directly appropriate money, shall not be required to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

After the House sets a bill for Special Order pursuant to Rule 6.3, no point of order may be raised regarding its reference to committee, however, the House by majority vote may commit or recommit a bill or other matter under debate.

No committee action shall be taken on a bill or resolution except at a regular or called meeting, but this shall not apply to resolutions referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

When any standing committee or subcommittee schedules a public hearing on a bill or resolution, the principal sponsor of such bill or resolution shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing not less than five calendar days prior to the hearing date.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. MAGNUSON, CROMER, HARRIS, PACE and WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 3815 (LC-3815.AHB0017H), which was tabled:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, by deleting item (1) and inserting:

(1) That Rule 6.3 14. And 15. of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

14. a. motion period;

b. consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

15. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

a. Notwithstanding the order of business set forth in Rule 6.3 a matter may be set for Special Order for consideration on a particular day at a particular hour or at a particular place on the Calendar.

b. Special orders may be set for appropriations bills and local bills by majority vote of the House. Special orders on all other bills on the Calendar shall be set only by written resolution, which has been referred to the Rules Committee or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of that committee and agreed to by majority of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report; *provided*, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 governing the amendability of bills and resolutions, no amendments may be offered to any Special Order resolution, which amendments do not pertain to the bill which is the subject of the Special Order resolution, except as to the time and date called for in such resolution.

Provided, that for the purpose of explaining any Special Order resolution the time limit for opponents shall not exceed five minutes and the time limit for proponents shall not exceed five minutes.

c. A Special Order set for a certain day and hour, not being considered by the House at the hour named, shall be transferred by the Clerk of the House to the Special Orders of the following day until disposed of, in the chronological order of original appointment.

Any member may insist upon a Special Order of the Day, or other Special Orders, until it be discharged.

d. ~~The motion period provided for the daily order of business~~

~~under Rule 6.3 shall be limited to ten minutes only.~~

~~Provided, however, that time consumed by roll call votes shall not be construed as part of time allotted to said motions period. (Reserved.)~~ The only motion that may be made during the motion period is a motion to require a public committee hearing on a particular piece of legislation.

e. Consideration of uncontested local bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 7a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of ten minutes only. Consideration of contested local bills and joint resolutions on second and third readings as provided in subsections 12b and 14b of this rule is limited to a total of ten minutes for second reading bills and joint resolutions and ten minutes for third reading bills and joint resolutions.

f. Consideration of uncontested statewide bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 8a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes only.

g. No debate shall be allowed in the uncontested period, *provided,* however, the Speaker may recognize a proponent and opponent of any uncontested bill or joint resolution for a brief explanation of their position.

h. Consideration of unanimous consent requests as provided for in subsection 12 of this rule shall be limited to five minutes only. No unanimous consent requests except those unanimous consent requests dealing with the pending matter may be considered at any time other than during the time provided for in subsection 12 of this rule.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis

Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Burns	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Harris
Henderson-Myers	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. JORDAN moved that the House recede until 6:45 p.m., which was agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to family medical leave.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding, the pending question being consideration of the Resolution.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

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

H. 3660 -- Rep. G.M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Governor Henry McMaster and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Peeler, Grooms, Sabb, Devine and Leber and REPRESENTATIVES CRAWFORD, GOVAN, GRANT, HIOTT and TEEPLE. The President of the Senate introduced Governor McMaster, who then addressed the Joint Assembly as follows:

2025 State of the State Address
Governor Henry McMaster
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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

We are here tonight to address successes, challenges, and opportunities.

But first, as in prior years, I'd like to recognize those in uniform whom we lost in the line of duty in 2024.

Firefighter Michael Douglas Vinson of the Laurens County Fire Department and the Clinton Fire Department,

Officer First Class Mark Reynolds of the South Carolina State Transport Police,

Chief Chad Satcher of the Circle Fire Department,

Firefighter Landon Cale Bodie of the Circle Fire Department,

K-9 Agent Coba with the State Law Enforcement Division,

K-9 Deputy Mikka with the Lee County Sheriff's Office,

K-9 Deputy Bumi with the Richland County Sheriff's Department,

K-9 Deputy Kodak with the Richland County Sheriff's Department, and

K-9 Deputy Wick with the Richland County Sheriff's Department.

To the families and loved ones of these brave South Carolinians, we offer our condolences. We are eternally grateful for their service.

I am delighted to have with us once again tonight our First Lady, my bride Peggy, our son Henry Jr., and his wife Virginia and our two-year old granddaughter, Margot Gray. Our daughter Mary Rogers, her husband Sam Herskovitz, and our two-and-a-half-year-old grandson, James Dargan and four-month-old granddaughter, Lucille DuBose, could not be with us tonight but are watching on TV. Please stand and be recognized.

Also, our Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette and her husband David are here tonight and our state constitutional officeholders. Please stand and be recognized.

Finally, will the members of the best cabinet in the Nation please stand and be recognized. Thank you all.

Being selected by the people who know you best to serve as governor is among the highest of honors. I thank you.

South Carolina consists of about 20 million acres, with a half a million covered by water – today. About 2.3 million acres are "developed," and about 3.1 million are "protected." We have over

22,000 farms, over 8 million acres of forest land and over 5.3 million people – of which over almost 860,000 are K-12 students – over 188,000 businesses, a major port, a temperate climate, mostly nuclear power, and occasional hurricanes. How are we doing? We have some decisions to make.

South Carolina's booming economy has once again created a large budget surplus, this year totaling over $1.8 billion in unexpected revenue. So, it was no surprise that 2024 was once again a successful year for economic growth and investment.

In fact, 2024 was the third best in state history with $8.2 billion in capital investment and 5,500 new jobs announced. This followed the second-best year in 2023, and the best year in 2022.

Because of our unmatched workforce and business-friendly policies, companies already located in South Carolina reinvested in our state with over $5.3 billion in announced capital investment through expansion projects in 2024.

The top three leading industries by capital investment in 2024 were Information Technology with $4.1 billion, Automotive with $1.3 billion and Aerospace and Aviation with $1 billion. Domestic companies made up 67% of 2024 capital investment, while international companies made up 33%.

Since 2017, we have announced over $44.7 billion in new capital investment and over 92,000 new jobs.

I would like to recognize several of the businesses which announced their confidence in our people by their substantial capital investment in 2024. If the leaders will stand as I name your company, we will respond when all are standing.

In Spartanburg County, AFL – which has called South Carolina home for 40 years – will expand its existing fiber optic facilities to create an additional 150 jobs with a $155 million investment. Welcome Mr. Jaxon Lang, Chief Executive Officer.

In Charleston County, Boeing is investing $1 billion in infrastructure upgrades and will create 500 new jobs. Welcome Ms. Erin Fisher, Head of Global Engagement.

In Greenville County, EnerSys is growing its presence in the state by investing $500 million for a lithium-ion cell gigafactory that will create 500 new jobs. Welcome Mr. Sam Shiroff, Senior Director of Global Sustainability.

In the Lowcountry, Google will grow its South Carolina footprint by establishing two new data center campuses in Dorchester County and expanding its existing data center campus in Berkeley County. This combined investment of $3.3 billion will create 200 new jobs. Welcome Mr. Eddie Walters, Data Center Operations Manager.

In Spartanburg County, Keurig Dr. Pepper, a leading producer of hot and cold beverages, will continue to grow its operations with a $141 million investment and 84 new jobs. Welcome Mr. Chuck Hollingsworth, Director of Engineering and Operations.

In Greenville County, Magna, one of the largest suppliers in the automotive space, is establishing a new satellite operation and expanding its existing operation with a combined $200 million investment and 200 new jobs. Welcome Mr. David Meier, Vice President of Operations.

In Oconee County, Meyn America is expanding with a $50 million investment, creating 172 new jobs for a state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment facility for the poultry industry and the corporate headquarters. Welcome Mr. Michael Otterbach, Vice President of Operations.

And also, our Secretary of Commerce, Harry Lightsey, and his remarkable team which worked around the clock to produce these successes. Please stand. Thank you. We boomed in 2024 and will boom again in 2025.

Every day, employers are creating new jobs, entrepreneurs are opening new businesses, and companies are deciding to locate in South Carolina. However, the competition between states, especially in the Southeast, is fierce.

Whether it is lower taxes, less regulation, plentiful power, quality education, our natural and cultural resources, a trained and healthy workforce, or unmatched livability – South Carolina's future prosperity requires that we constantly work to maintain or develop competitive advantages in the ever-accelerating race for new jobs and capital investment.

This includes our reputation of high military appreciation, solid law enforcement, low "big" labor union participation, and the friendliest people on earth.

Our state government is in superior fiscal shape. We continue to maintain our largest rainy day reserve fund balance and low amounts of general obligation debt. Again, saving money instead of spending it has served our state well – and ensures that we will always be prepared for future economic uncertainties.

Until a few years ago, South Carolina had the highest personal income tax rate in the Southeast, the 12th highest in the nation. No more. Three years ago, I signed into law the largest income tax cut in state history, to drop the personal income tax rate from 7% to 6% over a period of five years. Our booming economy has created annual budget surpluses that have allowed us to accelerate these tax cuts faster than anticipated.

This year, I am proposing that we cut the state's personal income tax rate again, from 6.2% to 6% – allowing taxpayers to keep an additional $193.5 million of their hard-earned money instead of sending it to state government.

However, we should not stop at 6%. We should keep cutting as much and as fast as we can until we can eliminate the personal income tax altogether.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, this is what the people want.

Our economic prosperity requires us to maintain consistency and certainty in our permitting processes. They must be thorough, reasonable, and prompt.

Uncertainty is the enemy of prosperity.

Our state's booming economy has dramatically increased the demand for permits: permits required to expand a business, construct a new facility, or deliver additional power and infrastructure - like water and sewer.

One of my first goals for the newly created cabinet agency, the Department of Environmental Services, was to eliminate any backlog of permit decisions and to establish a hard 90-day deadline for the decisions to be made.

I am recommending an appropriation of $13.7 million so the department can hire and train the employees they need to get this done.

I believe you should be able to mark your calendar – to circle that date with a bright red marker – and know when a decision will be made.

Our state's laws and regulations are designed to protect the public, and also ensure that individuals have the freedom to pursue their chosen careers without undue interference.

Over the years, the General Assembly has created over 42 different professional and occupational licensing boards, run by 350 appointed board members, who license and regulate over 500,000 South Carolinians in the workplace.

They oversee accountants, architects, barbers, builders, cosmetologists, chiropractors, contractors, doctors, dentists, engineers, morticians, nurses, optometrists, pharmacists, realtors, and social workers, just to name a few.

Each year, the licensing of these professions seems to become more complicated and burdensome.

I agree with my colleagues that it's time we pause, review the laws that created these boards along with their statutory requirements and determine whether they are necessary, effective, and balanced.

Future economic prosperity requires that our state's civil justice system allows fair and prompt enforcement of our laws and proper redress of injury. This should not stifle job creation and economic growth.

Yet the application of our current legal framework and rules are increasingly making South Carolina less competitive. The rules on joint and several liability have introduced an element of uncertainty. And uncertainty is the enemy of prosperity.

Individuals and businesses, both large and small, are becoming unduly penalized for the actions of others – too often through crippling financial judgments and skyrocketing insurance premiums.

I ask the General Assembly to find a commonsense solution. One that will provide accountability, certainty, and just compensation - without damaging our economy. And one that I can sign into law the minute it reaches my desk.

Two years ago, it became clear that we had a mental health crisis in South Carolina. What wasn't clear was how bad it was.

As a result – I proposed that we initiate and fund an immediate review of our State's behavioral health funding and delivery system. The analysis confirmed what many of us had feared – and much worse.

South Carolina has the most fragmented and siloed health and human service delivery system in the nation, with the lowest ranking, causing unnecessary suffering.

Our people with physical disabilities, special needs and mental health issues seeking assistance must navigate through a confusing landscape of offices, agencies, and officials as they seek help for a loved one or dependent.

We learned that 77% of our state's young people with major depressive episodes do not receive mental health treatment. Suicides have become the routine and not the exception.

Our communities have a growing number of homeless people, many of whom have untreated mental, physical, or substance addiction problems. They fall through the cracks of a system that does not coordinate, communicate, or collaborate. We must fix this.

Immediate changes are needed at the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. They are run by a board of commissioners who are accountable to no one – and it's virtually impossible for a governor to remove them. "If everyone is in charge – then no one is in charge."

South Carolinians should be able to hold one person – their governor – accountable for the actions of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs. That was the notion that fueled Governor Carroll Campbell's successful effort to begin the restructuring of state government agencies in the early 1990s.

This year – let's finish this job with a stroke of a pen by making the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs cabinet agencies that are directly and immediately accountable to the governor.

And let this legislative session be remembered as the year we finally moved into the future.

South Carolina has been identified as part of the "stroke belt" with high stroke and dementia mortality rates. Current neurological care options in the state are limited, forcing our people to seek care outside the state. This delays early diagnosis and treatment, may extend hospital stays and creates significant financial burdens.

Today, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a world-class neurological facility for critical care procedures, rehabilitation services, and leading-edge research in the field of neurology.

I propose that the General Assembly provide funding to the Department of Health and Human Services for the construction of this new neurological hospital – which will house an 80-bed critical care unit and a 32-bed neurological rehabilitation unit, both operated by the University of South Carolina.

The State Health Plan provides medical, vision, dental, and pharmacy insurance coverage for over 543,000 South Carolinians. School district teachers and employees make up 41%, government

retirees, 37%, state agency employees (including higher education) 21%, and local boards 1%.

This year will mark the fourth year in a row that the State Health Plan, administered by the Public Employee Benefit Authority, known as PEBA, has requested an additional $112 million to offset healthcare provider cost increases and to simply maintain existing insurance benefits.

That's almost a half-a-billion dollars in four years. That's not fiscally sustainable.

If the General Assembly chooses to continue appropriating these funds, I recommend they come with a new cost containment requirement. PEBA should be required to identify and propose cost savings measures for the State Health Plan in order to slow cost increases to a manageable level.

We know that future economic prosperity requires us to have abundant and affordable energy.

We know that we will need more. The questions are: how much and how will it be produced and transmitted?

Our electric generation, distribution, and transmission capacity and capabilities must be able to handle enhanced future economic development, anticipated technological advances, and population growth.

We must vigorously explore the feasibility of technological advances related to energy production. Limitations and obstacles on the state's ability to receive and utilize natural gas must be removed. We must prepare now for a future driven by nuclear power generation on scales both large and small. And we must identify any modifications or additions to existing laws, regulations, policies, or procedures that may be necessary to meet these needs.

Two years ago, we created the PowerSC working group. They began leading the effort to coordinate the state's energy stakeholders.

Next came the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium developed by our Department of Commerce. This is a collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses.

Then we won the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's coveted designation as one of 12 Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs in the country, qualifying for federal research grant funding valued between $40-$70 million annually. Our focus: power.

Last week Santee Cooper began the process of gauging the feasibility of and the interest in restarting the construction of two abandoned nuclear reactors at the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station.

I believe that restarting these two reactors will not only help fuel our state's future power needs but will also usher in a nuclear power renaissance across the country, one that will spur nationwide investment and construction of new nuclear power generation. This will provide America with ample, clean, resilient energy for the future and deter challenges to our national security.

Last year, the General Assembly was unable to reach consensus on legislation that would have addressed many of our future energy needs. We need this legislation. We are running out of time. I ask that you send this legislation to my desk so that I may sign it into law.

Again, our state's roads, bridges, highways, and interstates are the arteries of our prosperity. They need continued investment.

The Department of Transportation has made tremendous progress in repairing and improving our transportation system. They have delivered a valuable return on our investments – with the strong help of the executive and legislative branches.

For instance, in 2017, there were just $2.7 billion in road construction projects underway across the state. Today, we have $6.5 billion in projects happening in all 46 counties, with more to be done.

Our bridges are aging. The Department of Transportation reports that around 2,400 of the state's 8,400 bridges are at the point of replacement or major repair. Without continued acceleration of investment, that number will swell to 3,900 in ten years.

To that end, I am recommending an additional $100 million be appropriated to the Department of Transportation to continue accelerating bridge construction across the state.

Before sunrise on Friday, September 27, 2024, Hurricane Helene struck South Carolina.

It is the deadliest storm to ever hit our state with 49 confirmed deaths, surpassing Hurricane Hugo, which had 35 confirmed deaths.

The damage from Helene was devastating. At least 6,300 homes were damaged. It spawned 21 tornadoes. Our agribusiness industry suffered at least $621 million in damages, 912 roads and bridges were closed, and 10 bridges must be rebuilt. All due to Helene.

At its peak, nearly 1.36 million customers were without electricity. More than Florida and Georgia combined. Trees and utility lines were snarled together, blocking roads and bridges, creating dangerous and

deadly entanglements, making it impossible to quickly clear roads, repair damage to property, and get the power back on.

But we responded magnificently. Joining us here tonight are a few of the men and women who worked day and night – some for weeks – at dangerous heights – and around deadly high voltage electricity – to get the power back on. Linemen from Duke Energy, Dominion Energy, and Santee Cooper. And from the local electric cooperatives, Aiken, Broad River, Blue Ridge, Coastal, Fairfield, Laurens, Little River, Mid-Carolina, Newberry, and York. I ask that you please stand and be recognized.

Team South Carolina moved quickly to provide access to disaster relief and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

We held seven "County Day" events, providing over 3,700 residents in 17 counties with a daylong "one-stop shop" location to apply for federal and state financial assistance, receive critical information and services, and donated goods. Volunteers distributed over 3,500 cases of bottled water, over 3,300 boxes of food, 900 bags of charcoal, 758 grills, 616 cases of diapers, and 300 tarps.

In addition, three-day long Farm and Forest Recovery Resource Days were held for hundreds of farmers, foresters and agribusiness owners impacted by Helene, providing them with access to federal and state financial relief and resources.

Over $5 million in Helene relief contributions were made to the One SC Fund at Central Carolina Community Foundation, the most that has ever been donated to the fund for a single storm, since it was created in 2015.

For some perspective on the damage from Helene consider this:

To date, South Carolinians have submitted over 441,000 applications for individual financial assistance to FEMA for Hurricane Helene damage. Compare that with the combined number of 164,000 applications submitted for the Flood of 2015, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, and Hurricane Florence in 2018.

So far, only $150 million in community disaster recovery block grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development have been awarded to South Carolina from the $110 billion relief package approved by Congress in December. We know that there will be additional federal funds designated for our state, but we don't know if it will be enough.

And while we got FEMA to reimburse 100% of South Carolina's clean-up costs for 120 days, significant state funds will be necessary to pay for costs above and beyond federal assistance.

For example, the Department of Transportation needs an additional $50 million in this year's state budget to cover costs related to debris removal and repairs to roads and bridges – costs that were not reimbursed by the federal government.

The Office of Resilience needs an additional $40 million to replenish the two Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve funds. Both the grant fund and revolving loan fund were utilized to provide immediate relief and resources on the ground to people impacted by Helene.

I am also recommending that $150 million be appropriated to create the South Carolina Public Assistance program to be administered by the South Carolina Emergency Management Division.

This state grant program will mirror the federal program at FEMA. It will allow local governments, public utilities, nonprofits, and charitable aid organizations to apply for state disaster recovery funds – funds that were either denied by the federal government or did not meet federal FEMA thresholds for damage reimbursement.

Educating our children is the most important thing we do. Our future prosperity requires that we continue the remarkable progress we have made in raising teacher pay.

Eight years ago, the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina was $30,113; and the average teacher salary was below the Southeastern average. I proposed that we begin raising the minimum starting teacher salary as much as possible each year, with the goal of raising it to at least $50,000 by 2026.

Today, the minimum starting salary in South Carolina is $47,000, and the average teacher salary now exceeds the Southeastern average. This represents an increase of 56.1% in eight years.

South Carolina's minimum starting teacher salary is now higher than both Georgia and North Carolina. But will that keep and attract the best and brightest teachers?

That's why I ask you to raise our minimum starting teacher salary to $50,000 this year, not next year. In this race for the future, we must be the fastest.

With us tonight is Jessica Owens, a kindergarten teacher at Rocky Creek Elementary School in Lexington County School District One.

Ms. Owens began her career in education as a classroom assistant to a wonderful kindergarten teacher who encouraged her to pursue education as a career. In 2021, she returned to Columbia College where she completed her degree in Early Childhood Education and began her career as a teacher.

Over the past several years, Ms. Owens has witnessed the impact of our state's commitment in raising the minimum starting salary for teachers.

She told me, "By having competitive pay, school districts can attract more candidates to the field, ensuring that schools are staffed with the best possible teachers, which ultimately benefits the students."

Ms. Owens joins us tonight along with her classroom assistant Britany Edrada. Please stand and be recognized.

Since the statewide expansion of the full-day four-year-old kindergarten program in school year 2021-2022, enrollment in the program in public schools, private childcare centers, and private schools has increased significantly.

Today, over 18,000 students are enrolled in the program. The Office of First Steps anticipates a 7% increase in the number of children from low-income households that will enroll in the program in the next school year.

I am proposing that we continue making additional investments in our successful 4K programs. The data has shown that a child from a low-income household enrolled in a state-funded, full-day 4K program, is more likely to possess the skills to learn than their peers who do not participate.

This week is National School Choice Week.

I ask that the General Assembly send to my desk, as soon as possible, a new Education Scholarship Trust Fund bill, one that addresses last year's State Supreme Court decision.

Parents, not school attendance lines, should determine the education that best suits their child's unique needs.

In anticipation of success, I am proposing $30 million be appropriated to the trust fund. These funds will allow low-income parents to continue choosing the type of education environment and instruction that best suits their child's unique needs.

In addition, I ask that the General Assembly consider allowing education lottery tickets to be purchased using debit cards. Only three states require cash-only purchases: South Carolina, Tennessee, and Wyoming. Many businesses no longer accept cash – and many people don't carry it.

Education lottery proceeds are down $31.9 million and expected to continue dropping. The Lottery Commission estimates debit card purchases – not credit cards – would generate an additional $52 million that could be used for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund or for LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellow college scholarships.

Placing an armed, certified full-time school resource officer in each of our state's 1,284 public schools has been one of my top priorities.

At my request, the General Assembly began funding an SRO grant program administered by the Department of Public Safety. It provides school districts with funds to hire full-time SROs for schools without one.

The program has been enormously successful. In 2018, only 406 schools had an SRO. In 2024, it grew to 1,106. Today, there are only 177 schools without an SRO.

I ask the General Assembly: Let's finish this job. Fully fund this grant program, so that every public-school student in South Carolina will have an officer on campus providing safety for students and teachers and comfort for the parents.

Our future prosperity requires that our colleges, universities, and technical colleges be accessible and affordable for all; that our institutions of higher education produce a trained and skilled workforce – one that allows us to win jobs and investment in the future.

This is the sixth consecutive year that I call for a freeze in college tuition for in-state students in exchange for a metric-based appropriation to our public colleges and universities.

For the fourth straight year, I seek $80 million so that every South Carolinian who qualifies for federal need-based financial aid – as measured by Pell Grants – has sufficient state financial assistance to attend any in-state public college, university, or technical college.

Students at private, independent, and historically black institutions will receive an additional $20 million for tuition grants and assistance.

I request $95 million in lottery funds for Workforce Industry Needs Scholarships through the South Carolina Technical College System.

In the last five years, this very successful program has paid the full tuition and fees for over 40,000 South Carolinians at our technical colleges – where they earned post-secondary or industry credentials in high-demand careers like manufacturing, nursing, computer science, information technology, transportation, logistics, or construction.

Because of our state's high demand for workforce skills, training, and knowledge, I renew my call for the General Assembly to fund and authorize a systemic review of our state's 33 public institutions of higher education. This review will be conducted by the Department of Employment and Workforce. The goal: to make sure we are preparing to meet our state's future workforce needs in two respects: 1) sustainability, accessibility, and affordability and 2) the alignment of our

programs, certificates, and degrees with the jobs, skills, and innovations likely coming our way.

Our future prosperity requires that we keep our communities safe. This means “funding the police” and giving them the tools they need.

Last year, I told you that law enforcement needed help. They needed a stronger law to keep illegal guns out of the hands of criminals and juveniles, which would help “close the revolving door.”

You acted and, on March 7, 2024, I signed into law graduated criminal penalties for illegal gun possession. I am pleased to report that in less than a year, according to SLED, there has been an 86% increase in the number of arrests made using the new law: 2,412 arrests up from 1,295.

A few years ago, we tasked our Department of Administration with conducting a comprehensive analysis of state law enforcement pay to ensure that salaries were competitive to attract and retain top-tier talent.

It worked. As a result, South Carolina's law enforcement officers have received substantial pay raises – some as high as 52% in the last three years. I propose that we continue investing in our safety by providing an additional $14.5 million for pay raises and the hiring of new law enforcement officers.

I am also again proposing a $2,000 state income tax credit for every active-duty law enforcement officer, firefighter, first responder, and emergency medical technician employed by a public entity. This represents $43.3 million in tax relief for those who put their lives on the line each day to protect our lives and property.

In addition, my Executive Budget recommends providing the Department of Corrections with a total of $43.2 million in new appropriations to expand cell phone and contraband interdiction, hire new corrections officers, increase medical and mental health services, and pay for deferred maintenance at our 21 prisons.

Animal fighting, especially dog fighting, is one of the cruelest criminal activities in our society. Law officers estimate that most of the people participating in this barbaric activity have long criminal records. My Executive Budget seeks additional funding to SLED to end this unforgivable savagery.

South Carolina’s future prosperity requires us to enhance our efforts to respect and protect our land, our history, our culture and our environment. I do not think that it’s a coincidence that previous years of economic growth have followed our efforts to conserve, preserve, and display our unique gifts of nature’s abundance.

So, we should ask: What will South Carolina look like in 100 years? Which begs the question: What do we want it to look like?
In recent years, we have provided funds, time, and attention for identifying significant properties for preservation and conservation and for flood mitigation.

We now have a veritable army of people, public and private organizations dedicated to these endeavors, including the Conservation Land Bank, the Department of Natural Resources, the Office of Resilience, the Forestry Commission, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Nature Conservancy, the Open Space Institute, the Darla Moore Foundation, the Audubon Society and Francis Marion University.

In 2024, this collaborative effort has permanently protected 96 thousand acres of environmentally or culturally significant properties, investing and leveraging $143.5M in state, federal and private conservation funds.

A few notable successes:

Snow's Island is the largest conservation project in Florence County history. Its 7,600 acres and more than 60 miles of river frontage at the confluence of Lynches and Great Pee Dee Rivers will forever safeguard the legendary headquarters of Revolutionary War General Francis Marion from which he and his militia launched numerous raids on the British and Loyalist troops.

Waties Island, the only remaining pristine barrier island on the South Carolina coast without protection from future development, has 1,100 acres at the confluence of Little River and the Atlantic Ocean. Its inlet, salt marshes, and estuaries make it a vital natural buffer against ocean waves and storm surge for our rapidly growing Grand Strand region.

Tyger Oaks, called the "Central Park of Spartanburg," has approximately 942 acres located just outside Spartanburg. Its 1.2 miles of riverfront connects to land already protected, creating a nearly 1,200-acre Upstate conservation corridor.

Saluda Bluffs has 1,000 acres located in the bullseye of decades of conservation work where visitors have a birds' eye view of more than 10,000 acres of protected surrounding properties in the Upstate. Table Rock State Park, Caesars Head State Park, and Jones Gap State Park are located close by.

Once again, my Executive Budget recommends that significant funds – $15.5 million – be appropriated to continue these important and significant preservation and conservation efforts.

Finally, next year, we will celebrate the Sestercentennial – the 250th anniversary of the American Revolutionary War.

South Carolinians have a unique opportunity to celebrate the decisive role we played in the fight for American Independence. There were more than 200 battles and skirmishes fought in South Carolina, more than any other colony. Many scholars say the war was won here. So did General Cornwallis, with the defeat of Great Britian's Southern campaign.

Our state's history and culture are unsurpassed in the creation of this nation. It is well-documented in books and by the hundreds of historical markers, monuments, buildings, and homes preserved and dedicated to telling our state's story. The names of our towns, streets, institutions, rivers and families carry that history forward to this day.

We must protect and preserve our history and heritage. It is why we are who we are and why we are here. It is why we stay here and why others come here. It informs our strengths, purpose and duty.

The next hundred years? We've answered that question. For years we've invested billions of dollars in time and talent in education to prepare our children to build their lives and economy. And we've invested billions in our lands and waters to protect our health, expand our economy, preserve life in all its forms for its beauty and wonder, our education and joy and the fulfillment of our duty to nourish the Lord's Garden.

The only difference is that today we have more opportunity than ever before, and our competition is fiercer and faster than ever before. But we know exactly where we are going, and we are perfectly positioned to succeed.

Let us continue to embrace civility and comity through our thoughts, words, and deeds – and urge our people, especially our young ones, to be proud of their state.

And let us set our State on a course that will provide the opportunity for prosperity, success, and happiness for generations of South Carolinians.

The best is yet to come.

May God continue to bless America, and our Great State of South Carolina.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

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

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 3815--ADOPTED

Debate was resumed on the following Resolution, the pending question being the consideration of the Resolution:

H. 3815 -- Rules Committee: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULES 6.3 14. AND 15., AND 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL RELATING TO THE MOTION PERIOD, SO AS TO DELETE THE MOTION PERIOD AND ALL REFERENCES TO IT, AND TO FURTHER AMEND 15. TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO MATTERS REGARDING SETTING SPECIAL ORDER; TO AMEND RULE 4.2 10., RELATING TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIPS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT; TO AMEND RULE 5.20, RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS, AN AGENCY, OR AN OFFICIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OR TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE WITH SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION; TO AMEND RULE 4.13, RELATING TO INVITATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS AS EARLY AS 5:00 P.M.; TO DELETE RULE 5.12 RELATING TO THE APRIL TENTH CROSSOVER DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATION; TO AMEND RULE 4.4, RELATING TO COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE STREAMING OF COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN FEASIBLE AND PROVIDE A CAVEAT; TO ADD RULE 2.17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK, READING CLERK, CHAPLAIN, AND SERGEANT AT ARMS MUST PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN A FAIR AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER THAT DOES NOT OPENLY REFLECT THEIR PERSONAL POLITICAL BELIEFS OR OPINIONS CONCERNING ISSUES, CAMPAIGNS, OR OTHER MATTERS

BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO DELETE RULES 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, AND 4.12, ALL RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ITS OPERATION.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

(1) That Rule 6.3 14. and 15. of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

14. ~~a. motion period;~~

~~b.~~ consideration of local contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading;

15. consideration of statewide contested bills and joint resolutions on second reading in the order in which they appear on the Calendar;

a. Notwithstanding the order of business set forth in Rule 6.3 a matter may be set for Special Order for consideration on a particular day at a particular hour or at a particular place on the Calendar.

b. Special orders may be set for appropriations bills and local bills by majority vote of the House. Special orders on all other ~~bills~~matters placed on the Calendar shall be set only by written resolution, which has been referred to the Rules Committee or originates therein, and agreed to by two-thirds of the members of that committee and agreed to by majority of the members of the House present after the committee has made its report~~; provided,~~. Resolutions setting matters for special order may include language governing the time, date, and debate of the matters set for special order; however, ~~that~~ notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 9 governing the amendability of bills and resolutions, no amendments may be offered to any Special Order resolution, which amendments do not pertain to the bill which is the subject of the Special Order resolution, except as to the time and date called for in such resolution.

Provided, that for the purpose of explaining any Special Order resolution the time limit for opponents shall not exceed five minutes and the time limit for proponents shall not exceed five minutes.

c. A Special Order set for a certain day and hour, not being considered by the House at the hour named, shall be transferred by the Clerk of the House to the Special Orders of the following day until disposed of, in the chronological order of original appointment.

Any member may insist upon a Special Order of the Day, or other Special Orders, until it be discharged.

d. ~~The motion period provided for the daily order of business under Rule 6.3 shall be limited to ten minutes only.~~

~~Provided, however, that time consumed by roll call votes shall not be construed as part of time allotted to said motions period.~~ (Reserved.)

e. Consideration of uncontested local bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 7a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of ten minutes only. Consideration of contested local bills and joint resolutions on second and third readings as provided in subsections 12b and 14b of this rule is limited to a total of ten minutes for second reading bills and joint resolutions and ten minutes for third reading bills and joint resolutions.

f. Consideration of uncontested statewide bills and joint resolutions on third and second readings as provided in subsection 8a and b of this rule shall be limited to a total of thirty minutes only.

g. No debate shall be allowed in the uncontested period, *provided,* however, the Speaker may recognize a proponent and opponent of any uncontested bill or joint resolution for a brief explanation of their position.

h. Consideration of unanimous consent requests as provided for in subsection 12 of this rule shall be limited to five minutes only. No unanimous consent requests except those unanimous consent requests dealing with the pending matter may be considered at any time other than during the time provided for in subsection 12 of this rule.

(2) That Rule 8.9 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

8.9 ~~When a motion is made during a motion period, the Speaker shall entertain but one motion at a time and there shall be no substitute motions considered. The same motion may be entertained consecutively during the motion period.~~ (Reserved.)

(3) That Rule 4.2 10. of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

10. Committee on Government Efficiency and Legislative Oversight (Oversight and Review of Government Operations and Accountability, SC Code of Laws Section 2-2-5 et seq.) -- 20.

(4) That Rule 5.20 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

5.20 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other House Rule, no House or Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, or any state or federal department, agency, or official shall receive immediate consideration but shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions or the appropriate committee with subject matter jurisdiction concerning the resolution. Provided, a House or Concurrent Resolution referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions~~and~~ shall remain in such committee unless three members of the committee vote to report the resolution out of committee. No such resolution may be recalled from committee.

(5) That Rule 4.13 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

4.13 No person shall be permitted to address the House or the Joint Assembly except by written resolution, and such resolution shall be referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions before being considered by the House. The Committee shall not extend an invitation to any individual or group to address the House or the Joint Assembly unless such person or group is of significant national or state prominence at the time the invitation is extended and will bring a message of major importance to the State or such individual or group will present an artistic performance during the established hours of meeting.

Any invitations extended to the House as a whole to attend any functions shall be submitted to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions at least 10 days in advance in order that it may determine what legislation or other pertinent matters may be pending before the House and its Committees before the invitation is accepted. The House shall accept no invitations to any functions other than a breakfast or luncheon prior to ~~6:00~~5:00 p.m. Pages are not permitted to attend such functions. No invitations to functions for the House as a whole will be accepted during the week anticipated for the debate of the State Appropriations Bill.

(6) That Rule 5.12 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is

amended to read:

5.12 ~~No bill or joint resolution from the Senate shall be considered unless received by April tenth in the House. Provided, such bill or joint resolution shall be placed on the Calendar for further consideration if two thirds of those members present and voting agree to waive the rule. Any bill or joint resolution failing to receive the required vote shall be returned to the appropriate committee. Once voted on and rejected, no further vote shall be allowed to waive this rule.~~

~~The motion to waive this rule shall not be debatable, except that the mover shall have the right to make a three minute explanation of his motion.~~

~~The provisions of this rule shall apply only to regular sessions of the General Assembly as opposed to special sessions of the General Assembly.~~

~~The Speaker shall enforce the deadlines provided by this rule and shall not allow consideration without putting the question of waiver before the House.~~ (Reserved.)

(7) That Rule 4.4 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended to read:

4.4 Committees shall meet regularly to consider pending legislation in the room assigned for their use by the Speaker or as otherwise authorized by this rule. Notice of date, time, and place of such meetings shall be posted on the legislative website and displayed in the lobby on each floor of the Solomon Blatt Building. A committee should give a minimum of twenty-four hour advance notice for all committee meetings. Provided, however, in case of necessity due to exigent circumstances, the Speaker, in his sole discretion, may waive the twenty-four hour advance notice requirements herein. Committee chairmen must notify the committee members of all meetings. Failure of notice of any meeting shall not invalidate committee action unless bad faith is shown. Committee and subcommittee meetings shall be streamed online whenever feasible; however, the inability to broadcast a meeting online shall not invalidate any action taken at a meeting. No committee shall meet while the House is in session without special leave by the Speaker. Provided, however, that the Committee on Rules and any committee of conference or free conference, may sit at any time and may report its message to the House at any time.

A committee may provide, pursuant to its own rules, for the Chairmen

to designate alternative meeting arrangements and procedures. Provided, however, the Chairman may only implement alternative meeting arrangements and procedures in the event that extraordinary circumstances including, but not limited to, natural disasters, severe weather, and Acts of God, render them necessary. The alternative meeting arrangements and procedures must:

(1) provide for public observation or participation as required by House Rules and the provisions of Title 30, Chapter 4 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended;

(2) provide both a video and audio component that is publicly accessible; and

(3) record the meeting, in its entirety, and make the recording available on the General Assembly website, as soon as practicable following the meeting.

No committee shall sit unless a quorum be present and all bills introduced by committees must carry the statement of the Chairman that the bill has the approval of two thirds of the membership of the committee, except that the State Appropriations Bill, the Supplemental Appropriations Bill, a Rescission Bill, and the Deficiency Appropriations Bill may be introduced by a majority vote of the Ways and Means Committee.

No committee shall introduce a bill pertaining to subject matter over which it has no jurisdiction.

Notice in writing of all committee action taken on a bill or resolution shall be given to the principal author thereof.

No statewide bill directly appropriating money shall be considered by the House until after such bill has been referred to the Ways and Means Committee, provided, however, a statewide bill which directly or by implication provides for per diem, subsistence or mileage in connection with the subject matter of the bill, but does not otherwise directly appropriate money, shall not be required to be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

After the House sets a bill for Special Order pursuant to Rule 6.3, no point of order may be raised regarding its reference to committee, however, the House by majority vote may commit or recommit a bill or other matter under debate.

No committee action shall be taken on a bill or resolution except at a regular or called meeting, but this shall not apply to resolutions referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

When any standing committee or subcommittee schedules a public hearing on a bill or resolution, the principal sponsor of such bill or

resolution shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing not less than five calendar days prior to the hearing date.

(8) That Rule 2 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding:

2.17 The Clerk, Reading Clerk, Chaplain, and Sergeant at Arms must perform the duties and responsibilities of their offices in a fair and professional manner that does not openly reflect their personal political beliefs or opinions concerning issues, campaigns, or other matters before the General Assembly.

(9) That Rules 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12 of the Rules of the House of Representatives are amended to read:

4.9 ~~In all cases the House may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole. The motion to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole shall specify the subject(s) to be considered in the Committee of the Whole. In the event the House resolves itself into a Committee of the Whole, the Committee of the Whole shall limit discussion to the subject(s) specified in the motion. The Speaker shall leave the Chair after appointing a Chairman to preside, who shall, in case of disturbance or disorderly conduct, have the power to cause same to be cleared. No bill or resolution may be considered by the Committee of the Whole House, except by a two thirds vote, unless same has first been considered by the appropriate Standing Committee of the House.~~ (Reserved.)

4.10 ~~The Committee of the Whole shall consist of the entire body of members in attendance at the particular meeting of the House. Such committee is a real committee in the parliamentary sense. During the time that a meeting of the Committee of the Whole is held, it is technically not 'the assembly'.~~ (Reserved.)

4.11 ~~The Rules of the House so far as they are applicable shall be observed in a Committee of the Whole, the Chairman being substituted for the Speaker.~~ (Reserved.)

4.12 ~~No Committee of the Whole or other committee shall deface or interline a bill or other paper, referred to it, but shall report any amendments recommended on a separate paper, noting the page and line.~~ (Reserved.)

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke against the Resolution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. CROMER spoke against the Resolution.
Rep. LANDING spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The question recurred to the adoption of the Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 63; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Erickson	Forrest
Gatch	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--63

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Burns
Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Garvin
Gibson	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Luck	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--38

The Resolution was adopted.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3723 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, G. M. Smith, Pope, Hiott, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25, 2025, AS NATIONAL MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE OUR CITIZENS EVERY DAY.

H. 3788 -- Reps. Hartz, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DOUGLAS E. "DOUG" HOLFORD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

H. 3789 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MS. GENEVIEVE JORDAN SMITH FOR HER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND PARTICIPATION IN THE HORRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE COOPERATIVE'S 2025 LADY OF THE YEAR.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ANDERSON, adjourned in memory of Leitha Mae Anderson Manigault, mother of Representative Anderson, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Matthew 7:24: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Let us pray. Merciful God, help us to live with our hearts and minds caught up in Your love. One of our concerns, for many of us, is we are struggling to live by faith. Lord, grant us the possibility of living out our faith. We ask for Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Keep them in Your love and care. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who live and work in this vineyard. Bless and protect our men and women in the service of our country. For those with hidden wounds, keep them in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ROBBINS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Harry Gatch, father of Representative Gatch, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Rep. Gatch and his family on the loss of his father, Harry Gatch.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Rep. Edgerton and her family on the loss of her sister.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for those affected by child sexual extortion.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the loved ones of those lost in the tragic plane crash in Washington, D.C.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

South Carolina State Election Commission

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

Mr. Charles F. Reid,

South Carolina Code of Laws § 7-7-710 requires that in each odd-numbered year the State Election Commission should make a report to the General Assembly indicating the names of all polling precincts by county that have more than one thousand five hundred registered electors as of January first of that year. The full text of the statute is attached for your convenience.

Pursuant to this requirement, please also see the attached Excel file with the required report. Note that the first tab, "Count by County", has the number of precincts in each county with over 1500 active voters. The second tab, "Data", contains a list of the precincts and the number of active voters.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thomas W. Nicholson
General Counsel
South Carolina State Election Commission

Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976 Annotated
Title 7. Elections
Chapter 7. Polling Precincts and Voting Places
Article 3. Alteration of Precincts

Code 1976 § 7-7-710

§ 7-7-710. State Election Commission shall report certain precincts to General Assembly for alteration; alteration by county boards of voter registration and elections where General Assembly fails to act.

Currentness

The State Election Commission shall report the names of all polling precincts by county that have more than one thousand five hundred registered electors as of January first to the General Assembly not later than the fourth Tuesday of each odd-numbered year. If, by April first of the same year, the General Assembly has failed to alter the precincts so that no precinct shall have more than one thousand five hundred qualified electors the State Election Commission shall notify the respective county boards of voter registration and elections which shall make such alterations as necessary to conform all precincts to such limitations. Provided, that precincts isolated by water shall not be required to meet minimum requirements.

Credits

HISTORY: 1962 Code § 23-221; 1971 (57) 398.

Code 1976 § 7-7-710, SC ST § 7-7-710

Current through 2024 Act No. 225, subject to final approval by the Legislative Council, technical revisions by the Code Commissioner, and publication in the Official Code of Laws.

REPORT

https://www.scstatehouse.gov/reports/ElectionCommission/Copy%20of%202025%20Precinct%20Report;%20Sec.%207-7-710.xlsx

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION

County Number	County Name	Count
01	ABBEVILLE	2
02	AIKEN	27
03	ALLENDALE	0
04	ANDERSON	40
05	BAMBERG	3
06	BARNWELL	1
07	BEAUFORT	8
08	BERKELEY	48

09	CALHOUN	2
10	CHARLESTON	68
11	CHEROKEE	7
12	CHESTER	1
13	CHESTERFIELD	7
14	CLARENDON	3
15	COLLETON	2
16	DARLINGTON	10
17	DILLON	5
18	DORCHESTER	21
19	EDGEFIELD	4
20	FAIRFIELD	3
21	FLORENCE	23
22	GEORGETOWN	13
23	GREENVILLE	131
24	GREENWOOD	0
25	HAMPTON	2
26	HORRY	88
27	JASPER	5
28	KERSHAW	14
29	LANCASTER	20
30	LAURENS	7
31	LEE	0
32	LEXINGTON	68
33	MCCORMICK	1
34	MARION	3
35	MARLBORO	3
36	NEWBERRY	2
37	OCONEE	17
38	ORANGEBURG	7
39	PICKENS	12
40	RICHLAND	87
41	SALUDA	0
42	SPARTANBURG	77
43	SUMTER	12
44	WILLIAMSBURG	2
45	UNION	0
46	YORK	72

CountySID	CountyName	PrecinctCode	PrecinctName	Voter Count
01	ABBEVILLE	001	Abbeville No. 1	1700
01	ABBEVILLE	007	Calhoun Falls	1597

02	AIKEN	003	Aiken No. 3	1638
02	AIKEN	009	Belvedere No. 9	1528
02	AIKEN	011	China Springs	1531
02	AIKEN	013	College Acres	1751
02	AIKEN	014	Eureka	1663
02	AIKEN	017	Jackson	1514
02	AIKEN	020	Millbrook	1871
02	AIKEN	022	Montmorenci No. 22	1886
02	AIKEN	023	New Ellenton	1549
02	AIKEN	034	Shiloh	1902
02	AIKEN	035	Six Points No. 35	1513
02	AIKEN	037	Talatha	2096
02	AIKEN	038	Vaucluse	2633
02	AIKEN	039	Wagener	2021
02	AIKEN	040	Ward	1506
02	AIKEN	041	Warrenville	1959
02	AIKEN	045	Misty Lakes	1994
02	AIKEN	050	Breezy Hill	1809
02	AIKEN	059	Pine Forest	1810
02	AIKEN	061	Silver Bluff	1900
02	AIKEN	064	Cedar Creek No. 64	1744
02	AIKEN	065	Sleepy Hollow No. 65	1827
02	AIKEN	069	Anderson Pond No. 69	2435
02	AIKEN	071	Midland Valley No. 71	2575
02	AIKEN	073	Fox Creek No. 73	1613
02	AIKEN	075	South Aiken No. 75	2063
02	AIKEN	077	Gem Lakes No. 77	1502
04	ANDERSON	011	Belton	1975
04	ANDERSON	013	Bishop's Branch	2032
04	ANDERSON	017	Brushy Creek	2473
04	ANDERSON	019	Centerville Station A	2840
04	ANDERSON	021	Concrete	3298
04	ANDERSON	024	Denver-Sandy Springs	1806
04	ANDERSON	025	Edgewood Station A	2046
04	ANDERSON	027	Five Forks	1674
04	ANDERSON	029	Fork No. 1	1557
04	ANDERSON	030	Fork No. 2	1692
04	ANDERSON	033	Green Pond Station A	2438
04	ANDERSON	036	Hammond School	2563
04	ANDERSON	040	Hopewell	1660
04	ANDERSON	041	Iva	1610
04	ANDERSON	046	Mount Tabor	2590
04	ANDERSON	049	Neal's Creek	1980
04	ANDERSON	050	North Pointe	2004
04	ANDERSON	053	Pendleton	4032
04	ANDERSON	055	Piercetown	2378
04	ANDERSON	062	Simpsonville	2868
04	ANDERSON	064	Three and Twenty	2750

04	ANDERSON	067	Town Creek	1880
04	ANDERSON	068	West Pelzer	2113
04	ANDERSON	070	White Plains	3470
04	ANDERSON	071	Williamston	2308
04	ANDERSON	072	Williamston Mill	2673
04	ANDERSON	074	Anderson 1/1	1619
04	ANDERSON	077	Anderson 2/2	2443
04	ANDERSON	081	Anderson 4/2	1829
04	ANDERSON	084	Anderson 6/1	1963
04	ANDERSON	087	Lakeside	2381
04	ANDERSON	091	Centerville Station B	2653
04	ANDERSON	092	Edgewood Station B	1903
04	ANDERSON	094	Mt. Airy	2353
04	ANDERSON	111	Belton Annex	1871
04	ANDERSON	121	Powdersville	3366
04	ANDERSON	132	Glenview	1970
04	ANDERSON	136	Hammond Annex	1938
04	ANDERSON	157	Center Rock	2523
04	ANDERSON	164	Hunt Meadows	4539
05	BAMBERG	004	East Denmark	1683
05	BAMBERG	011	South Bamberg	1833
05	BAMBERG	013	North Bamberg	1742
06	BARNWELL	003	Barnwell 3	1528
07	BEAUFORT	123	Riverbend	1573
07	BEAUFORT	133	Ladys Island 2B	1639
07	BEAUFORT	182	St. Helena 1C	1591
07	BEAUFORT	307	Bluffton 2C	1889
07	BEAUFORT	308	Moss Creek	1711
07	BEAUFORT	310	Bluffton 4A	1636
07	BEAUFORT	320	New River 1	2679
07	BEAUFORT	331	Bluffton 7A	1864
08	BERKELEY	004	Bonneau Beach	1545
08	BERKELEY	005	Central	2255
08	BERKELEY	008	Carnes Cross Road 1	1556
08	BERKELEY	009	Carnes Cross Road 2	2691
08	BERKELEY	012	Daniel Island 1	2954
08	BERKELEY	013	Daniel Island 2	1819
08	BERKELEY	014	Devon Forest 1	1955
08	BERKELEY	020	Hanahan 1	2079
08	BERKELEY	024	Hilton Cross Roads	1655
08	BERKELEY	026	Huger	1960
08	BERKELEY	031	Moncks Corner 1	1744
08	BERKELEY	032	Moncks Corner 2	1585
08	BERKELEY	033	Moncks Corner 3	2136
08	BERKELEY	034	Moncks Corner 4	1684
08	BERKELEY	035	Pimlico	1766
08	BERKELEY	036	Pinopolis	1839
08	BERKELEY	044	Stratford 1	1516

08	BERKELEY	045	Stratford 2	1744
08	BERKELEY	046	Stratford 3	2116
08	BERKELEY	047	Stratford 4	1719
08	BERKELEY	049	Wassamassaw 2	2881
08	BERKELEY	051	Westview 2	1566
08	BERKELEY	055	Howe Hall 1	2154
08	BERKELEY	057	Liberty Hall	2157
08	BERKELEY	058	Medway	2747
08	BERKELEY	059	Whitesville 1	2007
08	BERKELEY	061	Daniel Island 3	2073
08	BERKELEY	062	Daniel Island 4	3035
08	BERKELEY	063	The Village	2858
08	BERKELEY	064	Yellow House	4216
08	BERKELEY	065	Cane Bay	4131
08	BERKELEY	066	Discovery	2057
08	BERKELEY	067	Foxbank	3277
08	BERKELEY	072	Seventy Eight	1598
08	BERKELEY	077	Foster Creek 2	2197
08	BERKELEY	078	Foster Creek 3	1711
08	BERKELEY	081	Sedgefield 1	1551
08	BERKELEY	084	Weatherstone	1856
08	BERKELEY	085	Cypress	1939
08	BERKELEY	086	North Creek	2876
08	BERKELEY	087	Boulder Bluff	2169
08	BERKELEY	089	Cane Bay East	1689
08	BERKELEY	090	Cane Bay North	3875
08	BERKELEY	091	Cane Bay South	1903
08	BERKELEY	092	Cobblestone	2114
08	BERKELEY	093	Fifty-two	1932
08	BERKELEY	097	Nexton	3235
08	BERKELEY	101	Wildcat Trail	3147
09	CALHOUN	005	Dixie	1928
09	CALHOUN	011	Sandy Run	1754
10	CHARLESTON	004	Awendaw	1530
10	CHARLESTON	012	Isle Of Palms 1C	1707
10	CHARLESTON	032	Sullivans Island	1675
10	CHARLESTON	100	McClellanville	1706
10	CHARLESTON	103	Deer Park 1B	3306
10	CHARLESTON	104	Deer Park 2A	2551
10	CHARLESTON	105	Deer Park 2B	1715
10	CHARLESTON	107	Deer Park 3	2277
10	CHARLESTON	110	Lincolnville	2084
10	CHARLESTON	132	Ladson	3012
10	CHARLESTON	173	Edisto Island	1629
10	CHARLESTON	180	Kiawah Island	2135
10	CHARLESTON	181	Seabrook	2331
10	CHARLESTON	215	Charleston 15	2071
10	CHARLESTON	303	Mt. Pleasant 3	1592

10	CHARLESTON	304	Mt. Pleasant 4	1521
10	CHARLESTON	306	Mt. Pleasant 6	1983
10	CHARLESTON	312	Mt. Pleasant 12	2647
10	CHARLESTON	315	Mt. Pleasant 15	2382
10	CHARLESTON	317	Mt. Pleasant 17	2847
10	CHARLESTON	319	Mt. Pleasant 19	2152
10	CHARLESTON	321	Mt. Pleasant 21	1645
10	CHARLESTON	322	Mt. Pleasant 22	2086
10	CHARLESTON	323	Mt. Pleasant 23	2146
10	CHARLESTON	327	Mt. Pleasant 27	2973
10	CHARLESTON	330	Mt. Pleasant 30	1995
10	CHARLESTON	331	Mt. Pleasant 31	1723
10	CHARLESTON	332	Mt. Pleasant 32	2706
10	CHARLESTON	333	Mt. Pleasant 33	4752
10	CHARLESTON	334	Mt. Pleasant 34	1794
10	CHARLESTON	335	Mt. Pleasant 35	5580
10	CHARLESTON	336	Mt. Pleasant 36	1908
10	CHARLESTON	337	Mt. Pleasant 37	3870
10	CHARLESTON	338	Mt. Pleasant 38	1908
10	CHARLESTON	339	Mt. Pleasant 39	5530
10	CHARLESTON	400	James Island 1A	2101
10	CHARLESTON	405	James Island 6	1721
10	CHARLESTON	406	James Island 7	1952
10	CHARLESTON	408	James Island 8B	1887
10	CHARLESTON	410	James Island 10	1530
10	CHARLESTON	411	James Island 11	1868
10	CHARLESTON	413	James Island 13	1584
10	CHARLESTON	415	James Island 15	1611
10	CHARLESTON	417	James Island 17	1827
10	CHARLESTON	419	James Island 19	1780
10	CHARLESTON	440	Johns Island 1A	2046
10	CHARLESTON	441	Johns Island 1B	2931
10	CHARLESTON	442	Johns Island 2	6020
10	CHARLESTON	443	Johns Island 3A	5165
10	CHARLESTON	444	Johns Island 3B	2045
10	CHARLESTON	463	St.Pauls 3	2232
10	CHARLESTON	464	St.Pauls 4	1605
10	CHARLESTON	466	St.Pauls 6	2406
10	CHARLESTON	507	St.Andrews 7	1680
10	CHARLESTON	517	St.Andrews 17	1658
10	CHARLESTON	518	St.Andrews 18	1597
10	CHARLESTON	520	St.Andrews 20	2287
10	CHARLESTON	527	St.Andrews 27	4283
10	CHARLESTON	528	St.Andrews 28	4005
10	CHARLESTON	529	St.Andrews 29	3416
10	CHARLESTON	530	St.Andrews 30	1905
10	CHARLESTON	534	St.Andrews 34	2308
10	CHARLESTON	535	St.Andrews 35	1673

10	CHARLESTON	536	St.Andrews 36	1506
10	CHARLESTON	537	St.Andrews 37	4813
10	CHARLESTON	623	North Charleston 23	1968
10	CHARLESTON	624	North Charleston 24	2337
10	CHARLESTON	630	North Charleston 30	1782
11	CHEROKEE	002	Alma Mill	1643
11	CHEROKEE	003	Antioch and King's Creek	1505
11	CHEROKEE	010	Draytonville	1634
11	CHEROKEE	011	Ezells and Butler	1635
11	CHEROKEE	018	Grassy Pond	2371
11	CHEROKEE	023	Macedonia	1851
11	CHEROKEE	025	Musgrove Mill	1635
12	CHESTER	011	Fort Lawn	1536
13	CHESTERFIELD	004	Brocks Mill	1563
13	CHESTERFIELD	009	Cheraw No. 3	1581
13	CHESTERFIELD	011	Courthouse	1927
13	CHESTERFIELD	014	Jefferson	1831
13	CHESTERFIELD	015	McBee	1643
13	CHESTERFIELD	019	Pageland No. 1	1877
13	CHESTERFIELD	020	Pageland No. 2	1723
14	CLARENDON	006	Davis Station	1883
14	CLARENDON	010	Jordan	2799
14	CLARENDON	020	Summerton No. 1	2311
15	COLLETON	006	Cottageville	1660
15	COLLETON	036	Walterboro No. 5	1505
16	DARLINGTON	001	Antioch	1611
16	DARLINGTON	017	Hartsville No. 5	2435
16	DARLINGTON	020	Hartsville No. 8	2619
16	DARLINGTON	021	High Hill	2712
16	DARLINGTON	023	Kelleytown	1814
16	DARLINGTON	028	Mechanicsville	1636
16	DARLINGTON	033	Palmetto	1819
16	DARLINGTON	038	Darlington No. 3	2677
16	DARLINGTON	040	Darlington No. 6	1583
16	DARLINGTON	041	Hartsville No. 9	1602
17	DILLON	001	East Dillon	1843
17	DILLON	002	West Dillon	2016
17	DILLON	003	South Dillon	1504
17	DILLON	004	Latta	2573
17	DILLON	009	Mt. Calvary	1810
18	DORCHESTER	036	Delemars	1999
18	DORCHESTER	041	Beech Hill	1608
18	DORCHESTER	042	Flowertown	3670
18	DORCHESTER	044	Clemson	1790
18	DORCHESTER	048	Carolina	1915
18	DORCHESTER	063	Ashley River	2259
18	DORCHESTER	066	Bacons Bridge	2646
18	DORCHESTER	069	Butternut	2291

18	DORCHESTER	070	Central	1545
18	DORCHESTER	071	Coosaw	2960
18	DORCHESTER	072	Cypress	2933
18	DORCHESTER	073	King's Grant	1574
18	DORCHESTER	075	Miles/Jamison	2039
18	DORCHESTER	076	Oakbrook	3831
18	DORCHESTER	077	Patriot	1863
18	DORCHESTER	084	Beech Hill 2	3354
18	DORCHESTER	088	Central 2	1566
18	DORCHESTER	089	Clemson 2	2754
18	DORCHESTER	090	Clemson 3	1588
18	DORCHESTER	091	Coosaw 2	2155
18	DORCHESTER	098	King's Grant 2	1913
19	EDGEFIELD	002	Edgefield No. 2	1865
19	EDGEFIELD	007	Merriwether No. 1	3148
19	EDGEFIELD	012	Merriwether No. 2	3579
19	EDGEFIELD	013	Trenton 2	2347
20	FAIRFIELD	005	Greenbrier	1921
20	FAIRFIELD	014	Ridgeway	2222
20	FAIRFIELD	022	Dutchman Creek	1574
21	FLORENCE	004	Claussen	1949
21	FLORENCE	005	Coles Crossroads	2637
21	FLORENCE	008	Delmae 1	2091
21	FLORENCE	009	Delmae 2	1811
21	FLORENCE	010	Ebenezer 1	3496
21	FLORENCE	011	Ebenezer 2	3128
21	FLORENCE	012	Ebenezer 3	1686
21	FLORENCE	014	Elim-Glenwood	1667
21	FLORENCE	023	Florence Ward 7	1845
21	FLORENCE	024	Florence Ward 8	1814
21	FLORENCE	028	Florence Ward 12	2368
21	FLORENCE	029	Florence Ward 14	2084
21	FLORENCE	032	Gilbert	1992
21	FLORENCE	033	Greenwood	2157
21	FLORENCE	036	Johnsonville	1966
21	FLORENCE	041	Lake City No. 4	1562
21	FLORENCE	043	Mars Bluff No. 1	2361
21	FLORENCE	054	Savannah Grove	4070
21	FLORENCE	056	South Florence 1	2776
21	FLORENCE	057	South Florence 2	1808
21	FLORENCE	059	Tans Bay	1742
21	FLORENCE	063	West Florence 1	3549
21	FLORENCE	064	West Florence 2	1512
22	GEORGETOWN	101	Andrews	1508
22	GEORGETOWN	104	Black River	1662
22	GEORGETOWN	105	Brown's Ferry	1664
22	GEORGETOWN	114	Georgetown No. 5	1814
22	GEORGETOWN	117	Murrells Inlet No. 1	3630

22	GEORGETOWN	118	Murrells Inlet No. 2	2581
22	GEORGETOWN	120	Murrells Inlet No. 4	1628
22	GEORGETOWN	122	Pawleys Island No. 1	3422
22	GEORGETOWN	123	Pawleys Island No. 2	3757
22	GEORGETOWN	124	Pawleys Island No. 3	2756
22	GEORGETOWN	125	Pawleys Island No. 4	3043
22	GEORGETOWN	126	Pawleys Island No. 5	3284
22	GEORGETOWN	133	Spring Gulley	1673
23	GREENVILLE	201	Greenville 1	1769
23	GREENVILLE	203	Greenville 3	2446
23	GREENVILLE	204	Greenville 4	2332
23	GREENVILLE	205	Greenville 5	3078
23	GREENVILLE	207	Greenville 7	2387
23	GREENVILLE	208	Greenville 8	3930
23	GREENVILLE	210	Greenville 10	2447
23	GREENVILLE	214	Greenville 14	1599
23	GREENVILLE	216	Greenville 16	1961
23	GREENVILLE	217	Greenville 17	1690
23	GREENVILLE	219	Greenville 19	2048
23	GREENVILLE	222	Greenville 22	2285
23	GREENVILLE	223	Greenville 23	2081
23	GREENVILLE	224	Greenville 24	5610
23	GREENVILLE	225	Greenville 25	1554
23	GREENVILLE	226	Greenville 26	1826
23	GREENVILLE	229	Greenville 29	2448
23	GREENVILLE	232	Asheton Lakes	3261
23	GREENVILLE	233	Avon	1605
23	GREENVILLE	234	Belle Meade	1517
23	GREENVILLE	235	Bells Crossing	2889
23	GREENVILLE	238	Boiling Springs	1948
23	GREENVILLE	239	Botany Woods	1621
23	GREENVILLE	241	Canebrake	2684
23	GREENVILLE	243	Chestnut Hills	1629
23	GREENVILLE	244	Circle Creek	3106
23	GREENVILLE	245	Clear Creek	1710
23	GREENVILLE	246	Conestee	2591
23	GREENVILLE	247	Darby Ridge	2862
23	GREENVILLE	248	Del Norte	2071
23	GREENVILLE	249	Devenger	1746
23	GREENVILLE	250	Donaldson	2169
23	GREENVILLE	251	Dove Tree	1807
23	GREENVILLE	252	Dunklin	2533
23	GREENVILLE	253	Eastside	2484
23	GREENVILLE	254	Ebenezer	2419
23	GREENVILLE	255	Edwards Forest	2118
23	GREENVILLE	256	Enoree	3148
23	GREENVILLE	258	Fork Shoals	2008
23	GREENVILLE	259	Fountain Inn 1	3704

23	GREENVILLE	260	Fountain Inn 2	1933
23	GREENVILLE	262	Furman	2922
23	GREENVILLE	264	Gowensville	2170
23	GREENVILLE	266	Grove	1775
23	GREENVILLE	269	Jennings Mill	1997
23	GREENVILLE	270	Lakeview	2346
23	GREENVILLE	271	Laurel Ridge	2582
23	GREENVILLE	272	Leawood	2196
23	GREENVILLE	274	Maple Creek	2305
23	GREENVILLE	275	Maridell	2127
23	GREENVILLE	276	Mauldin 1	2574
23	GREENVILLE	277	Mauldin 2	4732
23	GREENVILLE	278	Mauldin 3	2533
23	GREENVILLE	279	Mauldin 4	3431
23	GREENVILLE	280	Mauldin 5	3354
23	GREENVILLE	281	Mauldin 6	2321
23	GREENVILLE	282	Mauldin 7	1957
23	GREENVILLE	283	Mission	2554
23	GREENVILLE	284	Monaview	1861
23	GREENVILLE	285	Mountain Creek	2183
23	GREENVILLE	286	Mountain View	2419
23	GREENVILLE	287	Neely Farms	3468
23	GREENVILLE	288	Northwood	1877
23	GREENVILLE	289	Oakview	3072
23	GREENVILLE	291	Palmetto	1765
23	GREENVILLE	293	Pebble Creek	2258
23	GREENVILLE	295	Piedmont	3246
23	GREENVILLE	296	Pineview	1508
23	GREENVILLE	297	Poinsett	3200
23	GREENVILLE	298	Raintree	3789
23	GREENVILLE	299	Reedy Fork	3670
23	GREENVILLE	300	River Walk	2402
23	GREENVILLE	302	Rock Hill	2344
23	GREENVILLE	303	Rocky Creek	1961
23	GREENVILLE	304	Rolling Green	1877
23	GREENVILLE	307	Sandy Flat	3995
23	GREENVILLE	308	Sevier	2541
23	GREENVILLE	309	Silverleaf	2261
23	GREENVILLE	310	Simpsonville 1	2532
23	GREENVILLE	311	Simpsonville 2	2644
23	GREENVILLE	312	Simpsonville 3	2910
23	GREENVILLE	313	Simpsonville 4	1824
23	GREENVILLE	314	Simpsonville 5	3072
23	GREENVILLE	315	Simpsonville 6	2809
23	GREENVILLE	316	Skyland	3016
23	GREENVILLE	317	Slater Marietta	3088
23	GREENVILLE	318	Southside	2087
23	GREENVILLE	319	Spring Forest	2084

23	GREENVILLE	321	Stone Valley	1994
23	GREENVILLE	322	Stonehaven	2043
23	GREENVILLE	323	Suber Mill	3601
23	GREENVILLE	324	Sugar Creek	2194
23	GREENVILLE	325	Sulphur Springs	3048
23	GREENVILLE	326	Sycamore	3666
23	GREENVILLE	327	Tanglewood	2083
23	GREENVILLE	328	Taylors	1993
23	GREENVILLE	329	Thornblade	3265
23	GREENVILLE	330	Tigerville	3085
23	GREENVILLE	331	Timberlake	2392
23	GREENVILLE	332	Trade	2475
23	GREENVILLE	334	Tubbs Mountain	2730
23	GREENVILLE	336	Wade Hampton	2149
23	GREENVILLE	337	Walnut Springs	5991
23	GREENVILLE	339	Welcome	2047
23	GREENVILLE	340	Wellington	1513
23	GREENVILLE	341	Westcliffe	1554
23	GREENVILLE	342	Westside	1956
23	GREENVILLE	343	Woodmont	3129
23	GREENVILLE	344	Woodruff Lakes	2448
23	GREENVILLE	345	Mt Pleasant	1734
23	GREENVILLE	347	Bridge Fork	1613
23	GREENVILLE	348	Castle Rock	3116
23	GREENVILLE	349	Fox Chase	2117
23	GREENVILLE	350	Frohawk	1562
23	GREENVILLE	351	Granite Creek	3388
23	GREENVILLE	352	Graze Branch	1842
23	GREENVILLE	353	Greenbriar	2437
23	GREENVILLE	354	Hillcrest	2458
23	GREENVILLE	356	Kilgore Farms	2724
23	GREENVILLE	357	Locust Hill	1566
23	GREENVILLE	358	Long Creek	2426
23	GREENVILLE	359	Moore Creek	4792
23	GREENVILLE	360	Oneal	3923
23	GREENVILLE	361	Ranch Creek	4101
23	GREENVILLE	362	Riverside	2669
23	GREENVILLE	363	Sparrows Point	2745
23	GREENVILLE	364	Standing Springs	1741
23	GREENVILLE	365	Travelers Rest 1	2759
23	GREENVILLE	366	Travelers Rest 2	1792
23	GREENVILLE	368	Verdmont	2264
23	GREENVILLE	369	Ware Place	2170
25	HAMPTON	004	Varnville	1683
25	HAMPTON	007	Estill	1945
26	HORRY	101	Adrian	2143
26	HORRY	104	Aynor	2273
26	HORRY	105	Bayboro-Gurley	1571

26	HORRY	106	Brooksville #1	4660
26	HORRY	107	Brownway	2203
26	HORRY	108	Burgess #1	2526
26	HORRY	109	Burgess #2	3313
26	HORRY	110	Carolina Forest #1	3339
26	HORRY	111	Carolina Forest #2	2050
26	HORRY	112	Cedar Grove	1642
26	HORRY	113	Cherry Grove #1	3027
26	HORRY	114	Cherry Grove #2	1554
26	HORRY	119	Crescent	1886
26	HORRY	120	Daisy	1576
26	HORRY	121	Deerfield	4702
26	HORRY	123	Dogwood	2145
26	HORRY	124	Dunes #1	4202
26	HORRY	125	Dunes #2	2351
26	HORRY	127	East Conway	1776
26	HORRY	128	East Loris	3272
26	HORRY	129	Ebenezer	3296
26	HORRY	130	Emerald Forest #1	2789
26	HORRY	131	Emerald Forest #2	5916
26	HORRY	132	Emerald Forest #3	4854
26	HORRY	133	Enterprise #1	2240
26	HORRY	135	Forestbrook	3435
26	HORRY	136	Four Mile	2248
26	HORRY	138	Garden City #1	2288
26	HORRY	140	Garden City #3	2110
26	HORRY	142	Glenns Bay	2294
26	HORRY	145	Hickory Grove	1623
26	HORRY	147	Homewood	1904
26	HORRY	148	Horry	1894
26	HORRY	151	Jamestown	3657
26	HORRY	153	Jet Port #1	2423
26	HORRY	157	Juniper Bay	2035
26	HORRY	158	Lake Park #1	1697
26	HORRY	159	Leon	2341
26	HORRY	160	Little River #1	3845
26	HORRY	161	Little River #2	3558
26	HORRY	162	Little River #3	2218
26	HORRY	164	Maple	1721
26	HORRY	165	Marlowe #1	2493
26	HORRY	166	Methodist-Mill Swamp	1520
26	HORRY	172	Myrtlewood #2	1632
26	HORRY	173	Myrtlewood #3	1822
26	HORRY	174	Nixon X Roads #1	3369
26	HORRY	175	Nixon X Roads #2	3943
26	HORRY	176	North Conway #1	2038
26	HORRY	179	Ocean Drive # 1	2855
26	HORRY	180	Ocean Drive #2	1871

26	HORRY	181	Ocean Forest #1	1667
26	HORRY	182	Ocean Forest #2	4008
26	HORRY	183	Ocean Forest #3	1823
26	HORRY	184	Palmetto Bays	5187
26	HORRY	190	Racepath #2	1890
26	HORRY	193	Red Hill #2	2264
26	HORRY	194	Salem	3001
26	HORRY	195	Sea Oats # 1	1920
26	HORRY	197	Sea Winds	4149
26	HORRY	198	Shell	1925
26	HORRY	199	Socastee # 1	1902
26	HORRY	200	Socastee # 2	2035
26	HORRY	201	Socastee # 3	5222
26	HORRY	204	Surfside # 1	2453
26	HORRY	206	Surfside # 3	2998
26	HORRY	207	Surfside # 4	3577
26	HORRY	210	Tilly Swamp	3658
26	HORRY	211	Toddville	1724
26	HORRY	212	Wampee	2963
26	HORRY	216	Wild Wing	5778
26	HORRY	217	Windy Hill #1	1520
26	HORRY	218	Windy Hill #2	3189
26	HORRY	219	Burgess #3	2634
26	HORRY	220	Marlowe #2	3397
26	HORRY	221	Burgess #4	2103
26	HORRY	222	Marlowe #3	5152
26	HORRY	224	Carolina Bays	3097
26	HORRY	225	Nixons X Roads #3	2395
26	HORRY	226	River Oaks	5332
26	HORRY	227	Lake Park #2	1905
26	HORRY	228	Lake Park #3	2419
26	HORRY	229	Waccamaw	4719
26	HORRY	230	Enterprise #2	1919
26	HORRY	231	Jet Port #3	2398
26	HORRY	232	Jet Port #4	2840
26	HORRY	233	Ocean Drive #3	2247
26	HORRY	234	Burgess #5	2364
27	JASPER	104	Grahamville 2	2208
27	JASPER	108	Levy	1783
27	JASPER	115	Sun City	3889
27	JASPER	117	Okatie 2	1846
27	JASPER	118	Margaritaville	3555
28	KERSHAW	107	Camden No. 1	1704
28	KERSHAW	109	Hobkirk's Hill	1674
28	KERSHAW	115	Cassatt	1516
28	KERSHAW	119	Doby's Mill	2054
28	KERSHAW	122	Elgin No. 1	2499
28	KERSHAW	123	Elgin No. 2	1701

28	KERSHAW	125	Elgin No. 4	1930
28	KERSHAW	126	Elgin No. 5	1544
28	KERSHAW	133	Lugoff No. 2	1805
28	KERSHAW	134	Lugoff No. 3	1519
28	KERSHAW	143	Rabon's Crossroads	2051
28	KERSHAW	150	Springdale	2168
28	KERSHAW	152	Westville	1643
28	KERSHAW	154	White's Gardens	1639
29	LANCASTER	002	Lake House	2724
29	LANCASTER	006	Douglas	2720
29	LANCASTER	009	Erwin Farm	1731
29	LANCASTER	012	Hyde Park	1995
29	LANCASTER	014	Kershaw North	1609
29	LANCASTER	016	Lancaster East	2275
29	LANCASTER	021	Pleasant Valley	4285
29	LANCASTER	032	Possum Hollow	3010
29	LANCASTER	035	Black Horse Run	5208
29	LANCASTER	036	Gold Hill	1841
29	LANCASTER	037	Harrisburg	4588
29	LANCASTER	038	Osceola	3665
29	LANCASTER	039	River Road	2806
29	LANCASTER	040	The Lodge	2862
29	LANCASTER	041	College Park	1577
29	LANCASTER	050	Buford	2019
29	LANCASTER	051	Springdale	1892
29	LANCASTER	053	McIlwain	2327
29	LANCASTER	056	Jim Wilson	2680
29	LANCASTER	057	Six Mile Creek	1944
30	LAURENS	014	Joanna	1658
30	LAURENS	018	Jones	3567
30	LAURENS	021	Greenpond	1625
30	LAURENS	022	Cooks	1914
30	LAURENS	026	Cross Hill	1717
30	LAURENS	027	Waterloo	1697
30	LAURENS	031	Hickory Tavern	2486
32	LEXINGTON	001	Batesburg	1794
32	LEXINGTON	003	Lake Murray 1	2280
32	LEXINGTON	004	Mount Horeb	2708
32	LEXINGTON	005	Old Barnwell Rd	1822
32	LEXINGTON	006	Beulah Church	2902
32	LEXINGTON	007	Gilbert	2469
32	LEXINGTON	008	Pond Branch	2201
32	LEXINGTON	009	Seven Oaks	1600
32	LEXINGTON	010	Ridge Road	2396
32	LEXINGTON	012	Leesville	2271
32	LEXINGTON	013	Red Bank South 1	2107
32	LEXINGTON	014	Emmanuel Church	2044
32	LEXINGTON	015	Hollow Creek	3099

32	LEXINGTON	016	Boiling Springs	2723
32	LEXINGTON	018	Red Bank	4552
32	LEXINGTON	019	Round Hill	4224
32	LEXINGTON	021	Quail Hollow	2079
32	LEXINGTON	027	Sharpe's Hill	2075
32	LEXINGTON	028	Chapin	3398
32	LEXINGTON	030	Westover	1570
32	LEXINGTON	031	Edenwood	2194
32	LEXINGTON	033	Lexington No. 1	2969
32	LEXINGTON	034	Lexington No. 2	2120
32	LEXINGTON	035	Cayce Ward No.1	1572
32	LEXINGTON	036	Cayce Ward No.2	1620
32	LEXINGTON	038	Chalk Hill	3170
32	LEXINGTON	039	Congaree 1	1705
32	LEXINGTON	040	Hook's Store	1982
32	LEXINGTON	041	Saluda River	1803
32	LEXINGTON	042	Springdale	2142
32	LEXINGTON	047	West Columbia No. 4	1556
32	LEXINGTON	048	Irmo	2314
32	LEXINGTON	049	Challedon	1536
32	LEXINGTON	050	Whitehall	2105
32	LEXINGTON	053	Pineview	1829
32	LEXINGTON	054	Quail Valley	2078
32	LEXINGTON	057	Coldstream	1820
32	LEXINGTON	058	Grenadier	1758
32	LEXINGTON	059	St. Michael	2348
32	LEXINGTON	060	Murraywood	2056
32	LEXINGTON	061	Amicks Ferry	4014
32	LEXINGTON	062	Bush River	1627
32	LEXINGTON	063	Dutchman Shores	3543
32	LEXINGTON	064	Pilgrim Church	2664
32	LEXINGTON	065	White Knoll	2828
32	LEXINGTON	067	Kitti Wake	1649
32	LEXINGTON	068	Providence Church	2563
32	LEXINGTON	070	Lexington No. 3	3453
32	LEXINGTON	071	Lexington No. 4	3253
32	LEXINGTON	073	Park Road 1	2344
32	LEXINGTON	075	Gaston 2	1630
32	LEXINGTON	076	Lake Murray 2	3924
32	LEXINGTON	078	St Davids	2679
32	LEXINGTON	080	Sandhill	1708
32	LEXINGTON	081	Edmund 2	2017
32	LEXINGTON	082	Swansea 2	1570
32	LEXINGTON	083	Pelion 2	1551
32	LEXINGTON	084	Dreher Island	1764
32	LEXINGTON	085	Old Lexington	3346
32	LEXINGTON	086	Lincreek	2528
32	LEXINGTON	087	Cedarcrest	1958

32	LEXINGTON	088	Oakwood	3023
32	LEXINGTON	089	Barr Road 2	3777
32	LEXINGTON	091	Pine Ridge 2	2226
32	LEXINGTON	092	Redbank South 2	1861
32	LEXINGTON	093	Carolina Springs	2243
32	LEXINGTON	095	Platt Springs 2	4100
32	LEXINGTON	096	River Bluff	3356
33	MCCORMICK	003	Savannah	2522
34	MARION	008	Marion South	2633
34	MARION	014	Southwest Mullins	1511
34	MARION	015	Northeast Mullins	1953
35	MARLBORO	012	East Bennettsville	1601
35	MARLBORO	013	West Bennettsville	1839
35	MARLBORO	015	North Bennettsville	2529
36	NEWBERRY	015	Fairview	2044
36	NEWBERRY	030	O'neal	1694
37	OCONEE	003	Ravenel	2473
37	OCONEE	005	Friendship	2066
37	OCONEE	007	Keowee	2499
37	OCONEE	011	Bounty Land	1793
37	OCONEE	016	Salem	2491
37	OCONEE	017	Stamp Creek	2976
37	OCONEE	018	New Hope	2982
37	OCONEE	020	South Union	1843
37	OCONEE	024	Walhalla No. 1	3779
37	OCONEE	025	Walhalla No. 2	2869
37	OCONEE	026	Westminster No. 1	3160
37	OCONEE	027	Westminster No. 2	1962
37	OCONEE	028	West Union	2248
37	OCONEE	029	Seneca No. 1	2807
37	OCONEE	030	Seneca No. 2	2243
37	OCONEE	031	Seneca No. 3	1593
37	OCONEE	032	Seneca No. 4	2814
38	ORANGEBURG	117	Suburban 7	1837
38	ORANGEBURG	131	Eutawville 2	1607
38	ORANGEBURG	133	Holly Hill 2	1656
38	ORANGEBURG	134	Holly Hill 1	1757
38	ORANGEBURG	135	Jamison	1635
38	ORANGEBURG	145	Santee 1	1518
38	ORANGEBURG	153	Limestone 2	1538
39	PICKENS	106	Clemson	2220
39	PICKENS	113	Six Mile	1606
39	PICKENS	114	Six Mile Mountain	1571
39	PICKENS	116	Mountain View	2212
39	PICKENS	118	Holly Springs	1706
39	PICKENS	119	Pumpkintown	1685
39	PICKENS	120	Griffin	1551
39	PICKENS	122	West Pickens	1510

39	PICKENS	137	Woodside	1837
39	PICKENS	138	Brushy Creek	1849
39	PICKENS	144	Rock Springs	1540
39	PICKENS	163	Lenhardt	1851
40	RICHLAND	103	Ward 3	1575
40	RICHLAND	104	Ward 4	1732
40	RICHLAND	110	Ward 10	1519
40	RICHLAND	112	Ward 12	1554
40	RICHLAND	113	Ward 13	2149
40	RICHLAND	114	Ward 14	1667
40	RICHLAND	117	Ward 17	1718
40	RICHLAND	120	Ward 20	1839
40	RICHLAND	121	Ward 21	1598
40	RICHLAND	125	Ward 25	1628
40	RICHLAND	126	Ward 26	1713
40	RICHLAND	402	Ballentine 1	1629
40	RICHLAND	403	Ballentine 2	2148
40	RICHLAND	405	Bluff	1824
40	RICHLAND	406	Blythewood 1	2408
40	RICHLAND	407	Blythewood 2	2734
40	RICHLAND	408	Blythewood 3	3384
40	RICHLAND	409	Bookman	3130
40	RICHLAND	410	Brandon 1	2044
40	RICHLAND	411	Brandon 2	2112
40	RICHLAND	412	Briarwood	2350
40	RICHLAND	413	Bridge Creek	2156
40	RICHLAND	414	Caughman Road	1915
40	RICHLAND	418	Dentsville	1929
40	RICHLAND	420	Dutch Fork 2	1683
40	RICHLAND	421	Dutch Fork 3	2461
40	RICHLAND	422	Dutch Fork 4	1770
40	RICHLAND	424	Edgewood	1814
40	RICHLAND	425	Estates	2006
40	RICHLAND	426	Fairlawn	2827
40	RICHLAND	430	South Forest Acres	1553
40	RICHLAND	431	Friarsgate 1	1738
40	RICHLAND	436	Greenview	1653
40	RICHLAND	437	Gregg Park	2019
40	RICHLAND	438	Hampton	1761
40	RICHLAND	439	Harbison 1	2203
40	RICHLAND	442	Hopkins 2	1708
40	RICHLAND	443	Horrell Hill	2279
40	RICHLAND	445	Keels 1	1971
40	RICHLAND	446	Keels 2	1604
40	RICHLAND	447	Keenan	1747
40	RICHLAND	448	Kelly Mill	2690
40	RICHLAND	449	Killian	3393
40	RICHLAND	450	Kingswood	2683

40	RICHLAND	451	Lake Carolina	3693
40	RICHLAND	452	Lincolnshire	1820
40	RICHLAND	453	Longcreek	6262
40	RICHLAND	454	Longleaf	1749
40	RICHLAND	455	Lykesland	1862
40	RICHLAND	456	Mallet Hill	2652
40	RICHLAND	457	Meadowfield	1756
40	RICHLAND	458	Meadowlake	1946
40	RICHLAND	460	Midway	2609
40	RICHLAND	462	Monticello	1732
40	RICHLAND	464	North Springs 2	2900
40	RICHLAND	465	North Springs 3	2051
40	RICHLAND	470	Olympia	1949
40	RICHLAND	473	Parkway 1	2186
40	RICHLAND	474	Parkway 2	2275
40	RICHLAND	475	Parkway 3	1836
40	RICHLAND	477	Pennington 2	1563
40	RICHLAND	480	Pine Lakes 2	1872
40	RICHLAND	481	Pinewood	2112
40	RICHLAND	482	Polo Road	2557
40	RICHLAND	483	Pontiac 1	4221
40	RICHLAND	484	Pontiac 2	4373
40	RICHLAND	485	Rice Creek 1	1842
40	RICHLAND	486	Rice Creek 2	2910
40	RICHLAND	487	Ridge View 1	2785
40	RICHLAND	488	Ridge View 2	3194
40	RICHLAND	493	Riversprings 3	1592
40	RICHLAND	494	Riverwalk	2738
40	RICHLAND	497	Sandlapper	3005
40	RICHLAND	500	South Beltline	1543
40	RICHLAND	501	Spring Hill	3086
40	RICHLAND	502	Spring Valley	2769
40	RICHLAND	503	Spring Valley West	2622
40	RICHLAND	504	Springville 1	2190
40	RICHLAND	505	Springville 2	1963
40	RICHLAND	507	Trinity	1755
40	RICHLAND	508	Valhalla	2175
40	RICHLAND	509	Valley State Park	3476
40	RICHLAND	512	Westminster	1529
40	RICHLAND	513	Whitewell	1536
40	RICHLAND	514	Wildewood	2951
40	RICHLAND	515	Woodfield	2397
40	RICHLAND	516	Woodlands	2249
42	SPARTANBURG	001	Woodruff Leisure Center	1598
42	SPARTANBURG	007	Morningside	1922
42	SPARTANBURG	008	Boiling Springs 9th Grade	2519
42	SPARTANBURG	010	Gable Middle School	3394
42	SPARTANBURG	011	Lake Bowen Baptist	2340

42	SPARTANBURG	012	Cooley Springs Baptist	2828
42	SPARTANBURG	013	Landrum High School	2883
42	SPARTANBURG	014	Hendrix Elementary	2548
42	SPARTANBURG	016	Cannons Elementary	1720
42	SPARTANBURG	018	E.P. Todd Elementary	2740
42	SPARTANBURG	019	Cherokee Springs	1881
42	SPARTANBURG	026	Cowpens	1662
42	SPARTANBURG	027	Enoree River	1728
42	SPARTANBURG	029	Fairforest Elementary	1705
42	SPARTANBURG	030	Abner Creek Baptist	3274
42	SPARTANBURG	035	Blackstock	3078
42	SPARTANBURG	036	Travelers Rest Baptist	1894
42	SPARTANBURG	040	Gramling Methodist	1691
42	SPARTANBURG	044	Holly Springs Baptist	1689
42	SPARTANBURG	045	Chapman High School	1835
42	SPARTANBURG	050	Landrum United Methodist	1717
42	SPARTANBURG	051	Lyman	5030
42	SPARTANBURG	053	Mayo Elementary	2049
42	SPARTANBURG	056	R.D. Anderson Vocational	1717
42	SPARTANBURG	061	Pelham Fire Station	2940
42	SPARTANBURG	062	Poplar Springs Fire Station	2829
42	SPARTANBURG	064	Reidville Elementary	2827
42	SPARTANBURG	065	Roebuck Elementary	2879
42	SPARTANBURG	068	Mt. Moriah Baptist	1589
42	SPARTANBURG	073	Trinity Methodist	1643
42	SPARTANBURG	076	McCracken Middle School	2219
42	SPARTANBURG	082	Woodland Heights Recreation Center	1867
42	SPARTANBURG	083	Holy Communion Lutheran	2261
42	SPARTANBURG	086	Fairgrounds	1648
42	SPARTANBURG	095	Victor Mill Methodist	1995
42	SPARTANBURG	096	Mt Calvary Presbyterian	2946
42	SPARTANBURG	097	Wellford	3109
42	SPARTANBURG	098	West View Elementary	2148
42	SPARTANBURG	107	Jesse Bobo Elementary	1743
42	SPARTANBURG	111	Oakland Elementary	2180
42	SPARTANBURG	112	Hanging Rock	2072
42	SPARTANBURG	113	Carlisle Fosters Grove	2898
42	SPARTANBURG	115	Beech Springs Intermediate	2135
42	SPARTANBURG	116	Greater St. James	2717
42	SPARTANBURG	117	Bethany Wesleyan	1603
42	SPARTANBURG	118	Reidville Fire Station	2201
42	SPARTANBURG	119	Roebuck Bethlehem	2017
42	SPARTANBURG	121	Anderson Mill Elementary	2545
42	SPARTANBURG	123	Boiling Springs Ele	2455
42	SPARTANBURG	124	Boiling Springs Jr. High	2398
42	SPARTANBURG	125	Peach Blossom	1986
42	SPARTANBURG	126	Carlisle Wesleyan	1704

42	SPARTANBURG	127	Boiling Springs High Sch	2160
42	SPARTANBURG	129	Pacolet Elementary School	2260
42	SPARTANBURG	131	Chesnee Elementary School	3108
42	SPARTANBURG	134	Powell Saxon Una	1634
42	SPARTANBURG	135	Two Mile Creek	3197
42	SPARTANBURG	136	Duncan United Methodist	1676
42	SPARTANBURG	138	D. R. Hill Middle School	2950
42	SPARTANBURG	139	Lyman Elementary	2396
42	SPARTANBURG	140	Anderson Mill Baptist	2007
42	SPARTANBURG	142	Trinity Presbyterian	2198
42	SPARTANBURG	143	Apalache Baptist	3288
42	SPARTANBURG	145	Shoally	2092
42	SPARTANBURG	146	Rainbow	2521
42	SPARTANBURG	147	Spartangreen	1976
42	SPARTANBURG	148	Holly Springs-Motlow	2411
42	SPARTANBURG	149	Landrum	1563
42	SPARTANBURG	150	New Prospect	2392
42	SPARTANBURG	151	Willow Creek	1568
42	SPARTANBURG	152	Tyger River	2319
42	SPARTANBURG	153	Inman	1995
42	SPARTANBURG	154	Lake Cooley	1647
42	SPARTANBURG	155	Middle Tyger	1671
42	SPARTANBURG	156	Valley Falls	3370
42	SPARTANBURG	157	Moore-Duncan	1596
42	SPARTANBURG	158	Chestnut Lake	2116
43	SUMTER	101	Rembert	1644
43	SUMTER	105	Dalzell 1	1557
43	SUMTER	111	McCrays Mill 1	1546
43	SUMTER	118	Green Swamp 1	2607
43	SUMTER	121	Second Mill	1596
43	SUMTER	132	Pocotaligo 1	1861
43	SUMTER	139	McCrays Mill 2	1706
43	SUMTER	145	Pinewood	1567
43	SUMTER	147	Privateer	1989
43	SUMTER	149	Wilson Hall	1915
43	SUMTER	152	St. Paul	1739
43	SUMTER	156	Ebenezer 2	1602
45	WILLIAMSBURG	014	Kingstree No. 1	2689
45	WILLIAMSBURG	016	Kingstree No. 3	1923
46	YORK	001	Bethany	2211
46	YORK	002	Bethel	1718
46	YORK	003	River Hills	2148
46	YORK	005	Bowling Green	1623
46	YORK	007	Cannon Mill	1611
46	YORK	008	Catawba	2813
46	YORK	009	Clover	2135
46	YORK	010	Hampton Mill	1577
46	YORK	011	Cotton Belt	2045

46	YORK	012	Delphia	2108
46	YORK	014	Filbert	2276
46	YORK	015	Fort Mill No. 1	3258
46	YORK	016	Windjammer	2028
46	YORK	017	Fort Mill No. 3	2627
46	YORK	020	Lakeshore	2521
46	YORK	022	McConnells	1708
46	YORK	023	Mt. Holly	2810
46	YORK	024	Newport	2421
46	YORK	025	Mt. Gallant	1742
46	YORK	026	Northside	1665
46	YORK	027	Oakridge	2872
46	YORK	028	Ogden	2189
46	YORK	029	Oakwood	1936
46	YORK	030	Airport	1608
46	YORK	031	Rock Hill No. 2	1609
46	YORK	032	Rock Hill No. 3	2069
46	YORK	033	Rock Hill No. 4	2123
46	YORK	036	Rock Hill No. 7	2300
46	YORK	038	Sharon	1516
46	YORK	040	Tirzah	2276
46	YORK	041	York No. 1	2734
46	YORK	042	York No. 2	3411
46	YORK	043	India Hook	1638
46	YORK	044	Edgewood	2672
46	YORK	046	Fort Mill No. 4	1535
46	YORK	047	Lesslie	1519
46	YORK	048	Rosewood	3140
46	YORK	049	Northwestern	2433
46	YORK	050	Shoreline	2274
46	YORK	051	Ebinport	2784
46	YORK	053	Fort Mill No. 5	3509
46	YORK	054	Fort Mill No. 6	1640
46	YORK	057	New Home	2498
46	YORK	058	Fort Mill No. 2	5516
46	YORK	059	Dobys Bridge	3369
46	YORK	060	Riverview	1691
46	YORK	061	Orchard Park	2133
46	YORK	062	Lakewood	1791
46	YORK	064	Steele Creek	2563
46	YORK	065	Pleasant Road	3174
46	YORK	066	Gold Hill	3330
46	YORK	067	Waterstone	2027
46	YORK	068	Palmetto	1987
46	YORK	072	Old Pointe	1572
46	YORK	073	Tools Fork	1879
46	YORK	074	Carolina	1943
46	YORK	075	Fairgrounds	1721

46	YORK	078	Hollis Lakes	2040
46	YORK	082	Nation Ford	3142
46	YORK	084	Pole Branch	2338
46	YORK	087	Springfield	2345
46	YORK	088	Stateline	2284
46	YORK	089	Wylie	2851
46	YORK	090	Roosevelt	1875
46	YORK	091	Larne	1616
46	YORK	092	Rock Creek	1589
46	YORK	093	River's Edge	3361
46	YORK	095	Kanawha	3154
46	YORK	096	Celanese	3386
46	YORK	097	Hands Mill	1698
46	YORK	098	Crescent	2088
46	YORK	099	Field Day	2096

Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SESSIONS, from the York Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3438 -- Reps. Pope and B. Newton: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS, SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3790 -- Rep. Moss: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATE THE PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET (S-42-227) LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PACOLET IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS "JAMES 'PEE WEE' LAMBERT JR. ROAD" TO ENSURE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACOLET ARE REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3833 -- Reps. Williams, Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein,

Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CAROL EVETTE BONAPARTE ROBERTS OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3834 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHARLOTTE MAXINE GIBSON OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3835 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3836 -- Reps. Teeple, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDHOOD CANCER TASK FORCE, THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS OF THE STATE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A ST. JUDE AFFILIATE PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3837 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL REBEL REGIMENT MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAAA MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3838 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEVE HORTON UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO

WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3839 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON

COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 193 -- Senators Reichenbach, Sabb and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CASHUA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SECOND LOOP ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 "CURTIS KERSHAW SUMMERFORD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 224 -- Senator Tedder: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 2025 AS "MENTORING MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL

CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3842 -- Rep. Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

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

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290,

43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120, AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX; BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3844 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-70, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF BENCH WARRANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT IF A DEFENDANT VIOLATES THE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3845 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-880, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTITY UNDERTAKING A FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT SHALL BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO RELOCATING BROADBAND SERVICE LINES AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION PAYMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 36 OF 2019 RELATED TO A SUNSET PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3846 -- Reps. Erickson, Hartnett, M. M. Smith and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS AND NONMOTORIZED FLOATING STRUCTURES ANCHORED IN THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS AND STRUCTURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3847 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION REGARDING THE USE, DISPOSITION, SALE, OR ANY IMPOSITION OF ANY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION, FEE IMPOSITION, OR TAXATION OF A CO-OWNED HOME MUST BE DONE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3848 -- Reps. Caskey and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "COMPENDIUM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-60, RELATING TO INOCULATION OF PETS, SO AS TO PERMIT A CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN TO ADMINISTER RABIES INOCULATIONS WHEN SUPERVISED BY A VETERINARIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-90, RELATING TO REPORTS OF ANIMAL BITES TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE PERSON BITTEN BY A PET OR OTHER ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-310 SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO MAY ADMINISTER VACCINES TO ANIMALS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3849 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Hager, Oremus, Kirby, Teeple, Bailey, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Davis, Hartnett, Holman, Cobb-Hunter, Hewitt, Yow, Taylor, Wooten, Chapman, Lawson, Guffey, Pedalino, Erickson, Calhoon, Reese, Willis, Vaughan, Landing, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Forrest,

Gagnon, Haddon, Hiott, J. L. Johnson and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JURY OR THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAULT OF THE CLAIMANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND OF ANY NONPARTY WHOSE ACT OR OMISSION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE CLAIMANT'S ALLEGED DAMAGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-20 RELATING TO RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-30 RELATING TO FACTORS DETERMINING PRO RATA LIABILITY OF TORTFEASORS; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-40 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED FROM RECOVERING DAMAGES IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY RIDES AS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS VISIBLY INTOXICATED OR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD BECOME INTOXICATED; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPON ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST A LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL LIABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-590, RELATING TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS AND DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVER AND MANAGER TRAINING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PERMIT OR LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE

PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THESE BEVERAGES TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS ITS AGGREGATE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-3-670, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 15-3-640 THROUGH 15-3-660 ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS A DEFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS CONSIDERED MATERIAL ONLY IF IT EXISTS WITHIN A COMPLETED BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A BUILDING OR ITS SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE; BY ADDING SECTION 15-7-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL ACTION TRIED AGAINST AN UNKNOWN DEFENDANT MUST BE TRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-150, RELATING TO UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-160, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE

THAT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES IN THE MANDATORY OFFER OF UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGE LIMITS AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS FOR BAD FAITH INVOLVING A LIABILITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3850 -- Reps. Beach, Frank and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RESPONSIBLE LIBRARY FUNDING AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 60-9-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTY LIBRARIES MUST CERTIFY TO THE STATE LIBRARY THAT THEY DO NOT OFFER ANY BOOKS OR MATERIALS THAT APPEAL TO THE PRURIENT INTERESTS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN IN CHILDREN'S, YOUTH, OR TEEN BOOK SECTIONS AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE WITH PARENTAL CONSENT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3851 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3852 -- Reps. Wooten, Guest and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-7-920, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, SO AS TO ADD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE TERM FOR WHICH HE IS ELECTED OR HIS DESIGNEE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-550, RELATING TO WITNESSES

AT EXECUTIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS DESIGNEE TO THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE PRESENT AS WITNESSES TO EXECUTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3853 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-88, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT FEES REMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO REMOVE AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM AND TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION; AND BY AMENDING ACT 356 OF 2002 SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION REQUIRING THE SHARING OF CERTAIN REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3854 -- Reps. Huff, Gilreath, McCabe and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EARMARK RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING STATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ITEMIZED SPENDING UPDATES AND ITEMIZED ACCOUNTINGS OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH FUNDS WERE EXPENDED, INCLUDING COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3855 -- Reps. Huff, Cromer, Gilreath and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SMALL ARMS AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON

DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND TO PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3857 -- Reps. W. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Bernstein, Rutherford, Wetmore, Kirby, Teeple, Hewitt, Guest, M. M. Smith, McGinnis, Bauer, Williams, Davis, Rose, Sessions, Bannister, J. Moore, B. Newton, Bailey, Brittain, Stavrinakis, Mitchell, Luck, Wooten, B. J. Cox, Hager, Pedalino, Caskey, B. L. Cox, Govan, Neese, Taylor,

Guffey, Hartnett, Collins, Willis, Landing, Wickensimer, Ballentine, Bamberg, Gatch, Hart, Herbkersman, Lowe, Robbins and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Caskey, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3859 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Magnuson, Harris, Oremus, Kilmartin, Burns, Bailey, Hager, Rose, Huff, McGinnis, Hardee, Forrest, Gagnon, Haddon, Long, Murphy, Pace and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT STATE-FUNDED AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, UNIVERSITIES, OR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FROM ALLOCATING FUNDING, RESOURCES, OR ANY FORM OF SUPPORT TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3860 -- Reps. Oremus, Rutherford, Harris, Huff, Bailey, Burns, Haddon, Willis, Vaughan, Cromer, Hartz and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-130-60, RELATING TO ADMINISTERING OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES BY FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FIRST RESPONDER STATIONS TO MAINTAIN A SUPPLY OF OPIOID ANTIDOTE MEDICATION AT ALL TIMES.

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

H. 3861 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Brewer, Murphy and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-195 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE RENTAL OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING TO A SHORT-TERM GUEST, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE TERMS.

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

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3863 -- Rep. Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3864 -- Reps. Hewitt, Oremus, Bailey, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Ligon, Wetmore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-20, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RENTAL OR MANAGEMENT OF THREE OR MORE PROPERTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-240, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER REGULATING REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3865 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS EARNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-4915 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN

INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3866 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ADULT SEEKING TO ENROLL A CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN VALID AND CURRENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE ADULT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3867 -- Reps. Pope, Martin and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-15-10, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE ANNUITY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTS MUST OFFER CERTAIN INVESTMENT OPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3868 -- Reps. J. Moore, Grant, Garvin and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO REQUIRE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS BEFORE ANY SALE, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO REQUIRE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AT GUN SHOWS AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO EXEMPT RECORDS KEPT FROM DISCLOSURE AS PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN

CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3870 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-130 SO AS TO ADOPT "THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-19-70, 7-19-80, 7-19-90, 7-19-100, AND 7-19-120 ALL RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3871 -- Reps. Erickson and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PALMETTO ACCESS TO HIGHERED (PATH) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-17 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PATH SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT-MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3873 -- Reps. Erickson, Crawford, Bernstein, Calhoon and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-3-35, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF FINGERPRINT AND DNA IDENTIFICATION KITS THROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE THE DISTRIBUTION MANDATORY INSTEAD OF UPON REQUEST.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3874 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-15-90, RELATING TO FEES OF ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL CHARGES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULES AND RELATED SYSTEMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3875 -- Reps. Gagnon, Burns and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PERINATAL INTEGRATION ACT OF 2025"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-89-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS THAT INTEGRATE MIDWIVES AND BIRTHING CENTERS INTO THE ORGANIZATION OF PERINATAL LEVELS OF CARE.

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

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS A MERCHANT OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO

REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3877 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Laurens Delegation

H. 3878 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Laurens Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

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

Williams Willis Wooten
Yow

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAYES a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Steven Vranian of Charleston was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3039
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	TAYLOR, HIXON and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3158
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	BUSTOS, HIXON, HARTZ and OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3650
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3767
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	WILLIAMS and LUCK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3777
Date:	ADD:
01/30/25	ALEXANDER, GRANT and REESE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 3792--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3792 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

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

H. 3767--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Williams and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Rep. MITCHELL moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 6, which was agreed to.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3827 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE APRIL 2, 2025, AS "STEM EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:11 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROBBINS, adjourned in memory of Harry Gatch, father of Representative Gatch, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, January 31, 2025
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and love and self-control."

Let us pray. Holy and most loving God, bless us as we go into this Session. Be with these Representatives and Staff as they work for the people. Guide them in all their duties and responsibilities. Bless our first responders who keep us safe. Bless and keep safe our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Keep our men and women as they serve our country. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 4.

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Matthew 7:24: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Let us pray. Merciful God, help us to live with our hearts and minds caught up in Your love. One of our concerns, for many of us, is we are struggling to live by faith. Lord, grant us the possibility of living out our faith. We ask for Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Keep them in Your love and care. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who live and work in this vineyard. Bless and protect our men and women in the service of our country. For those with hidden wounds, keep them in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. VAUGHAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dave Knapp, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. MCDANIEL

Rep. MCDANIEL made a statement relative to the life and legacy of her mother, Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel.

Ms. Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel
A Black History Tribute

This Black History Month, I pay tribute to the individual who has profoundly shaped the person I am today. She embodies the values and

love for her community which define a virtuous woman, as described in Proverbs 31:10. She represents the ideal of what a woman should be, having selflessly sacrificed her education and career to care for her siblings after her mother passed away at the young age of 38, leaving behind nine children, the youngest just nine months. She never put her own desires above the needs of her siblings and her own children. Her devotion to God was evident in her over 55 years of service as the church secretary and financial steward. Her faith was also shown through her commitment to reading inspirational messages and engaging in daily conversation with God.

The chair of her church deacon board affectionately referred to her as "the Google before Google" because of her extensive knowledge of her church's history and traditions. Today, I honor my mother, who passed away on July 22, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, devotion to God, and a shining example of a virtuous woman for family and friends alike.

Rep. Annie McDaniel

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., January 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the House and Senate Members of the 1st Congressional Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Seat: 1st Congressional District
Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Johnson
1303 Kings Court

PO Box 643
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464-4438

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the 1st Congressional Delegation.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., December 3, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the 7th Congressional District Delegation of the House:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the House and Senate Members of the 7th Congressional Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2025
Term Expiring: 02/15/2029
Seat: 7th Congressional District

Mr. Henry Edsel Hemingway Jr.
485 Hemingway Lane
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440-4150

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the 7th Congressional Delegation.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., December 3, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the 3rd Congressional District Delegation of the House:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the House and Senate Members of the 3rd Congressional Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Seat: 3rd Congressional District

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher
129 North Main Street, #200
Anderson, South Carolina 29621-5608

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the 3rd Congressional Delegation.

INVITATION

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

February 3, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Lexington County Development Corporation, the Members of the House of Representatives and Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Catey Lechner

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3879 -- Reps. Edgerton, Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. MIKE HAMLET UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS FORTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST NORTH SPARTANBURG AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3880 -- Reps. King, McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL OF WINNSBORO, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3881 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHAYLA BOWERS FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING THE TITLE OF ROYALTY USA JUNIOR TEEN 2025

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3882 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR

THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3883 -- Reps. Brewer, Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Gatch, Holman, Murphy, Robbins, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES LEE "CHUCK" BRYANT OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3884 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3885 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3886 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN JOHN MCMAHAN, SUPERVISOR OF THE FIREARMS AND DRIVING RANGE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE WHILE REPRESENTING THE PALMETTO STATE AT NUMEROUS SHOOTING EVENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3887 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRADEN WILSON, AN EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3888 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3890 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH

CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3891 -- Reps. Moss, T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BROOME HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3889 -- Reps. Hartz, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO

CONGRATULATE THE SWIMMERS AND THEIR COACHES ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. OREMUS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. RIVERS a leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or

addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3007
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3008
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ROBBINS and TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3058
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	GOVAN, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3094
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3124
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3195
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3254
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3292
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3399
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	GOVAN, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	T. MOORE, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3438
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3511
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	DILLARD, JONES and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3518
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3591
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	GRANT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	T. MOORE, MONTGOMERY, ERICKSON, BRADLEY, MITCHELL, WICKENSIMER, BEACH, WHITE and HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3656
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3798
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	GOVAN, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3800
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/04/25	BALLENTINE, T. MOORE and MONTGOMERY

H. 3438--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3438 -- Reps. Pope, B. Newton and Ligon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3438. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Heath Sessions

H. 3002--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM

ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3003--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3004--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3790--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3790 -- Rep. Moss: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATE THE PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET (S-42-227) LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PACOLET IN SPARTANBURG

COUNTY AS "JAMES 'PEE WEE' LAMBERT JR. ROAD," TO ENSURE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACOLET ARE REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3892 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR A SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON TAKING HOME THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3839 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE

TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

H. 3889 -- Reps. Hartz, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SWIMMERS AND THEIR COACHES ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:46 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. VAUGHAN, adjourned in memory of Dave Knapp, to meet at 11:45 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 11:45 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Ephesians 6:10: "Finally be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power."

Let us pray. Dear God, we praise You for Your loving kindness that restores us, carries out justice, and fills our lives with Your goodness and mercy. May we see the goodness of God each and every day. God of justice and mercy, we pray for peace in our time. May grace, mercy, and peace be with our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless and protect our men and women who serve and defend our country. Remember those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WOOTEN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Phyllis J. Claypoole, which was agreed to.

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--118

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. OREMUS and RIVERS signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, February 4.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to family reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Humphrey of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3125
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3173
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3202
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3287
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3313
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3394
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3472
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3526
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3529
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	CALHOON and BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3536
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3537
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	RANKIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	WOOTEN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	B. J. COX and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3779
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3800
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3862
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3868
Date:	ADD:
02/05/25	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3292
Date:	REMOVE:
02/05/25	BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3652
Date:	REMOVE:
02/05/25	GATCH

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:00 noon the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

ELECTION OF JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY COURT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

The following Concurrent Resolution was read:

S. 237 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb and Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2029; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL SERVE A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE

SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON APRIL 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO

A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL

CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 2.

Senator Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, Jason P. Luther, and the Honorable Courtney Pope.

Senator Rankin stated that Jason P. Luther and the Honorable Courtney Pope had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis, in nomination.

On the motion of Senator Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Kristi F. Curtis was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable John D. Geathers had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John D. Geathers was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 4.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Paula H. Thomas had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Paula H. Thomas was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Eugene P. Warr Jr. had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Eugene P. Warr Jr. was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Ashley A. McMahan, Christopher Dolan Taylor, and William K. Witherspoon.

Sen. Rankin stated that Ashley A. McMahan had withdrawn from the race and placed the names of the remaining candidates, Christopher Dolan Taylor and William K. Witherspoon, in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Christopher Dolan Taylor:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Chaplin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Leber
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Sabb	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--31

The following named Senators voted for William K. Witherspoon:

Cash	Climer	Corbin
Devine	Hembree	Kimbrell
Massey	Nutt	Rice

Total--9

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Christopher Dolan Taylor:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Murphy
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Reese	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--81

The following named Representatives voted for William K. Witherspoon:

Beach	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Forrest	Garvin	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Harris	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Huff
Kilmartin	King	Magnuson
McDaniel	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Pope
Rivers	Spann-Wilder	White

Total--27

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	40
Total number of Representatives voting	108
Grand Total	148
Necessary to a choice	75
Of which Christopher Dolan Taylor received	112
Of which William K. Witherspoon received	36

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Christopher Dolan Taylor was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr. had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable J. Derham Cole Jr. was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Bryan A. Alfaro, Thomas J. Rode, and R. Bruce Wallace.

Sen. Rankin stated that Bryan A. Alfaro and R. Bruce Wallace had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Thomas J. Rode, in nomination.

Sen. Rankin moved that nominations be closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote be taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Thomas J. Rode:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Chaplin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Sabb	Stubbs

Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--35

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Thomas J. Rode:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Teeple	Weeks	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten

Total--90

The following named Representatives voted against Thomas J. Rode:

Beach	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	Morgan	Pace
Terribile		

Total--13

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....35
Total number of Representatives voting.....103
Grand Total.....138
Of which Thomas J. Rode received 125

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Thomas J. Rode was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

I abstained from voting on the election of Thomas J. Rode for a Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, due to a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal.

Rep. Robby Robbins

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Lawton McIntosh had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Lawton McIntosh was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable David Shawn Graham, Derrick E. Mobley, and Christian Giresi Spradley.

Sen. Rankin stated that Derrick E. Mobley and Christian Giresi Spradley had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable David Shawn Graham, in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David Shawn Graham was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that Melissa A. Inzerillo had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

Sen. Rankin moved that nominations be closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote be taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Rep. SESSIONS objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Melissa A. Inzerillo:

Allen	Devine	Graham
Jackson	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Sabb	Sutton
Tedder	Walker	Williams

Total--12

The following named Senators voted against Melissa A. Inzerillo:

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Gambrell
Goldfinch	Grooms	Hembree
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Nutt	Reichenbach	Rice
Stubbs	Turner	Verdin
Young	Zell	

Total--29

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Melissa A. Inzerillo:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Dillard	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lawson	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	T. Moore
Moss	Reese	Rivers

Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Williams

Total--42

The following named Representatives voted against Melissa A. Inzerillo:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Chapman
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Mitchell
Montgomery	Morgan	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--64

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....41
Total number of Representatives voting.....106
Grand Total.....147
Of which Melissa A. Inzerillo received 54

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Melissa A. Inzerillo was not elected.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 7.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: De Grant Gibbons, William Vickery "Vick" Meetze, and Jane H. Merrill.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for De Grant Gibbons:

Martin	Massey	Tedder
Young		

Total--4

The following named Senators voted for William Vickery Meetze:

Adams	Bennett	Campsen
Chaplin	Davis	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Ott
Rankin	Reichenbach	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Walker
Williams		

Total--19

The following named Senators voted for Jane H. Merrill:

Alexander	Allen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Nutt	Peeler
Rice	Turner	Verdin
Zell		

Total--19

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for De Grant Gibbons:

Bamberg	Burns	Clyburn
Forrest	Guffey	Hager
Harris	Hartz	Hixon
Kilmartin	Landing	May
McCabe	Neese	Oremus
Rivers	Sessions	Taylor
Wickensimer	Wooten	

Total--20

The following named Representatives voted for William Vickery Meetze:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Caskey
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Gatch	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kirby	Ligon	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McGinnis
Mitchell	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Reese
Robbins	Rutherford	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Weeks	Williams

Total--51

The following named Representatives voted for Jane H. Merrill:

Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bustos	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Haddon
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Lawson	Long	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Rose
Sanders	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Willis		

Total--46

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....42
Total number of Representatives voting.....117
Grand Total.....159
Necessary to a choice.....80
Of which De Grant Gibbons received.....24
Of which William Vickery “Vick” Meetze received.....70
Of which Jane H. Merrill received.....65

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that De Grant Gibbons had withdrawn.

Sen. Rankin announced that the Joint Assembly proceed to a second ballot.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for William Vickery Meetze:

Adams	Bennett	Campsen
Chaplin	Davis	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Martin
Ott	Rankin	Reichenbach

Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Walker	Williams	

Total--20

The following named Senators voted for Jane H. Merrill:

Alexander	Allen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Massey	Nutt
Peeler	Rice	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Young
Zell		

Total--22

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for William Vickery Meetze:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Caskey	Clyburn
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Gatch	Govan	Guest
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kirby	Ligon
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McGinnis	Mitchell	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Schuessler

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Weeks	Williams

Total--54

The following named Representatives voted for Jane H. Merrill:

Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	Cromer	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartz	Hixon	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rose
Sanders	Sessions	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--62

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....42
Total number of Representatives voting.....116
Grand Total.....158
Necessary to a choice.....80
Of which William Vickery “Vick” Meetze received 74
Of which Jane H. Merrill received 84

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Jane H. Merrill was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 14.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable R. Keith Kelly had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable R. Keith Kelly was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 15.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Maite D. Murphy had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

Sen. Rankin moved that nominations be closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote be taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Rep. CROMER objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Maite D. Murphy:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Chaplin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Nutt	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin

Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Maite D. Murphy:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple

Vaughan	Weeks	Williams
Wooten		

Total--91

The following named Representatives voted against Maite D. Murphy:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Magnuson	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White
Wickensimer		

Total--13

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	37
Total number of Representatives voting	104
Grand Total	141
Of which Maite D. Murphy received	128

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Maite D. Murphy was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

February 5, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I am notifying you that I will not participate in the vote for the judicial election scheduled today for the following seat: Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15 as the candidate is my spouse. Thus, in accordance with Section 8-13-700(B) of the SC Code of Laws, I recuse myself from voting in the race for this judicial seat to avoid any conflict of interest. I wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the journal. I also want to note that I

was not involved in the Judicial Merit Selection Commission screening process for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 15.

Sincerely,
Rep. Chris Murphy

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GOVAN Leave for the remainder of the day.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 16.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that Charles J. McCutchen had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Charles J. McCutchen was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Anne Gue Jones had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Anne Gue Jones was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Shannon M. Chandler and Amanda Frances Whittle.

Sen. Rankin stated that Shannon M. Chandler had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Amanda Frances Whittle, in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Amanda Frances Whittle was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Angela W. Abstance had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela W. Abstance was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: William A. W. Buxton and E. Thompson Kinney.

Sen. Rankin stated that E. Thompson Kinney had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, William A. W. Buxton, in nomination.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that William A. W. Buxton was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Angela R. Taylor had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela R. Taylor was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Ernest Joseph Jarrett was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that C. Heath Ruffner had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that C. Heath Ruffner was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Michelle M. Hurley had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Michelle M. Hurley was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable M. Scott Rankin had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Scott Rankin was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Coreen B. Khoury was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Angela J. Moss had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Angela J. Moss was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable M. Todd Thigpen had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Todd Thigpen was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable Bryan C. Able, Robert W. Cone, and James Conway “Jim” Todd IV.

Sen. Rankin stated that Robert W. Cone and the Honorable Bryan C. Able had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, James Conway “Jim” Todd IV in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that James Conway "Jim" Todd IV was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Joseph C. Smithdeal was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Alice Anne Richter had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Alice Anne Richter was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Blakely Copeland Cahoon was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable David J. Brousseau had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David J. Brousseau was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable M. Scott McElhannon was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Huntley Smith Crouch was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Robert E. Newton had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Robert E. Newton was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Alicia Allsbrook Richardson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable FitzLee H. McEachin had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable FitzLee H. McEachin was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Conits had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

Sen. Rankin moved that nominations be closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote be taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Rochelle Conits:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Chaplin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Sabb
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--35

The following named Senators voted against Rochelle Conits:

Cash	Martin

Total--2

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Rochelle Conits:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCabe
McDaniel	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--81

The following named Representatives voted against Rochelle Conits:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Harris
Magnuson	McCravy	Pace
Rankin	Teeple	White

Total--12

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	37
Total number of Representatives voting	93
Grand Total	130
Of which Rochelle Conits received	116

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Rochelle Yarborough Conits was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable W. Marsh Robertson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable W. Marsh Robertson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Jonathan D. Hammond and Marcelo Torricos.

Sen. Rankin stated that Jonathan D. Hammond had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Marcelo Torricos, in nomination.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Marcelo Torricos was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr. had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Gerald C. Smoak Jr. was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

Sen. Rankin moved that nominations be closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote be taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Rep. EDGERTON objected.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Jan B. Bromell Holmes:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Chaplin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Sabb
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young		

Total--31

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Jan B. Bromell Holmes:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Ligon
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

The following named Representatives voted against Jan B. Bromell Holmes:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	Morgan	Pace
Rankin	Teeple	Terribile
White	Wickensimer	

Total--17

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	31
Total number of Representatives voting	93
Grand Total	124
Of which Jan B. Bromell Holmes received	107

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable David G. Guyton had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David G. Guyton was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 1.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Kimaka “Kim” Nichols-Graham had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Kimaka “Kim” Nichols-Graham was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Timothy E. Madden had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Timothy E. Madden was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable James G. McGee III had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable James G. McGee III was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 4.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Monet Pincus had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Monet Pincus was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 5.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Randall E. McGee had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Randall E. McGee was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 6.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable David Earl Phillips had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable David Earl Phillips was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for an Administrative Law Judge, Seat 2.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Kristian Cross, the Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries, and Samuel L. Johnson.

Sen. Rankin stated that the Honorable Bryan S. Jeffries had withdrawn from the race and placed the names of the remaining candidates, Kristian Cross and Samuel L. Johnson, in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Kristian Cross:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Devine	Jackson	Johnson
Martin	Massey	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Sabb
Tedder	Walker	Williams
Young		

Total--16

The following named Senators voted for Samuel L. Johnson:

Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Nutt	Reichenbach	Rice
Stubbs	Sutton	Turner
Verdin	Zell	

Total--26

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Kristian Cross:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Dillard	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Grant
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	McGinnis
Neese	Oremus	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford

Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Williams		

Total--40

The following named Representatives voted for Samuel L. Johnson:

Bailey	Bannister	Bowers
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--70

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	42
Total number of Representatives voting	110
Grand Total	152
Necessary to a choice	77
Of which Kristian Cross received	56
Of which Samuel L. Johnson received	96

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Samuel L. Johnson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for an Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Robert L. Reibold had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Robert L. Reibold was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

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

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:45 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:58 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WOOTEN, adjourned in memory of Phyllis J. Claypoole, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 6, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Matthew 7:24: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."

Let us pray. Merciful God, help us to live with our hearts and minds caught up in Your love. For those who are struggling to live by faith lift up your heart, you will find the answer there. We ask for Your blessing on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Keep them in Your love and care. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who work in this vineyard. Bless and protect our men and women in the service of our country. For those with hidden wounds, keep them in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HIOTT moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Edith Nora McCaffrey, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. GOVAN

Rep. GOVAN made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of the Honorable Helen R. Glover Carson, Mayor of St. Matthews.

Helen R. Glover Carson
A Black History Month Tribute

I rise to honor Helen R. Glover Carson as we celebrate Black History Month. Ms. Carson was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of the late

Nathan and Curnell Anderson Glover. She attended public schools in Calhoun County and Brooklyn, NY, and is a graduate of John Ford High School, St. Matthews, SC. She married the late Harold L. Carson Sr. and together they were blessed with four children and ten grandchildren.

Helen is the owner of Carson Funeral Home of St. Matthews and a member of First Baptist Church of St. Matthews. She is the Mayor of the Town of St. Matthews, a member of the African-American Mayors National Association, Black Mayors Association, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, South Carolina Municipal Association and served 16 years on the Calhoun County Council. She is also the founding member of the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency.

A lifelong community activist, Mayor Carson has dedicated her life to helping others. She was instrumental in many positive changes in Calhoun County, especially with voter registration, restructuring of the Calhoun County Public Schools and the county government.

Mayor Helen R. Glover Carson's legacy is one of service, and today, we honor her extraordinary impact on the citizens of South Carolina.

Rep. Jerry Govan

STATEMENT BY REP. JONES

Rep. JONES made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of former South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Don Beatty

Chief Justice Don Beatty
A Black History Month Tribute

Don Beatty's journey began in a time when opportunities for Black Americans were met with significant challenges and despite these barriers, he earned his undergraduate degree from South Carolina State University and his Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina. He served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1991 to 1995, advocating on behalf of marginalized communities and expanding access to justice. Justice Beatty later served as a judge on the circuit court and court of appeals before being appointed as an associate justice to the South Carolina Supreme Court. In 2017, he was elected Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Throughout his career, Chief Justice Beatty has been a steadfast advocate for judicial reform, fairness, and the rule of law. He has worked to ensure that our courts reflect the values of equity and integrity, opening doors for future generations. As someone who calls Spartanburg home, I take great pride in recognizing Chief Justice Don Beatty and his

legacy of progress as we honor his extraordinary impact to the State. May we continue to build on the foundation he has laid, ensuring justice and opportunity for all.

Rep. Wendell Jones

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3570 -- Reps. Bannister, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND "PUBLIC MEMBER" TO INCLUDE A PERSON NOMINATED AND APPOINTED TO A NONCOMPENSATED PART-TIME POSITION ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1100 SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DISCLOSING ECONOMIC INTERESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO ADDRESS AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING DISCLOSURE FORMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1170, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO FILES THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, RELATING TO FILING DEADLINES FOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins and Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO

IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins and Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3529 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO

INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3432 -- Reps. W. Newton and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3502 -- Reps. Bannister, Rutherford, Caskey, Erickson, Weeks, Davis, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS AND THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OVER DECISIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee and Montgomery: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR

CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE

PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE

FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION

OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO

ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE A TEACHER WITH A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE

SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO NOTICES CONCERNING ANNUAL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY NOTIFICATION DEADLINE MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT REPORT SUCH WITHDRAWALS AS A BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3894 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ITS MISSION TO CONNECT, ENGAGE, PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE GREATER GREER BUSINESS COMMUNITY; TO COMMEND LEADERSHIP GREER AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND HONOR ITS GOALS OF INCREASING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, PRODUCING COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND ENHANCING BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS CONNECTIONS; AND TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AS "LEADERSHIP GREER DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3895 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford,

Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CELEBRATION OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3896 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DEACON ROBERT

JAMISON OF CALHOUN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3897 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR STATE BY DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 13, 2025, AS ELECTRIC CO-OP DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE, AND TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THEIR HELP IN RESTORING POWER AFTER HURRICANE HELENE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3898 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE STEPHANIE E. WORKMAN, THE REIGNING MISS PLUS AMERICA ELITE 2024-2025 AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AS SHE COMPLETES HER REIGN FOCUSING ON HER PLATFORM, "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT," CENTERED ON MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3899 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER THE LEGACY OF BISHOP TOMMY WILLIAM SANDERS, PASTOR OF THE HOLY PLACE CHURCH IN CHESTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3900 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER THE LEGACY OF MARY ALICE SANDERS, PASTOR OF THE HOLY PLACE CHURCH IN CHESTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3901 -- Reps. Robbins, Murphy, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HARRY GATCH OF SUMMERVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3903 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LEGENDARY BRIARHOPPERS AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE GROUP'S NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THIS STORIED BLUEGRASS BAND MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3904 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KENNETH SINGLETON FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF SINGLETON'S BARBERSHOP TO HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3905 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PASTOR VENUS YOUNG OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD AND HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3906 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF MARVIN DAVID LONG JR. OF LORIS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3917 -- Reps. Guest, Hartnett, Hardee, Bailey, McGinnis, Schuessler, Brittain, Crawford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ARLENE G. BURCH OF HORRY COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING

SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. NAVY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED A LIVING LEGEND BY THE MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3918 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CROSS SCHOOLS CHEERLEADING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2024 JV CLASS 1A/2A GAME DAY EXPERIENCE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3919 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR REVEREND DR. M. KEITH MCDANIEL SR. PASTOR OF MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO THE CONGREGATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3920 -- Reps. Huff, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELLEN WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF BETTERING THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE PRINCIPAL SHAWN MCCAIN, THE STUDENTS, AND THE FACULTY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3922 -- Reps. Gilliard, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. LOUIS L. SMITH, A COMMUNITY LEADER AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST WHOSE WORKS HAVE MADE A PROFOUND

DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN HIS SUMMERVILLE HOMETOWN.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3902 -- Reps. Hardee, Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS AND COACHES OF THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A REMARKABLE 2024 SEASON.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3921 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard,

Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ON "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM DAY" ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING AND TRAINING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE FOR HIGH-DEMAND, SKILLED JOBS IN OUR STATE.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3907 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bannister, Willis, Pedalino and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HONOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF A FIRST RESPONDER COVERED BY SUCH A PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-470, RELATING TO LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO ADD AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A

CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-110, RELATING TO WAIVED TUITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ALSO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN WAIVED TUITION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3908 -- Reps. Bernstein, Davis and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MULTIFAMILY DWELLING SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MULTIFAMILY DWELLING INSPECTORS AND SPECIAL INSPECTORS; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADOPTING A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE TO SET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BALCONY RAILINGS THAT ARE PRIMARILY CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND ARE LOCATED IN MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF SUCH BALCONIES TO ASCERTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A PROPERTY OWNER A FEE FOR INSPECTIONS MADE TO ENFORCE THE CODE; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE WAIVERS OR EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3909 -- Reps. Bernstein and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-615 SO AS TO PAY ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE IN EXCESS OF FORTY-FIVE DAYS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

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

H. 3911 -- Reps. Davis and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-330, RELATING TO THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX, SO AS TO ALLOW PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3912 -- Reps. Teeple, Landing, Hartnett and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-350, RELATING TO THE CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED IN THE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVIEW AND REVISION PROCESS FOR STATE SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE STANDARDS TAKE A TRADITIONAL APPROACH TO HISTORY, TO SPECIFY QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND REVISING THE STANDARDS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3913 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SLED EXECUTIVE PROTECTION UNIT," TO PROVIDE ITS JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3914 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bailey, W. Newton, Hardee, McGinnis, Atkinson, Hayes and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PATRONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNTS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OR A TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3915 -- Reps. Gilreath, Kilmartin, Edgerton, Huff, Cromer and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN AIR ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY; TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3916 -- Reps. Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS AND HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE TABLETS.

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

H. 3923 -- Reps. Gilliard, Rivers, Williams, Luck and Anderson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "HIGH SPEED PURSUIT ALTERNATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBITY OF EQUIPPING SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLES WITH LAUNCHER DEVICES THAT PROPEL GPS TRACKING GADGETS THAT ATTACH THEMSELVES ONTO CRIMINAL SUSPECTS' VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Cobb-Hunter, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan,

White, Long, King, Ligon, Guest, Wickensimer, Gilliam, Robbins, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Gatch, Hixon, Martin, McDaniel, Montgomery and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER"S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3926 -- Reps. Hiott, B. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hewitt, Bannister, T. Moore, Mitchell, Pedalino, B. J. Cox, Caskey, Neese, Gilliam, Teeple, Bowers, Davis and Gatch: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESTRAINT AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; TO PRIORITIZE SPENDING CUTS AND ESTABLISH A DATE THAT THE SPENDING CUTS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE

REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S OTHER DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; AND TO SUNSET THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3928 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY PROVIDING RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICES TO REFLECT CHANGES IN EXPENSES, REVENUES, INVESTMENTS, DEPRECIATION, AND OTHER CHANGES IN REVENUES AND EXPENSES; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO CHALLENGE THESE ADJUSTMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL MATTERS INCLUDING A PROVISION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITONAL STAFFING FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS

ARTICLE TO BE FUNDED BY ASSESSMENTS ON EACH ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATED UNDER THE ARTICLE.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3929 -- Reps. King and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY MAINTAIN CANTEENS AT ALL PRISONS OR INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO AUDITS BIENNIALLY.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCE NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3932 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH

THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

On motion of Rep. PEDALINO, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3933 -- Reps. Mitchell and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-36-1330, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEVEN MEMBER BOARD AND TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3934 -- Reps. Hardee, Schuessler, McGinnis, King, Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bannister, Bauer, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Chumley, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-295 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PURPOSES OF COST SHARING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-2270 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PURPOSES OF COST SHARING.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3935 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE CONSUMABLE HEMP LICENSING AND REGULATION ACT BY ADDING CHAPTER 81 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3936 -- Rep. Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-82 SO AS TO CREATE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION INFORMATION REWARD FUND TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO PROVIDE A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD TO EACH RESIDENT OF THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION TO SLED'S ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT THAT LEADS TO THE APPREHENSION AND DEPORTATION OF AN ILLEGAL ALIEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total Present—116

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. BANNISTER and MAGNUSON signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, February 4.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. BANNISTER signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, February 5.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical leave.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to family reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHAPMAN a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Joseph Hoyle of Florence was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3007
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3008
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3097
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, B. L. COX, HOLMAN, BREWER and MURPHY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3125
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	TERRIBILE and FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3184
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	GRANT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3299
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	HARDEE and MONTGOMERY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3311
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3320
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3325
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3381
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3432
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3435
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3436
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3498
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3499
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3527
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3529
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	ROBBINS and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3570
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3572
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3580
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	BREWER, MURPHY and POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	WHITMIRE, TERRIBILE and BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3759
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3778
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3779
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3800
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3850
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	ATKINSON and FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3859
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3866
Date:	ADD:
02/06/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3777
Date:	REMOVE:
02/06/25	BREWER

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Joint Resolution was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3438 -- Reps. Pope, B. Newton and Ligon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

H. 3767--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Williams and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Rep. MITCHELL moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3937 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA VENOMOUS REPTILES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF VENOMOUS REPTILES WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERMITTING OF VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR LAWFUL HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFEKEEPING VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO PERMIT FOR THE SEIZURE OF VENOMOUS REPTILES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT, TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT, TO ESTABLISH THE LIABILITY OF THE PERMITTEE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS, AND TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER

REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR

REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

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

S. 253 -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Alexander, Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ALIXPARTNERS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT AND OTHER RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

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

S. 282 -- Senator Zell: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

Referred to Clarendon Delegation

H. 3845--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

On motion of Rep. GATCH, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works and was referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry:

H. 3845 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-880, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTITY UNDERTAKING A FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT SHALL BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO RELOCATING BROADBAND SERVICE LINES AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION PAYMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 36 OF 2019 RELATED TO A SUNSET PROVISION.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:01 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HIOTT, adjourned in memory of Edith Nora McCaffrey, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 7, 2025
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Matthew 22:37-39: "And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Let us pray. We give You thanks and praise that You come to us and give us Your blessing every day. Keep these Representatives and Staff in Your loving care. Provide for them every needful thing. Grant them a fruitful and safe weekend. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to make the system work. Remember our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 11.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Jeremiah 29:11: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Let us pray. Father in heaven, lead us this day with the understanding that we are guided by the Lord Almighty. He blesses us with the power of His love for us to do and say what is good for us. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. By the arm of God, we are rewarded by those things He gives us. We ask for your guidance as we go through the day of service to our Nation and State. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and protect our men and women of our Armed Forces as they protect us. Remember those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BERNSTEIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of John Baker, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. GARVIN

Rep. GARVIN made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of prominent African American Educator M. Lanelle Kohn of Columbia.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Beach.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of John Baker.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for former Representative Stringer in the loss of his wife, Carrie Cureton Stringer.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3939 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MYLINDA NETTLES, FORMER CLERK OF COURT FOR HAMPTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3940 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3954 -- Reps. Guffey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3955 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANNSLEY VICK FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL POISE, TALENT, AND BEAUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS FOR 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3956 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF OTTO WAYNE CORLEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3957 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ON ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUPPORT IT PROVIDES TO SCHOOL BOARDS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION ACROSS THE STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3958 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LAKE MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF LEXINGTON ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE SCHOOL MANY MORE YEARS OF PROVIDING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE COMPLETE AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES AS FUTURE LEADERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3941 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2025, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3942 -- Reps. Govan, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY ANN WILLIAMS HENDERSON OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3943 -- Rep. B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATION, CAPTURING, HUNTING OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3946 -- Reps. McCabe, Herbkersman, Hardee, Atkinson, Pedalino, Burns, Haddon and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS CONSTRUCTING FARM BUILDINGS OR PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS WITH LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE USED ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK OR STORAGE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE LIMITATION TO FIFTY

THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND TO INCLUDE POULTRY AMONG THE QUALIFYING USE PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3947 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3948 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-95 SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3949 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 3950 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-65-40, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE AS PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PERFORMING SOIL EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTIONAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE ENGINEERS MUST HAVE CERTAIN TRAINING, BONDING, AND INSURANCE.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3951 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, M. M. Smith, Guffey, Cobb-Hunter, Oremus, McDaniel, Sessions, W. Newton, Guest, Rutherford, Crawford and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2025" BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3137 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION LIMITING THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX VALUE FOLLOWING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST WHEN THE PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CERTAIN SIX PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Darlington Delegation

H. 3953 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 167 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-975 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION FUND AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3215 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A TAX NOTICE FOR WATERCRAFT MUST INCLUDE A WATERWAYS PROTECTION FEE OF THREE DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--111

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BEACH a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CASKEY a leave of absence for the day due to birth of his child.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HAYES a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a temporary leave of absence.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Gerald Harmon of Georgetown was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3020
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	GAGNON and HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	HIXON, GAGNON and CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3159
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3186
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3195
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	HIXON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	HARTNETT, PEDALINO, TAYLOR, HIXON, GOVAN, CALHOON and LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3253
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3263
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	CROMER and HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3292
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	TAYLOR, HARTZ and ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	HIXON, LIGON and ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3497
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3511
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3537
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3570
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3875
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3916
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3926
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	W. NEWTON, LIGON and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3927
Date:	ADD:
02/11/25	PACE, KILMARTIN, BEACH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, CROMER, HUFF and TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	REMOVE:
02/11/25	YOW

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ANDERSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day to attend a family funeral.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3724 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:59 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, adjourned in memory of John Baker, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 150: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament. Praise him according to his surpassing greatness. Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging, let everything that breathes praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, bless our Representatives and Staff as they carry out the work assigned. Bless and keep safe our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who serve in these Halls of Government. Bless and protect the women and men of our Armed Forces. Remember those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Paul Goldsmith, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Paul Stephens Goldsmith

I would like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Paul Stephens Goldsmith, who passed away on January 31, 2025, at the age of 91. Paul's life was a testament to dedication, hard work, and service to others.

A native of Greenville, Paul's early years instilled in him a strong work ethic, beginning as a paperboy. He went on to serve with distinction in the U.S. Air Force, demonstrating resilience and dedication. In his

professional career, Paul led his family business, WM. Goldsmith Inc., while also contributing significantly to the University of South Carolina, where he served as trustee and chairman and was an active member of the USC Development Foundation Board. Alongside his wife, Nancy, Paul supported scholarships for both academic and athletic programs at USC. In recognition of his exemplary service, he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award.

Paul's commitment extended to his community, where he served on the YMCA Board and made meaningful contributions to First Baptist Greenville in various leadership capacities. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Paul's legacy of service, generosity, and leadership will continue to inspire those who were fortunate enough to know him. Let us now observe a moment of silence in remembrance of his extraordinary life.

Rep. Bruce Bannister

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Joy Shannon Pryor.

STATEMENT BY REP. KING

Rep. KING made a statement relative to the contributions and legacy of Henrietta Lacks.

Henrietta Lacks
A Black History Month Tribute

Today, I want to address a critical issue that intertwines the realms of history, ethics, and humanity. There are individuals who seek to erase Black history, who resist diversity, and who echo sentiments against inclusion. To these individuals, I offer a profound reminder: the very medicines and treatments that sustain your health are deeply indebted to the contributions of a Black woman, Henrietta Lacks.

Henrietta Lacks' cells, taken without her consent in 1951, have been pivotal in countless medical breakthroughs. Her Hela cells have been used in the development of the polio vaccine, cancer treatments, and various other medical advancements that save lives every day. Without her invaluable contribution, many of the life-saving treatments we take for granted today would not exist.

If you benefit from modern medicine, you owe a debt of gratitude to Henrietta Lacks. Her legacy is a testament to the immeasurable impact that Black individuals have had on our society, often without receiving the recognition they deserve. To attempt to erase or diminish Black

history is not only an injustice but also a denial of the very foundations upon which modern medicine stands.

If you harbor disdain for Black people, consider the irony in benefiting from the contributions of a Black woman every time you receive medical treatment. It is a stark reminder that diversity and inclusion are not just moral imperatives; they are the bedrock of progress and innovation.
We must honor and acknowledge the contributions of all individuals, regardless of their race or background. To do otherwise is to live in contradiction, benefiting from the very diversity you seek to undermine. Let us move forward with a commitment to inclusivity, recognizing that our collective strength lies in our shared humanity.

To each of us who have had a health challenge, I implore us to say thank you to Henrietta who fits the Diversity Equity bill and not the DEI definition.

Rep. John Richard C. King

STATEMENT BY REP. GRANT

Rep. GRANT made a statement relative to the contributions of Dr. Andrew Hugine Jr.

Dr. Andrew Hugine Jr.
A Black History Month Tribute

This morning, we are highlighting esteemed educator, mentor, and visionary, Dr. Andrew Hugine Jr. Born on June 21, 1949, in Green Pond, South Carolina, Dr. Hugine was educated in the Colleton County School District. Upon his graduation, Dr. Hugine attended South Carolina State University where he earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics. It was on the campus of South Carolina State that he would meet his bride, Mrs. Abbigail Hamilton Hugine, who happens to be a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as her sorors are with us today. It was at SC State that Dr. Hugine would be initiated into The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated through the Xi Psi Chapter in the Spring of 1968 and would also serve as the campus advisor to our chapter.

Upon graduating South Carolina State, Dr. Hugine would begin his instructional career as a mathematics teacher at Beaufort High School. This would lead him to pursue and earn a PhD in Higher Education and Institutional Research from Michigan State University.

Dr. Hugine would soon return to the groves and classic halls of SC State and serve in various capacities with this institution. In 2003, Dr.

Andrew Hugine Jr. was named the 9th President of the University serving in this capacity to 2008.

In 2009, Dr. Hugine would become the 11th President of Alabama A&M University. There he would expand the school to become the largest HBCU in the state of Alabama boosting enrollment to over 10,000 students. Dr. Hugine retired from his educational career in 2021, and has spent his much-deserved retirement time traveling the world with his family and enjoy precious moments with his grandchildren.

Rep. Hamilton R. Grant

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 10, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of J. Camden West, Esquire to serve as Berkeley County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. West qualified and the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Berkeley County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: November 7, 2020
Term Expiring: November 7, 2026
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Dale Van Slambrook (resigned/elevated)

J. Camden West, Esquire
208 McCants Drive
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to confirm J. Camden West to the Berkeley County Master-in-Equity. If I had been present, I would have voted to confirm the appointment.

Rep. M. M. Smith

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. PEDALINO, from the Clarendon Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 282 -- Senator Zell: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3472 -- Reps. McCabe, W. Newton, Pedalino, Hixon, Gibson, Gagnon, Calhoon, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF

AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3254 -- Reps. W. Newton, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-32, RELATING TO SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS AND RELATED CRITERIA REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY WAIVE CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOUND TO POSSESS THE GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO COMPETENTLY PRACTICE MEDICINE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3022 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3959 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATOR M. LANELLE KOHN OF COLUMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3960 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE PICKENS COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER AS ONE OF THE LEADING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS IN THE SOUTHEAST, AND FOR BEING RANKED NUMBER ONE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3961 -- Reps. Holman, Robbins, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff,

J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE TOWN FOR ITS RICH HISTORY AND GROWTH.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3962 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 SOUTH

CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3963 -- Reps. Terribile, Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE WIN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3964 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford,

Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MS. RHUEBELL HEATLEY JONES OF ST. MATTHEWS ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND COMMEMORATE HER SPECIAL DAY WITH HEARTFELT APPRECIATION FOR HER LIFE, HER LEGACY, AND HER ENDURING IMPACT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3965 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MAE BLACKWELL GLOVER OF ORANGEBURG, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F. CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3966 -- Reps. Davis and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-61-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A DIRECT PRIMARY CARE AGREEMENT IS NOT A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE AND TO DEFINE TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE "BIOMASS" AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM

OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 3968 -- Reps. Landing, Taylor, Teeple, Hartnett, Bustos, M. M. Smith, J. L. Johnson, Hager, McCravy, McGinnis, Wickensimer, Luck, Hixon, Gilliam, Wooten, Sessions, Robbins, Dillard, Jones and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ADD DETAILED PLANS REGARDING HARDENING ALL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSES OR GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES, TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL UTILITY DISTRIBUTORS IN THIS STATE TO OFFER PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE/GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE PROTECTION FROM THE UTILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT PLANS THROUGH THE CUSTOMERS' MONTHLY BILLS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR GRANTS; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

Referred to Richland Delegation

H. 3970 -- Reps. Jones, King, J. L. Johnson, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Gilliard, Howard, Clyburn, Hosey, Spann-Wilder, Dillard, Bauer and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIVERSITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-163 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN

SOUTH CAROLINA BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND ESTABLISHING A TRANSPARENT APPROVAL PROCESS.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3971 -- Reps. Ligon, Haddon, Martin and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A RETAIL LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MUST ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.
Referred to Greenville Delegation

H. 3974 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 332--INTRODUCED, AMENDED AND ADOPTED, AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENT

The following was introduced:

S. 332 -- Senators Alexander and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE HONORABLE JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 332 (LC-332.AHB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, by striking all after the whereas clauses to read:

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, welcome the National Commander of the American Legion, the Honorable James A. LaCoursiere, and invite him to address the General Assembly in Joint Session in the Hall of the South Carolina House of Representatives at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Be it further resolved that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly welcome the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, the Honorable John W. Kittredge, and invite him to address the General Assembly in Joint Session on the State of the Judiciary in the Hall of the House of Representatives following the address of the National Commander of the American Legion on Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honorable James A. LaCoursiere and the Honorable John W. Kittredge.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The Concurrent Resolution, as amended, was adopted and ordered returned to the Senate with amendment.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--113

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. CRAWFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that she came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, February 11.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BEACH a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HAYES a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CASKEY a leave of absence for the day due to the birth of his child.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MONTGOMERY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Marilyn Malia of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BURNS presented to the House the Blue Ridge High School JROTC "Flying Tigers" 20023 Unit National Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LANDING presented to the House the Lucy Beckham High School "Bengals" AAAAA Division 2 Boys Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HIOTT presented to the House the Pickens High School "Lady Blue Flames" AAAA Girls Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or

addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3007
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	YOW and LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3008
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	YOW and LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3020
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	KING and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3028
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3031
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3033
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	MOSS, LAWSON, KIRBY, LIGON, BAILEY, FORREST, GILLIAM, WILLIS, ERICKSON, SCHUESSLER, VAUGHAN, BRADLEY, HAGER, WHITMIRE, ROBBINS, T. MOORE, BREWER and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3039
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	KIRBY, ALEXANDER, REESE, WILLIAMS, CLYBURN, HOSEY, RIVERS, HENDERSON-MYERS, J. L. JOHNSON, MCDANIEL, KING and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3044
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3085
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3095
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3116
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3119
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3124
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3125
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3157
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3171
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3174
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3176
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3182
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3195
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	LIGON, WEEKS, OREMUS, HARTZ, WILLIAMS and LUCK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3196
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	LAWSON, YOW, EDGERTON, CROMER, REESE, GILLIARD, ALEXANDER, RIVERS, OREMUS, HARTZ and ANDERSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3200
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3215
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3216
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3220
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3245
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	HIXON, YOW, MITCHELL and LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3253
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3260
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3281
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3283
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3299
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3304
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3308
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	ANDERSON, WEEKS, WILLIS, GOVAN and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3311
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3432
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	YOW and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3472
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3502
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	HIXON and KING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3511
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	GARVIN, GRANT, BERNSTEIN, BAUER, KING, HENDERSON-MYERS, CLYBURN, LUCK, WILLIAMS, HOSEY and SPANN-WILDER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	YOW, WEEKS, ERICKSON, BRADLEY, HAGER and WHITMIRE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3529
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3537
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	YOW and OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3570
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3591
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3748
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	POPE and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3848
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3852
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3926
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3968
Date:	ADD:
02/12/25	GILLIAM, WOOTEN, SESSIONS, ROBBINS, DILLARD, JONES and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3652
Date:	REMOVE:
02/12/25	W. NEWTON

H. 3570--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3570 -- Reps. Bannister, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Mitchell, Bowers and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND "PUBLIC MEMBER" TO INCLUDE A PERSON NOMINATED AND APPOINTED TO A NONCOMPENSATED PART-TIME POSITION ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1100 SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DISCLOSING ECONOMIC INTERESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO ADDRESS AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING

DISCLOSURE FORMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1170, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO FILES THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, RELATING TO FILING DEADLINES FOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Reps. JORDAN and WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 1 H. 3570 (LC-3570.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 8-13-1110(A) and inserting:

(A) No public official, regardless of compensation, and no public member or public employee as designated in subsection (B) may take the oath of office or enter upon his official responsibilities unless he has filed a statement of economic interests in accordance with the provisions of this chapter with the appropriate supervisory office. ~~Persons~~Such a person nominated to a noncompensated part-time position on a state board, commission, or council shall file a confidential statement, made public only upon their appointment. If a public official, public member, or public employee referred to in this section has no economic interests to disclose, he shall nevertheless file a statement of inactivity to that effect with the appropriate supervisory office. All disclosure statements are matters of public record open to inspection upon request.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers

Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3570. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Annie E. McDaniel

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3529--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3529 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins, Mitchell and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3020--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Grant, Atkinson, King and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3432--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3432 -- Reps. W. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504,

RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3432 (LC-3432.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 3.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 62-7-504(g) and inserting:

(g) With respect to an irrevocable trust, whether created on, before, or after ~~June~~ January 1, 2025, a beneficiary of a trust may not be considered to be a settlor, to have made a voluntary or involuntary transfer of the beneficiary's interest in the trust, or to have the power to make a voluntary or involuntary transfer of the beneficiary's interest in the trust merely because the beneficiary, in any capacity, holds or exercises a testamentary power of appointment.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 62-7-505(a)(2) and inserting:

(2) With respect to an irrevocable trust, whether created on, before, or after ~~June~~ January 1, 2025:

(A) except as otherwise provided in this section, a creditor or assignee of the settlor may reach the maximum amount that can be distributed to or for the settlor's benefit. If a trust has more than one settlor, the amount the creditor or assignee of a particular settlor may reach may not exceed the settlor's interest in the portion of the trust attributable to that settlor's contribution~~.~~; and

(B) notwithstanding subitem (A), the trustee's discretionary authority to pay directly to the taxing authorities or to reimburse the settlor for any tax on trust income or trust principal that is payable by the settlor under the law imposing the tax may not be considered to be an amount that can be distributed to or for the settlor's benefit.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 62-7-505(b)(3) and inserting:

(3) that portion of a trust, whether created on, before, or after ~~June~~

January 1, 2025, that can be distributed to or for the settlor's benefit solely because the settlor's interest in the trust was created by the settlor's spouse or by any third party, whether through the exercise of a power of appointment or otherwise is considered to have been contributed to the trust by the person exercising the power of appointment or otherwise creating the interest and not by the settlor.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 62-7-508(B) and inserting:

(B) This section applies to all trusts that are governed by the laws of this State or that have a principal place of administration within this State, whether created on, before, or after ~~June~~ January 1, 2025, unless:

(1) the trust contains a provision prohibiting the trustee from reimbursing the grantor or paying taxes on behalf of the grantor;

(2) the trustee provides written notification that the trustee intends to irrevocably elect out of the application of this section at least ninety days before the effective date of such election which notice period may be waived by the persons to whom notice is required to the person treated as the owner of all or a portion of the trust under Section 671 of the Internal Revenue Code or any similar federal, state, or other tax law and to all persons who have the ability to remove and replace the trustee; or

(3) applying this section would prevent a contribution to the trust from qualifying for, or would reduce, a federal tax benefit, including a federal tax exclusion or deduction, which was originally claimed or could have been claimed for the contribution, including:

(a) an exclusion under Sections 2503(b) or 2503(c) of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) a marital deduction under Sections 2056, 2056A, or 2523 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(c) a charitable deduction under Sections 170(a), 642(c), 2055(a), or 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; or

(d) direct skip treatment under Section 2642(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

February 11, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3432 relating to nonvested property interest or power of appointment, which would increase the time an interest can vest from ninety years to three hundred sixty years; relating to reformation of property dispositions, so as to increase the time limit from ninety years to three hundred sixty years; relating to the effect of timing of creation of property interest, so as to update certain dates; relating to discretionary trusts so as to provide certain situations in which a beneficiary of a trust may not be considered a settlor; relating to creditors' claims against a settlor, so as to provide that certain amounts paid to taxing authorities may not be considered an amount that may be distributed for the settlors' benefit; and so as to provide for certain grantor trust reimbursements. I will not participate out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and an immediate family member may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jason Luck
House District Number 54

H. 3502--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3502 -- Reps. Bannister, Rutherford, Caskey, Erickson, Weeks, Davis, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Hixon and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS AND THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OVER DECISIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
Williams

Total--1

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3502. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

H. 3523--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE

THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-

30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE

COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS

FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Reps. HERBKERSMAN, B. NEWTON, MCDANIEL, LAWSON, HIXON, HEWITT, TAYLOR, OREMUS, HARRIS, CROMER, B. L. COX, HOLMAN, M. M. SMITH, MARTIN, ROBBINS, GATCH, GILLIARD, ANDERSON, RIVERS, KING, BAMBERG, J. L. JOHNSON, HAGER, HENDERSON-MYERS, HOSEY, J. MOORE, WILLIAMS, GOVAN, GRANT, SPANN-WILDER, CRAWFORD, GUEST, T. MOORE, MCGINNIS, JONES, HUFF and WHITE requested debate on the Bill.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recede until 12:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 12:30 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

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

H. 3727--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR

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AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3309 (LC-3309.HA0036H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, before the enacting words, by deleting the fourteenth paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the sixteenth paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project or projects, DESC and SCPSA could potentially achieve economies of scale to benefit ratepayers; and~~can build larger, more fuel-efficient,~~

~~lower emitting units, and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25% or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and~~

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the seventeenth paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity and public welfare in those areas~~ and can do so with minimal environmental disruption~~; and

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the nineteenth paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the twentieth paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the twenty first paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the twenty second paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the twenty third paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure~~ approximately 7,000 MW of~~ natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this State; and

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the twenty eight paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of ~~investigating~~investing in and pursuing fusion energy and advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the state to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the

twenty ninth paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the thirtieth paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards ~~supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for~~ guiding informed decision making for the state's energy future; and

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by striking the thirty first paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping ~~the state~~policymakers with the necessary expertise and resources to make well-informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Amend the bill further, before the enacting words, by deleting the thirty second paragraph from the bill.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 2.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 58-3-140(B)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving ~~electrical~~public utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of ~~electrical~~public utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of ~~electrical~~public utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving ~~electrical~~public utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of ~~electrical~~public utilities in the

interest of the public in a manner that enables the utility, through sound management, to produce a fair and reasonable return for its shareholders that is necessary for the preservation of the financial health of the utility and for the ability to finance continued investment and maintenance of utility facilities ~~maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State~~ while promoting adequate, affordable, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated ~~electrical~~public utility environment;

(e) for electrical utilities, assure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for ~~electrical~~public utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of ~~energy~~ resources; for electrical utilities, this includes ~~by~~ avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) assure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of public utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing ~~electricity~~utility services and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public

utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of ~~electrical~~public utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated utility supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 58-3-140(E) and (F) and inserting:

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The party with the burden of proof must be permitted to open and close its case, including the presentation of responsive witness testimony.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow ~~electrical~~public utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The ~~electrical~~public utility

and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 58-4-150(A) and inserting:

(A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan." This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also includes any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, ~~the Public Service Authority,~~ electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 7, by striking Section 58-38-20(C) and inserting:

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to ~~support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and~~ research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

~~(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through the SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity~~

~~technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.~~

~~(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.~~

~~(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.~~

~~(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.~~

~~(7)~~(3) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with ~~SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory,~~ energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. ~~EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 7, by striking Section 58-38-40 and inserting:

Section 58-38-40. ~~(A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.~~

~~(B)~~(A) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

~~(C)~~(B) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

~~(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.~~

~~(E)~~(C) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. ~~The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.~~

~~(F)~~(D) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

~~(G)~~(E) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 58-33-195(A)(1), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A)~~(1) The General Assembly finds:~~

~~(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission," issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.~~

~~(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource."~~

~~(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).~~

~~(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental," as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.~~

~~(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.~~

~~(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.~~

~~(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.~~

~~(2)~~ The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to construction of a joint resource or joint resources to address energy needs and advance the economy and general welfare of the State.~~the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor~~

~~does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights-of-way to the greatest extent practicable.~~ If the entities pursue permitting and construction of a joint resource or joint resources, the entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for expanding energy storage, including hydro pumped storage, and energy generation opportunities in South Carolina.~~constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.~~

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina~~,~~.~~ and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration~~

~~of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10, by striking Section 13-7-820(5) and inserting:

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of nuclear generation, including advanced nuclear generation ~~including~~such as small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities and fusion energy to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 11.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 12, by striking Section 58-33-196 and inserting:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying fusion energy and advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. ~~The~~A utility whose rates are regulated by the commission must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 13, by striking Section 58-37-70(B)(1) and inserting:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) ~~and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 13, by striking Section 58-37-70(F)(3) and inserting:

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates provided by an electric utility pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the

costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 14.A., by striking Section 58-37-120 and inserting:

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) A permit applicant for an energy infrastructure project shall not submit an application for the project prior to conducting a preapplication meeting with the agency to establish milestones within the six-month review period.

(C) The applicant and agency may mutually agree in writing to extend the six-month review period. Such agreement shall be in writing and state a specific date on when the extension will end. The agency shall not stop, stay, or otherwise alter the review period without such written agreement with the applicant.

(D) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all technical and administrative deficiencies within thirty days of receipt, or if a public comment period is required, fifteen days from the end of the comment period. The identification of by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 14.A., by striking Section 58-37-130 and inserting:

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as a direct appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis. Any agency decision or action that is subject to a

contested case review before the Administrative Law Court, pursuant to Section 1-23-600 et. seq., shall be appealable under this section upon issuance of an appealable order by the Administrative Law Court.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 20.A., by striking Section 58-33-20(10) and inserting:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; ~~(b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor;~~ or ~~(c)~~(b) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 21, by striking Section 58-33-110(1) and inserting:

(1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the ~~Commission~~commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the ~~Commission~~commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. ~~If the commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved.~~ Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating

to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the ~~Commission~~commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 21, by striking Section 58-33-110(7) and inserting:

(7) The ~~Commission~~commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~; provided, however,~~ No permission from the commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any ~~facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any~~ like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the ~~Commission~~commission of the proposed site or facility.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 58-37-40(C)(1) and inserting:

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility or the Public Service Authority files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, by striking Section 58-3-260(A)(4) and inserting:

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection ~~(C)~~(D)(6) of this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, by deleting Section 58-3-260(A)(6) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, by striking Section 58-3-260(B)(2) and inserting:

(2) "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations, administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) provided to the commission must also be provided in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

~~(2)~~(C) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, by striking Section 58-3-260(C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), and (J) and inserting:

~~(C)~~(D) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is

otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4, ~~of~~ Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a~~

~~certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection ~~(C)~~(D)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~must post on its web site, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its web site within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any

confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall~~

~~include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection ~~(C)~~(D)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection ~~(C)~~(D)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4, ~~of~~ Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

~~(D)~~(E) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing

officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection ~~(I)~~(J) of this section.

~~(E)~~(F) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection ~~(J)~~(K) of this section shall not apply.

~~(F)~~(G) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by

protective order.

~~(G)~~(H) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

~~(H)~~(I) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility or Public Service Authority facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility or Public Service Authority plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(~~I~~)(J) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

~~(J)~~(K) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to

become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 25.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 26, by striking Section 58-33-310 and inserting:

Section 58-33-310. (A)(1) If a party wishes to file for a petition for rehearing or reconsideration from all or any portion of an order or decision of the commission, that petition must be filed within fifteen days from the commission issuing the order or decision. A response to the petition for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed within fifteen days from the filed date of the petition for rehearing or reconsideration. Failure to file for rehearing or reconsideration as required in this section constitutes a waiver of the party to further pursue the matter.

(2) The commission must issue its final order within thirty days from the date the response to the petition for rehearing or reconsideration is filed.

(B) Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals~~

~~may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~

(C) Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, ~~without petition for rehearing or reconsideration~~. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 26, by striking Section 58-33-320 and inserting:

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, ~~that subject to Section 58-33-175,~~ nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 33.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 34.A., by striking Section 58-3-70 and inserting:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ~~ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ninety percent of the salary fixed for the circuit court judges. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 34.B and inserting:

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the next Public Service Commission election~~ for the reconstituted three-member commission~~.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTIONS 36 and 37 and inserting:

SECTION 37. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply chains associated with the same

while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include nuclear and advanced nuclear~~small modular reactors~~, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, fusion energy, and ~~the Carolina Long Bay Project~~other technologies, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification~~, emissions reduction levels,~~ and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X.A. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to

invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

B. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expands its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate, terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system

from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class-subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(J) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing

customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION X. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-135. Any appeal of an order concerning a permit for an energy infrastructure project which appeal is not finally resolved on the effective date of this statute shall be immediately transferred to the South Carolina Supreme Court which shall have the exclusive jurisdiction of all proceedings related to that appeal.

SECTION X. Section 58-3-530 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(16) to conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of the Division of Consumer Advocacy within the Department of Consumer Affairs related to the division's representation of consumers in utility matters, which must be submitted to the General Assembly. A proposed draft of the evaluation must be submitted to the Division of Consumer Advocacy prior to submission to the General Assembly, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy must be given an opportunity to be heard before the review committee prior to the completion of the evaluation and its submission to the General Assembly.

SECTION X. Chapter 13, Title 8 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 8-13-65. Beginning with Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the salary for the commission's chief clerk must be based on recommendations by the Agency Head Salary Commission to the General Assembly as provided in Sections 8-11-160 and 8-11-165.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3309 (LC-3309.DG0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 21, by striking Section 58-3-260(C) and inserting:

(C) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties, other than testimony and materials from previous proceedings of the commission.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke in favor of the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Cromer	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
J. Moore	Reese	Rose
Spann-Wilder	Wetmore	

Total--11

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

February 12, 2025
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506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3309 relating to the “South Carolina Energy Security Act” out of an abundance of caution. I will

abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Heath Sessions
House District Number 46

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House District Number 117

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Sincerely,
Jason Luck
House District Number 54

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Sincerely,
Representative Phillip Bowers
House District Number 3

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3309. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jay Kilmartin

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 3292--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES

TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Rep. HIXON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3862--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3196--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple, Grant, Hartnett, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Govan, Calhoon, Ligon, Lawson, Yow, Edgerton, Cromer, Reese, Gilliard, Alexander, Rivers, Oremus, Hartz and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE A TEACHER WITH A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO

AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO NOTICES CONCERNING ANNUAL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY NOTIFICATION DEADLINE MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT REPORT SUCH WITHDRAWALS AS A BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3196 (LC-3196.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 2.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 59-25-47(A) and inserting:

(A) A local school district board of trustees or, in the case of a charter school, the governing body of a charter school, is authorized to adopt a policy consistent with the school district or, in the case of a charter school, the school budget, providing that all certified and noncertified public school teachers identified in the Professional Certified Staff listing, certified special school classroom teachers, certified ~~media specialists~~school librarians, certified ~~guidance~~school counselors, and career specialists who are employed by a school district or a charter school who earn, but do not use sick and annual leave in excess of ninety days, may be eligible to receive payment at the end of each fiscal year for these earned days in excess of ninety days for each excess day at a district's or charter school's established rate of substitute pay for their individual job classification, or another amount, subject to approval by the local school board, or, in the case of a charter school, the governing body of the charter school. This provision applies only to sick leave and annual leave in excess of ninety days that is accrued after July 1, 2018.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 59-25-410(C) and inserting:

~~(B)~~(C) ~~On or before August fifteenth~~No later than fourteen calendar days ~~prior to~~before students are scheduled to return to school at the start

of the school year, the superintendent, principal, where applicable, or supervisor shall notify the teacher of his tentative assignment for the ensuing school year. Once assigned to a school, the teacher shall not be reassigned to work at another location in the district unless the superintendent can demonstrate the need for reassignment ~~due to extreme and unavoidable circumstances~~. Such reassignment must be approved by a majority vote of the board of trustees, and the teacher must be afforded written notice at least five school days in advance of the reassignment.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 6.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 59-25-530 and inserting:

Section 59-25-530. Any ~~teacher~~educator who fails to comply with the provisions of his contract without the written consent of the school board ~~shall be deemed guilty of unprofessional conduct~~or as provided in Section 59-25-420 is considered to be in breach of contract. A breach of contract resulting from the execution of an employment contract with another board within the State without the consent of the board first employing the ~~teacher~~educator makes void any subsequent contract with any other school district in South Carolina ~~for the same employment period~~. Upon the formal complaint of the school board, substantiated by conclusive evidence, the State board ~~shall~~may suspend or revoke the ~~teacher's~~educator's certificate~~, for a period not to exceed one calendar year. State education agencies in other states with reciprocal certification agreements shall be notified of the revocation of the certificate~~. The State Board shall not hear a complaint from a school board pursuant to this section unless it is received within ~~thirty~~sixty days of the breach of contract. The period for educator certificate suspension due to breach of contract must begin on the date such contract is breached with the district and run for a period of time deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education, not to exceed six months from the date of breach. During this suspension period, the educator may not be signed to an employment contract by any public school board in South Carolina. The department shall provide notification of the suspension to other state educator licensing authorities.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-26-40(J) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(J) After successfully completing an induction contract period, not to exceed three years, and an annual contract period, a teacher shall

become eligible for employment at the continuing contract level. This contract status is transferable to any district in this State. A continuing contract teacher shall have full procedural rights that currently exist under law relating to employment and dismissal. A teacher employed under a continuing contract must be evaluated on a continuous basis and complete annual collegial professional development as required under Section 59-1-425(A). At the discretion of the local district and based on an individual teacher's needs and past performance, the evaluation may be formal or informal. Formal evaluations must be conducted with a process developed or adopted by the local district in accordance with State Board of Education regulations. The formal process also must include an individualized professional growth plan established by the school or district. Professional growth plans must be supportive of district strategic plans and school renewal plans. Informal evaluations which should be conducted for accomplished teachers who have consistently performed at levels required by state standards, must be conducted with a goals-based process in accordance with State Board of Education regulations. The professional development goals must be established by the teacher in consultation with a building administrator and must be supportive of district strategic plans and school renewal plans. The employing district must award credits toward renewal of a professional teaching certificate for a teacher employed at the continuing contract level who successfully completes the annual professional development activities required under this section and Section 59-1-425(A), consistent with State Board of Education regulations for the renewal of a professional certificate.

SECTION X. Section 59-26-45 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-26-45. (A) A retired educator certificate is a ~~renewable~~lifetime certificate established in regulation by the State Board of Education that allows a retired South Carolina educator to be eligible to maintain certification for the purpose of ~~substituting~~returning to employment with a school district on a temporary or full-time basis. A person is initially eligible for a South Carolina retired educator certificate if he:

(1) held a valid South Carolina renewable, professional educator certificate at the time of retirement;

(2) is either a:

(i) retired member of the South Carolina Retirement System; or

(ii) current or former participant in the State Optional Retirement Program who would have met the eligibility requirements for

retirement under the South Carolina Retirement System had he participated in that system rather than the State Optional Retirement Program;

(3) does not hold another valid South Carolina educator certificate and has never held a valid South Carolina educator certificate that has been ~~suspended,~~ revoked~~, or voluntarily surrendered~~; and

(4) meets all other qualifications to serve as a ~~substitute~~certified educator as specified in state statute, regulation, and guidelines.

(B) An individual meeting the eligibility requirements and desirous of a retired educator certificate~~, including a renewal certificate,~~ must submit the request in the manner specified in regulation and guidelines.

(1) A retired educator certificate approved and issued is valid for five years from the date of each issuance.

(2) ~~A certificate may be renewed and, if approved, is valid for five years from the date of each issuance.~~Once issued, a retired educator certificate may be maintained upon written request from a retired educator in good standing to the department at the end of a five-year period.

(3) Department guidelines shall include the timeline, forms, and a process for submitting ~~–~~a request to maintain a retired educator certificate.~~and approving or denying certificate or renewal requests. (4) Renewal of a retired educator certificate does not require completion of professional learning or renewal credit.~~

~~(4) Renewal of a retired educator certificate does not require completion of professional learning or renewal credit.~~

(C) Any new ~~or renewed~~ certificate is invalidated upon issuance of any other South Carolina educator certificate.

(D) An educator who works under the retired certificate must work under the agreement and rate of pay established for this purpose by the hiring district. Section 59-25-150 shall apply to any retired educator certificate.

(E) A retired educator certificate is not subject to requirements for professional certificate renewal established by regulations of the State Board of Education.

~~(E)~~(F) Nothing in this section exempts an educator from taking part in professional development that is required by a local school district.

~~(F)~~(G) The State Board of Education shall develop regulations for, and the department shall establish guidelines and procedures for, the implementation of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3195--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3247--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 13, which was agreed to.

S. 253--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 253 -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Alexander, Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ALIXPARTNERS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT AND OTHER RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Rep. MURPHY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister

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

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3932--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3932 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Rep. PEDALINO explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3933--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3933 -- Reps. Mitchell and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-36-1330, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD AND TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3906 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF MARVIN DAVID LONG JR. OF LORIS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

H. 3902 -- Reps. Hardee, Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS AND COACHES OF THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A REMARKABLE 2024 SEASON.

H. 3942 -- Reps. Govan, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY ANN WILLIAMS HENDERSON OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BANNISTER, adjourned in memory of Paul Goldsmith, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 13, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 51:12: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit."

Let us pray. God of Glory, we praise You for Your mercy that embraces us with hope. You continue to restore within us the power to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Guide us now to do Your will. Continue to bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. We continue to seek Your blessing on our Armed Forces and especially our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BRITTAIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Mark Dolbec, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. BAUER

Rep. BAUER made a statement relative to the contributions and legacy of John V. Furgess Sr.

Mr. John V. Furgess Sr.
A Black History Month Tribute

John V. Furgess Sr. born on April 15, 1942, in Columbia, South Carolina, was a remarkable individual whose life was defined by service, dedication, and a profound commitment to improving his community. Growing up in the Waverly Community near Allen University, Furgess

developed a passion for education and community development. He graduated from C.A. Johnson High School and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration from Allen University, where he formed lifelong friendships and relationships with mentors who would influence his future endeavors.

Furgess's career was marked by his unwavering commitment to public service. One of his most notable contributions was his involvement with the COMET Board of Advisors, Columbia's bus system. His tenure on the COMET Board spanned several years, during which he served as both Chair and Vice Chair. Under his leadership, the Board made significant strides in enhancing public transportation in Columbia, ensuring that the bus system was accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of the community.

Furgess was instrumental in advocating for improvements to the bus routes, schedules, and overall infrastructure. His efforts were aimed at making public transportation a viable option for all residents, particularly those who relied on it for their daily commutes. He believed that a robust public transportation system was essential for fostering economic growth, reducing traffic congestion, and promoting environmental sustainability. His dedication to this cause was evident in the numerous initiatives and projects he spearheaded while on the Board. Beyond his professional achievements, Furgess was a beloved family man and a respected community leader. He worked as a Postmaster for the United States Postal Service and was actively involved in efforts to establish a public library in Edgewood. His commitment to education and community improvement extended to his support for Allen University, where he was honored as an Alumni Ambassador for his continuous contributions and fundraising efforts.

Recently, on January 17, 2025, John V. Furgess Sr. passed away at the age of 82 in Columbia, S.C. His death was a significant loss to the community, and his contributions were honored by the COMET Board of Directors, who rescheduled their January meeting in his memory. Furgess's dedication to public transportation and his advocacy for the community will be remembered and cherished by all who knew him.

Rep. Heather Bauer

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Mark Dolbec.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer family and friends of John V. Furgess Sr.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 332:

S. 332 -- Senators Alexander and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE HONORABLE JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart

Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--109

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BEACH a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior legislative commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CASKEY a leave of absence for the day due to the birth of his child.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAYES a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BAMBERG a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative conflict in his district.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Jones of Florence was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MCCRAVY presented to the House the Ninety-Six High School "Wildcat" Marching Band 1-A State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MCCRAVY presented to the House the Cambridge Academy "Cougars" 1-A Division Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CALHOON presented to the House the Lexington High School "Wildcats" AAAAA Baseball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CALHOON presented to the House the Lexington High School AAAAA Cheerleading State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	MARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3039
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3052
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	SANDERS and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3173
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3195
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	GILLIARD, RIVERS and ANDERSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	RIVERS and GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3292
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3472
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3510
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	YOW and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	HIXON, CROMER, GILREATH, OREMUS and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	MARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3542
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	CROMER, GILREATH and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3564
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3633
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	M. M. SMITH and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3650
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3778
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3798
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3831
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	DUNCAN, SANDERS, GRANT, HOWARD, BAUER and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3852
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3968
Date:	ADD:
02/13/25	WILLIAMS, SPANN-WILDER, NEESE, COBB-HUNTER, GARVIN, RANKIN, MITCHELL, T. MOORE, BRITTAIN, GUEST and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3864
Date:	REMOVE:
02/13/25	OREMUS

S. 282--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 282 -- Senator Zell: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 282--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. PEDALINO, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 282 be read the third time tomorrow.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3570 -- Reps. Bannister, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Mitchell, Bowers and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND "PUBLIC MEMBER" TO INCLUDE A PERSON NOMINATED AND APPOINTED TO A NONCOMPENSATED PART-TIME POSITION ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1100 SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DISCLOSING ECONOMIC INTERESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO ADDRESS AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING DISCLOSURE FORMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1170, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO FILES THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, RELATING TO FILING DEADLINES FOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS, SO AS

TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

H. 3529 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins, Mitchell and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Grant, Atkinson, King and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

H. 3432 -- Reps. W. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

H. 3502 -- Reps. Bannister, Rutherford, Caskey, Erickson, Weeks, Davis, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Hixon and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS AND THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OVER DECISIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS.

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple, Grant, Hartnett, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Govan, Calhoon, Ligon, Lawson, Yow, Edgerton, Cromer, Reese, Gilliard, Alexander, Rivers, Oremus, Hartz and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE A TEACHER WITH A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER

LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO NOTICES CONCERNING ANNUAL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY NOTIFICATION DEADLINE MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT REPORT SUCH WITHDRAWALS AS A BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH

BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

H. 3932 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

H. 3933 -- Reps. Mitchell and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-36-1330, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD AND TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 253 -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Alexander, Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE ALIXPARTNERS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT AND OTHER RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, February 18, which was agreed to.

H. 3523--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Brewer

Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3523--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. J. E. JOHNSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3523 be read the third time tomorrow.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 3292--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Rep. HARTNETT explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:
McGinnis

Total--1

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

H. 3292--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3292 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3862--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO

ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3862 (LC-3862.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-40-50(8)(f) and inserting:

(f) In addition, a charter school located on a federal military installation or base where the appropriate authorities have made buildings, facilities, and grounds on the installation or base available for use by the charter school as its principal location also may give enrollment priority~~preference~~ to otherwise eligible students who are dependents of military personnel living in military housing on the base or installation or who are currently stationed at the base or installation not to exceed fifty percent of the total enrollment of the charter school. This priority~~preference~~ is in addition to the other priorities~~preferences~~ provided by this item, but no child may be counted more than once for purposes of determining the percentage makeup of each priority~~preference~~;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

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

H. 3862--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3862 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3195--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3195 (LC-3195.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-29-80(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A student may be exempted from physical education requirements by seeking a waiver from the local school board of trustees. The local board may grant such a request based on the following criteria:

(1) The student must present a statement by his attending physician indicating that participation in physical education will jeopardize the student's health and well-being; or

(2)(a) The parent and student must show that the student's attending physical education classes will violate their religious beliefs and would not be merely a matter of personal objection; and

(b) the parent or student must be members of a recognized religious faith that objects to physical education as part of its official doctrine or creed~~.~~; or

(3)(a) For students in seventh or eighth grade who seek middle

school level physical education credit, a student taking units of ninth grade or higher work for high school credit at an off-campus location; and;

(b) the school has made reasonable efforts to accommodate the student's participation in physical education.

The local board shall encourage the student to take, as an alternative to physical education, appropriate instruction in health education or other instruction in lifestyle modification if an exemption is granted pursuant to this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3195 (LC-3195.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-10(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) Every student in four-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade must be provided a minimum of twenty minutes of unstructured outdoor recess daily, with allowance for short-term interruption not to exceed three consecutive school days due to facility and staffing availability, in addition to the time required to meet existing physical education standards of this title and other academic curriculum requirements.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:
Edgerton Harris Magnuson

Total--3

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

H. 3195--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3195 be read the third time tomorrow.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A

CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3975 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR H. E. FARDOWSA OSMAN EGAL, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION IN SOMALIA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO SOMALIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3976 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager,

Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PROFESSOR PAUL MAPFUMO, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, HIS UNIVERSITY, AND HIS STUDENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3977 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MUSTAFA YASIN SHEIKH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IN SOMALIA,

AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3978 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN STATESMAN THE HONORABLE LEFOKO MAXWELL MOAGI, IMMEDIATE PAST MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY IN BOTSWANA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3979 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam,

Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN EDUCATOR PROFESSOR BARNABAS NAWANGWE, VICE CHANCELLOR OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3980 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN STATESMAN HIS

EXCELLENCY SEN. DOUYE DIRI, GOVERNOR OF BAYELSA STATE IN NIGERIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3981 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE NANI JUWARA FOR SPEARHEADING THE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRANSFORMATION OF THE GAMBIA AS ITS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, ENERGY AND MINES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3982 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR 7SUNDAY AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE ONGOING, GENEROUS, AND EFFECTUAL WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3983 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELLON VIVIAN GILLIARD BACOTE OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3984 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADER HIGH CHIEF DR. SEINYE LULU-BRIGGS, EXECUTIVE CHAIR OF MONI PULO LIMITED, IN NIGERIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3985 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey,

Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 20, 2025, AS PACE DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN HONOR OF THE PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS' TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE ON BEHALF OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN NEED.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3986 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM

AS PART OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF CONSERVATION FUNDING.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3987 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Collins, Caskey, Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 15, 2025, AS "VISION QUEST DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND HEREBY ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO REALIZE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3989 -- Reps. McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CAROLINA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL

OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3990 -- Reps. G. M. Smith and Weeks: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARRIETTE "SISTER" HEATH WIMBERLY, FOUNDER OF FRIENDS OF SWAN LAKE GARDENS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3991 -- Reps. Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NIGHTS OF MARCH THROUGH MAY AND AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER AS

"LIGHTS OUT NIGHTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA SEASON" AND TO URGE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS TO TURN OUT NONESSENTIAL LIGHTS AT NIGHT DURING THESE CRITICAL PERIODS IN THE SPRING AND FALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Reese, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST SARAH MAE FLEMMING BROWN, A NATIVE OF EASTOVER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3993 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SODA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB AND COACHES FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE FALL 2024 UNITED PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3994 -- Reps. Gilliard, Rivers, Hosey, Cobb-Hunter, Clyburn, Williams, Govan, Spann-Wilder, Bernstein, Henderson-Myers, Garvin, Jones, Bauer and Dillard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION OF SUDAN.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 3995 -- Rep. McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUNYON THOMPSON FAMILY TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND

ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOMMIE LEE AND EUNICE SHELTON THOMPSON, GETHSEMANE SCHOOL, AND GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 3996 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

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

H. 3997 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Holman, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES KILLED WHILE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-90, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDER" FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARD PAYMENTS BY THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE

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

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3998 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1600, RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INVITEES OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY CONSUME ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SOLD BY THE DRINK.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3999 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE VI AND SECTION 1A, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BOTH RELATING TO DUAL OFFICE HOLDING, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY OFFICE HOLDER OR APPOINTEE WHOSE POSITION IS WHOLLY UNCOMPENSATED, EXCEPT FOR PER DIEM AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW, IS EXEMPT FROM DUAL OFFICE HOLDING PROVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4000 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES

CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4001 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Davis, Bustos, Holman, Hartnett and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

H. 4004 -- Reps. Wooten, Davis, W. Newton, Pope and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF NONALCOHOLIC HEMP-DERIVED BEVERAGES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4005 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Crawford, Long and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2930, RELATING TO OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO AMEND THE PENALTY PROVISIONS TO PERMIT SENTENCES OF BOTH FINES AND INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE CONVICTED PERSONS TO ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANELS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2933, RELATING TO DRIVING WITH UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PERMIT SENTENCES OF BOTH FINES AND INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE CONVICTED PERSONS TO ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANELS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES NOTHING IN THE SECTION REQUIRES INSTALLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES PRIOR TO CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2945, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SECOND DEGREE, ESTABLISH PENALTIES, AND DEFINE THE TERM "MODERATE BODILY INJURY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2947, RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSES OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND RECKLESS DRIVING AS VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO A CHARGE OF CHILD ENDANGERMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2950, RELATING TO IMPLIED CONSENT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED, AND TEST SITES THAT CAN BE USED WHEN PERSONS ARE SUBJECTED TO TESTS FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, TO PROVIDE THAT LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, PHLEBOTOMISTS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS MAY OBTAIN BLOOD OR URINE

SAMPLES, TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSIONS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES THAT MUST BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE IF PERSONS REFUSE TO BE TESTED AND IF PERSONS HAVE CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT ESTABLISHES ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PERSONS INCAPABLE OF REFUSING TO CONSENT TO TESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF LICENSES FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING OR FOR CERTAIN LEVELS OF ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED LICENSE SUSPENSIONS MAY INSTALL IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AND OBTAIN TEMPORARY DRIVERS' LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS MUST HAVE THEIR DRIVERS' LICENSES SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE INCREASED SUSPENSIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, OR IF PERSONS TAKE THE TESTS AND REGISTER ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS OF OVER FIFTEEN ONE-HUNDREDTH OF ONE PERCENT OR MORE, THAT THEIR LICENSES ARE SUSPENDED FOR TWO MONTHS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2953, RELATING TO INCIDENT SITES AND BREATH TEST SITES FOR VIDEO RECORDING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO COMPEL OR AUTHORIZE A DISMISSAL OF A DUI OFFENSE IF THE OFFICERS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE STATUTE AND THAT MOTIONS FOR SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE UNDER THE STATUTE MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JEOPARDY ATTACHING; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2920, RELATING TO RECKLESS DRIVING, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY AND RECKLESS DRIVING RESULTING IN MODERATE BODILY INJURY AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2960 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CAUSING THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS RESTITUTION FOR THE DURATION OF ANY PROBATION ORDERED, PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR BOTH; BY

AMENDING SECTION 56-1-286, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS OR THE DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED NOTICES OF SUSPENSIONS MAY OBTAIN TEMPORARY LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-400, RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES PERSONS OBTAIN IGNITION INTERLOCKS UNLESS THE OFFENSES ARE ALCOHOL RELATED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4006 -- Reps. Teeple, Crawford, Hartnett, Bustos, B. Newton, Landing, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MUST BE OPEN; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT A PROPERTY OWNER FROM DISPLAYING CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT IMPLEMENT FINES FOR AN EXPIRED TAG ON PARKED VEHICLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-1-60, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS TO FLY THE UNITED STATES FLAG, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FLY THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FLAG.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4007 -- Reps. Pace, Harris, Frank, Magnuson, Edgerton, White, Cromer and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN WITH DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. ONE OR MORE COMBINED CYCLE NATURAL GAS UNITS AND RELATED FACILITIES AT THE CANADYS SITE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4008 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Jones, Hosey, McDaniel, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Clyburn, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Gilliard, Anderson, Alexander, J. Moore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-175 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A ONE-TIME IMPACT FEE ON PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FOR EACH NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNIT CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEVELOPER WITHIN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED ONLY TO FUND THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT DEVELOPERS WHO DEDICATE AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING ARE EXEMPT FROM THE IMPACT FEE; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-250 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND" TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RELOCATION TO LOW-INCOME AND FIXED-INCOME INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, AND GROUPS ADVERSELY IMPACTED AND DISPLACED BY GENTRIFICATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EACH YEAR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-5060, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4009 -- Reps. Magnuson, Cromer, Gilreath, Harris, Edgerton, White, Beach, Terribile, Lawson, Rankin, Kilmartin, Morgan, Huff, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL PROCEDURES, MEDICAL TREATMENTS, VACCINES, AND OTHER MEDICAL CARE AND TO PROTECT THOSE PERSONS FROM DISCRIMINATION; TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR VOICING CONCERNS ABOUT MEDICAL MANDATES OR TREATMENTS OR FOR ADVOCATING FOR PATIENTS' RIGHTS; TO CREATE A CAUSE

OF ACTION TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS EXPERIENCING RETALIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 4010 -- Reps. Gilreath, Huff, Cromer, Edgerton, Duncan, White, Frank and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN AIR ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4011 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-70, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY DRIVERS' PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVING CERTIFICATE," AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4012 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-29-110, RELATING TO PALMETTOPRIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, AS A TWELFTH MEMBER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37-29-130, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, AND THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, BY PALMETTOPRIDE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO

PALMETTOPRIDE MUST FLOW THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4013 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Gilliam, Bailey and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE ONLY CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE HOW INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-786 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERMIT CERTAIN CAMERAS USED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ON NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Referred to Charleston Delegation

H. 4015 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Hosey, McDaniel, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Clyburn, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Gilliard, Jones, Alexander, Anderson, J. Moore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3440, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYEE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AND TO ALLOW THE CREDIT TO BE APPLIED AGAINST OTHER TAXES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3595 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS THAT ARE EMPLOYED FULL TIME AS A CHILDCARE DIRECTOR OR CHILDCARE STAFF PERSON.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 38 -- Senators Campsen and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO REQUIRE SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ONLY ON CERTAIN ENUMERATED DATES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3247--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Rivers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3247--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3247 be read the third time tomorrow.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3813--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3814--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS

STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3430--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3798--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3472--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3472 -- Reps. McCabe, W. Newton, Pedalino, Hixon, Gibson, Gagnon, Calhoon, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3472 (LC-3472.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 62-3-1201(a)(1) and inserting:

(1) state that the value of the entire probate estate (the decedent's property passing under the decedent's will plus the decedent's property passing by intestacy), wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed ~~twenty-five~~ ~~fifty~~forty-five thousand dollars;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 62-3-1203(a) and inserting:

(a) If it appears from the inventory and appraisal that the value of

the entire probate estate (the decedent's property passing under the decedent's will plus the decedent's property passing by intestacy), less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed ~~twenty-five fifty~~forty-five thousand dollars and exempt property, costs and expenses of administration, reasonable funeral expenses, and reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses of the last illness of the decedent, the personal representative, after publishing notice to creditors pursuant to Section 62-3-801, but without giving additional notice to creditors, may immediately disburse and distribute the estate to the persons entitled thereto and file a closing statement as provided in Section 62-3-1204.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 62-3-1204(a)(1)(i) and inserting:

(i) to the best knowledge of the personal representative, the value of the entire probate estate (the decedent's property passing under the decedent's will plus the decedent's property passing by intestacy), less liens and encumbrances, did not exceed ~~twenty-five fifty~~forty-five thousand dollars and exempt property, costs, and expenses of administration, reasonable funeral expenses, and reasonable and necessary medical and hospital expenses of the last illness of the decedent; or

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 62-2-401 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 62-2-401. The surviving spouse of a decedent who was domiciled in this State is entitled from the estate to a value not exceeding ~~twenty-five~~forty-five thousand dollars in excess of any security interests therein in household furniture, automobiles, furnishings, appliances, and personal effects. If there is no surviving spouse, minor or dependent children of the decedent are entitled jointly to the same value. If encumbered chattels are selected and if the value in excess of security interests, plus that of other exempt property, is less than ~~twenty-five~~forty-five thousand dollars, or if there is not ~~twenty-five~~forty-five thousand dollars worth of exempt property in the estate, the spouse or children are entitled to other assets of the estate, if any, to the extent necessary to make up the ~~twenty-five~~forty-five thousand dollar value. Rights to exempt property and assets needed to make up a deficiency of exempt property have priority over all claims against the estate except claims described in Section 62-3-805(a)(1). These rights are in addition to any right of homestead and personal property exemption otherwise granted by law but are chargeable against and not in addition to any

benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or children by the will of the decedent unless otherwise provided, by intestate succession, or by the elective share. Any surviving spouse or minor or dependent children of the decedent who fails to survive the decedent by one hundred twenty hours is deemed to have predeceased the decedent for purposes of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3472--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3472 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3222--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KING made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not

been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

Rep. HIOTT moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15, which was agreed to.

Rep. BUSTOS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope

Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

OBJECTION TO MOTION

Rep. BUSTOS asked unanimous consent that H. 3222 be read a third time tomorrow.

Rep. KING objected.

H. 3254--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3254 -- Reps. W. Newton, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-32, RELATING TO SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS AND RELATED CRITERIA REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY WAIVE CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOUND TO POSSESS THE GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO COMPETENTLY PRACTICE MEDICINE.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3254--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. SESSIONS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3254 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3510--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3563--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS'

AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3564--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3022--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3022 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3022 (LC-3022.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 43-21-130(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), and (9) and inserting:

(1) the Governor or ~~his~~their designee;

(2) the Director of the Department of Social Services or their designee;

(3) the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or their designee;

(4) the Director of the Department of Mental Health or their designee;

(5) the Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs or their designee;

(6) the Director of the ~~Division~~Department on Aging or their designee;

(7) the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services or their designee;

(8) ~~the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, or his designee~~~~the Director~~ the Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or their designee;

(9) the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, or ~~his~~their designee;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins

B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3022. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Sylleste Davis

H. 3022--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. SESSIONS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3022 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3727--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 101

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris

Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE

NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING

SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE

FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND

"DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT

OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Tuesday, February 18, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Tuesday, February 18, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BRITTAIN, adjourned in memory of Mark Dolbec, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Matthew 22:37: "And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment and the second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Let us pray. We give You thanks and praise that You come to us and give us Your blessing every day. Keep these Representatives and Staff in Your loving care. Provide for them every needful thing. Grant them a fruitful and safe weekend. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to make the system work. We continue to seek Your blessings on our Armed Forces and especially our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and be enrolled for ratification:

S. 282 -- Senator Zell: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson,

Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Rivers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

H. 3472 -- Reps. McCabe, W. Newton, Pedalino, Hixon, Gibson, Gagnon, Calhoon, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF AN ESTATE TO FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

H. 3254 -- Reps. W. Newton, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-32, RELATING TO SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS AND RELATED CRITERIA REQUIRED OF APPLICANTS FOR PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY WAIVE CERTAIN EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS FOUND TO POSSESS THE GENERAL MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED TO COMPETENTLY PRACTICE MEDICINE.

H. 3022 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 18.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 119:125: "I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your decrees."

Let us pray. Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them; the unfolding of Your words gives light, it gives understanding. Direct our steps according to Your word. Let no sin rule over me. We give thanks and praise that You will offer Your blessings to these Representatives and Staff as we begin a new day. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bestow Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Remember our Armed Forces and their hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BREWER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Coach Tim Touchberry, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Coach Tim Touchberry.

STATEMENT BY REP. RIVERS

Rep. RIVERS made a statement relative to the community service of Kenneth Singleton.

STATEMENT BY REP. GOVAN

Rep. GOVAN made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of Liz Zimmerman Keitt.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 14, 2025
Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of James J. Wegmann, Esquire to serve as Beaufort County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. Wegmann qualified and the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Beaufort County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: June 6, 2021
Term Expiring: June 30, 2027
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Marvin Henry Dukes III (resigned/elevated)

James J. Wegmann, Esquire
21 Egret Drive
Beaufort, South Carolina 29907

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING

TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN

PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS

RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4016 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4017 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN ALEXANDER-BANKS, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE AUNTIE KAREN FOUNDATION, FOR HER TWENTY-FIRST LEGENDS OF CONCERT SERIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4018 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy,

Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HARTSVILLE LIONS CLUB UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXPRESS THE UTMOST GRATITUDE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HARTSVILLE AND DARLINGTON COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4019 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ALVIN BURTON "BUCK" ROBERTS OF ANDERSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4020 -- Reps. Gatch, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Murphy, Robbins and Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY FURMAN TOUCHBERRY AND EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4027 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP DR. FLOYD A. KNOWLIN, OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4021 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TRAVIS E. OVERTON FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FAMILY IN SUPPORT OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS SUDDEN PASSING.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4022 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE W. PAUL PRINCE FOR HIS SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LORIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND FIRST RESPONDER AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF HORRY COUNTY.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4023 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHORTY'S GRILL FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AS A CULINARY INSTITUTION IN LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4024 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. EDWARD ECKERT JR., DDS FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION TO HORRY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4028 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A

RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4029 -- Reps. Hartnett, Wetmore, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Brewer, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-10, RELATING TO REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME TO BE REPORTED.

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

H. 4030 -- Reps. Chapman, Gagnon, Vaughan, Lawson, M. M. Smith, Sessions, Guffey, Brewer, Gilliam, Whitmire, Brittain, Hager, McGinnis, Davis, Collins, Hiott, Wooten and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4031 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-11-30 SO AS TO CREDIT CERTAIN FINES AND FEES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND WITHOUT ANY REDUCTIONS FOR TRANSFERS TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

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

Total Present--118

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. HERBKERSMAN signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, February 13.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to legislative business in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Sunday Olatunde of Irmo was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3007
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3008
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WILLIS and J. L. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3029
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	SESSIONS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3058
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WOOTEN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	CALHOON and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	OREMUS, HART, CALHOON and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3510
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	HART, WILLIAMS, LUCK, GAGNON and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3564
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	HART

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3569
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3591
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3798
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	HART, WILLIAMS, RIVERS and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3812
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GIBSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3926
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3970
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	GRANT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4001
Date:	ADD:
02/18/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	REMOVE:
02/18/25	CALHOON

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, February 19, which was agreed to.

H. 3813--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

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

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 3814--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Rep. BURNS explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
Harris

Total--1

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

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY

REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3798--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Weeks, Hart, Williams, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3510--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow, Mitchell, Hart, Williams, Luck, Gagnon and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE

THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3510 (LC-3510.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-40(B) and inserting:

(B) Subject to the recommendation of a majority of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county, the secretary shall appoint ~~a~~ one county veterans' affairs officer for each county in the State, whose term of office shall begin July first of each odd-numbered year and shall continue for a term of two years and until a successor shall be appointed. Upon securing funding in the annual general appropriations act, the General Assembly shall provide for two full-time employees in each county veterans' affairs office in each county. Qualifications shall be determined by the county legislative delegation upon a majority vote of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county. A county veterans' affairs officer is ~~an at-will employee of the department,~~ subject to removal for cause at any time by ~~the secretary,~~ a majority of the Senators representing the county~~,~~ and a majority of the House members representing the county.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day to attend a funeral.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3510 (LC-3510.SA0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section

25-11-40(B) and inserting:

(B) Subject to the recommendation of a majority of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county, the secretary shall appoint ~~a~~ one county veterans' affairs officer for each county in the State, whose term of office shall begin July first of each odd-numbered year and shall continue for a term of two years and until a successor shall be appointed. Upon securing funding in the annual general appropriations act, the General Assembly shall provide for three full-time employees in each county veterans' affairs office in each county. If a county has a population of three hundred thousand or more, according to the most recent United States Census data, the county veterans' affairs office must have four full-time employees. Qualifications shall be determined by the county legislative delegation upon a majority vote of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county. A county veterans' affairs officer is an at-will employee of the department, subject to removal for cause at any time by the secretary, a majority of the Senators representing the county, and a majority of the House members representing the county.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. The provisions of this act sunset two years after the effective date.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

Rep. DAVIS spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 70; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Crawford
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Sanders	Teeple	Terribile
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3921 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ON "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM DAY" ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING AND TRAINING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE FOR HIGH-DEMAND, SKILLED JOBS IN OUR STATE.

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN

THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 3995 -- Rep. McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUNYON THOMPSON FAMILY TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOMMIE LEE AND EUNICE SHELTON THOMPSON, GETHSEMANE SCHOOL, AND GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:25 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BREWER, adjourned in memory of Coach Tim Touchberry, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, February 19, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 50:15: "And call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor and glorify me."

Let us pray. Praise and blessings be with each of you as we go into another day of serving the people of South Carolina. God who blesses us each day is always with us and allows these Representatives and Staff to do the work in this kingdom. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Keep our Armed Forces safe and secure in Your arms of faith. Heal the wounds, those hidden and those recovering. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MURPHY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Jared Devin Rose, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Jared Devin Rose.

STATEMENT BY REP. CLYBURN

Rep. CLYBURN made a statement relative to to the contributions to Aiken County and South Carolina of Beverly Dozier Clyburn.

Mrs. Beverly Dozier Clyburn
A Black History Month Tribute

Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, honoring Black History Month, I am proud to recognize Beverly Laverne Dozier, born in 1944 to William and Maggie Dozier in Georgetown, S.C. Beverly is a committed public servant and a passionate educator. She is loved dearly by those who know her and those who worked with her.

From an early age, Beverly loved to learn. She graduated in 1961 as Salutatorian of her class at Howard High School. She went on to attend Allen University in Columbia, S.C., and graduated with honors in 1965 with a degree in Chemistry and Mathematics.

In 1978, Beverly earned her Master's Degree in Secondary Guidance from the University of South Carolina. Her first love is education, and she spent 42 years as an educator in Aiken County. She began teaching math at Schofield High School before being asked to transfer to North Augusta High School and Graniteville High School to teach math and chemistry.

She served as a guidance counselor at Midland Valley High School and guidance director at South Aiken High School, a position she retired from in 1999. Following her retirement, she was drawn back into education by the State to help improve Allendale County Schools after the State took over.

In 1988, Beverly was urged by members of the community to run for Aiken City Council. She took on the challenge and won the District 1 Seat. Beverly is known for her fairness and thoroughness while serving on City Council. Her concern for the well being of people in the community and people in general is unmatched.

During her tenure on Aiken City Council, she served as Mayor Pro Tempore and participated in numerous development projects. She also served as Chair of Aiken County Department of Social Services. She has received many awards from various organizations, including the National League of Cities for being the founder of their annual unity breakfast and serving as chair for the first four years.

In 2002, the S.C. General Assembly recognized her for her outstanding work in Aiken and Allendale Counties, as well as the State of South Carolina.·

In 2022, she was honored by the City of Aiken, who dedicated its new recreational facility in her honor, the Beverly D. Clyburn Generations Park. Beverly was active in community organizations such as Jack and Jill of America; Links, Incorporated; Delta Sigma Theta,

Incorporated; and Cumberland A.M.E. church. She is a devoted wife and mother.

Mr. Speaker, colleagues, while honoring Black History Month, I ask that you join me in recognizing Beverly Dozier Clyburn on a job well done. She has spent her entire life in public service. Whether as an educator or elected official, her commitment and effort have been positive influences on countless lives in a positive way. She is a woman of tremendous faith, and she relies on God and trusts in His plan for her life.

Rep. Bill Clyburn

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 10, 2025
Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of J. Camden West, Esquire to serve as Berkeley County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. West qualified and the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Berkeley County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: November 7, 2020
Term Expiring: November 7, 2026
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Dale Van Slambrook (resigned/elevated)

J. Camden West, Esquire
208 McCants Drive
Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD-PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO

EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4032 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE 2024-2025 SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4033 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton,

Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR A WINNING 2024-2025 SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4034 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MINNIE INEZ RUFF CLOUD OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4035 -- Reps. Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AMANDA BENFIELD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE LAURENS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4036 -- Reps. Hiott, Rutherford, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE

INAUGURAL SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONFERENCE AND THEIR EFFORTS TO REINFORCE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE PALMETTO STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TO ANY AND ALL PEOPLE, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA, FIRST IN RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4037 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions, Terribile, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME MARK LEAVENS, PRESIDENT OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION, AS HE VISITS THE TOWN OF CLOVER TO SUPPORT THE CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE OF CLOVER MARCHING BAND WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR IN THE 137TH ROSE BOWL PARADE IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, IN 2026.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4038 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4040 -- Reps. Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy,

McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DARRYL RAY GRIFFIN SR., CEO OF NEAL BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT HE HAS HAD ON THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4041 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CHARLESTON NATIVE LINDA JEAN HARVEY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4039 -- Reps. White, Howard and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-5 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL NEW OR RENEWED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION REFERENCING THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PURSUING A RESOLUTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-780 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY THE INSURED'S REASONABLE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4042 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey, Harris, Hager, McCravy, Edgerton, Terribile and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS.

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

H. 4043 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD RAPIST DEATH PENALTY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-655, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEATH PENALTY SHALL BE ENFORCED UNDER THIS SECTION NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4044 -- Reps. Collins, B. Newton, Erickson, Pedalino, Bustos, Gagnon, Rose, Gilliard and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS CONCERNING APPROVED WRITTEN GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY AMENDING

SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISED PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTIVE PRACTICE AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-47-197 RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS.

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

H. 4045 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-36, RELATING TO DUTIES OF COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIEF LIBRARIANS AND OTHER LIBRARY STAFF.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4046 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE BALLOT BOXES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DAY OF EARLY VOTING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4047 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, M. M. Smith, Davis and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK AND BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT CERTAIN GOLF COURSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4048 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 32-8-320 AND 32-8-325, BOTH RELATING TO CREMATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A NOTICE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO CREMATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4049 -- Reps. White, Guffey, Williams, Wooten, Kilmartin, Atkinson, Lawson, Frank, Chapman, J. L. Johnson, Gibson, Yow, Bradley and Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURERS MAY NOT REQUIRE INSUREDS TO USE CERTAIN FACILITIES TO REPAIR OR REPLACE DAMAGED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4050 -- Reps. Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Bustos, Hartnett and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz

Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to legislative business in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Dawn Bingham of Irmo was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Clarendon Hall "Saints" AA SCISA Championship Varsity Softball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MITCHELL presented to the House the North Central High School "Knights" AA Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	ERICKSON, HAGER, BALLENTINE, CALHOON, LIGON, HOLMAN, MOSS, BURNS, GILREATH, GILLIAM, RANKIN, VAUGHAN and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	J. L. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3259
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN, B. L. COX and LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3263
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3264
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3564
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3578
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3582
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3728
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	COBB-HUNTER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3868
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3907
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	DUNCAN and SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4044
Date:	ADD:
02/19/25	LOWE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3431
Date:	REMOVE:
02/19/25	OREMUS and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	REMOVE:
02/19/25	GATCH, MURPHY, KING, MCDANIEL, COBB-HUNTER and ROBBINS

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Weeks, Hart, Williams, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow, Mitchell, Hart, Williams, Luck, Gagnon and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3430--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3563--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3563. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Lee Gilreath

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3563. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Paul Wickensimer

H. 3564--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3431--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Hartz, Calhoon, M. M. Smith and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Reps. BAMBERG, CROMER, GILREATH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, MORGAN, KING, HART, GILLIARD, RIVERS and WHITE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3843--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE

STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO

CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS

1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX

EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, February 20, which was agreed to.

H. 3431--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Hartz, Calhoon, M. M. Smith and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 39-5-900, by adding a subsection to read:

(5) "Online service" has the same meaning as defined in Section 39-80-10(6).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-900(7)(b)(xx)(D) and inserting:

(D) providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider's content; or

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) prohibit the display of any ~~advertising in the account based on the South Carolina minor account holder's personal information, except age and location~~ "targeted advertising" as defined in Section 39-

80-10(19);

(3) prohibit the collection or use of ~~personal information~~ "personal data" as defined in Section 39-80-10(11) or "sensitive personal data" as defined in Section 39-80-10(18) from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the account other than information beyond what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(4)(d) and inserting:

(d) displays visual depictions of sexual conduct as that term is defined in ~~S.C. Code Ann.~~ Section 16-15-305(C)(1); and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by adding:

Section 39-5-935. (A) Beginning March 1, 2026, for a South Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to detect and ensure that a minor account holder cannot bypass the applicable age requirement and parental consent or supervision provisions of this chapter through technological means including, but not limited to, the use of virtual private networks (VPNs), proxy servers, or other similar technologies designed to obscure an account holder's identity or location.

(B) Nothing in this section requires a social media company to take any action that would violate existing federal or state privacy laws or violate other provisions of this chapter's policies on minors' data collection.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-950 and inserting:

Section 39-5-950. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section ~~39-5-890~~39-5-970, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this chapter.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Title 39 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 80

Age-Appropriate Code Design

Section 39-80-10. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Compulsive usage" means the persistent and repetitive use of a covered online service that substantially limits one or more of a user's major life activities including, but not limited to, sleeping eating, learning, reading, concentrating, communicating, or working.

(2) "Connected account" means an account on a covered online

service that is directly connected to:

(a) the user's account; or

(b) an account that is directly connected to the user's account.

(3) "Covered design feature" means any feature or component of a covered online service that will encourage or increase a minor's frequency, time-spent, or activity on a covered online service including, but not limited to:

(a) infinite scroll or any design feature that automatically loads and displays content other

than what the user prompted, requested, or searched for:

(b) auto-playing videos or any design feature in which videos automatically begin playing when a user navigates to or scrolls through a set of videos;

(c) gamification or any design feature that emulates gameplay including, but not limited to, streaks, badges, or rewards, that motivate or cause more frequent or more extensive use of a covered online service;

(d) quantification of engagement including, but not limited to, providing a visible count of how many likes, comments, clicks, views, or reactions any user-generated item has received;

(e) notifications and push alerts;

(f) in-game purchases or any design feature in which digital items or tokens are purchased with virtual currency or other forms of payment, including where the purchased digital item can be shared with another user; or

(g) appearance-altering filters.

(4)(a) "Covered online service" means:

(i) a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, corporation, association, or other legal entity that owns, operates, controls, or provides an online service that conducts business in this State, is reasonably likely to be accessed by minors, determines the purposes and means of the processing of consumer's personal data alone, or jointly with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent company and either;

(A) has annual gross revenues in excess of twenty-five million dollars, adjusted every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index;

(B) annually buys, receives, sells, or shares the personal data of fifty thousand or more consumers, households, or devices alone or in combination with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent company; or

(C) derives at least fifty percent of its annual revenue

from the sale or sharing of consumers' personal data; and

(b) "Covered online services" include:

(i) an entity that controls or is controlled by a business that shares a name, service mark, or trademark that would cause a reasonable consumer to understand that two or more entities are commonly owned; and

(ii) a joint venture or partnership composed of businesses in which each business has at least a forty percent interest in the joint venture or partnership.

(5) "Dark pattern" means a user interface designed or manipulated with the substantial effect of subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision making, or choice.

(6)(a) "Expressed preferences" means a freely given, considered, specific, and unambiguous indication of a user's preferences regarding the user's engagement with a covered online service.

(b) Expressed preferences cannot be based on the user's time spent engaging on the covered online service, nor on the usage of features that do not indicate explicit preference, such as comments made, posts reshared, or similar actions that are commonly taken on disliked media.

(7) "Known to be a minor" means the covered online service has actual knowledge that a particular consumer is a minor. For purposes of this act, actual knowledge includes all information and inferences known to the covered online service relating to the age of the individual including, but not limited to, self-identified age, and including any age the covered online service has attributed or associated with the individual for any purpose including, but not limited to, marketing, advertising, or product development purposes.

(8) "Minor" means a consumer who is less than eighteen years of age.

(9) "Online service" means any service, product, or feature that is accessible to the public on the internet including, but not limited to, a website or application. An online service may include any service, product, or feature that is based in part or in whole on artificial intelligence. "Online service" does not mean any of the following:

(a) a telecommunications service, as defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 153;

(b) a broadband internet access service as defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 54.400; or

(c) the sale, delivery, or use of a physical product.

(10) "Parent" has the same meaning as defined in the Children's

Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6506 and the Federal Trade Commission rules implementing that act.

(11)(a) "Personal data" means any information, including derived data and unique identifiers, that is linked or reasonably linkable, alone or in combination with other information, to an identified or identifiable individual or to a device that identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably linkable to one or more

identified or identifiable individuals in a household.

(b) Personal data does not include publicly available data.

(12) "Personalized recommendation system" means a fully or partially automated system used to suggest, promote, or rank content, including other users, hashtags, or material from others based on the personal data of users.

(13)(a) "Precise geolocation information" means any data that identifies a user's present or past location within a radius of one thousand one hundred eighty feet, the present or past location of a device that links or is linkable to a user, or any data that is derived from a device that is used or intended to be used to locate a user within a radius of one thousand one hundred eighty feet by means of technology that includes a global positioning system that provides latitude and longitude coordinates.

(b) "Precise geolocation information" does not include the content of communications or any data generated or connected to advanced utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility.

(14) "Process" means the performance of an operation, or a set of operations, by manual or automated means on personal data including, but not limited to, collecting, using, storing, disclosing, analyzing, deleting, sharing, or modifying personal data.

(15) "Profile" means any form of automated processing of personal data to evaluate, analyze, or predict certain aspects relating to a user including, but not limited to, a user's economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location, or movements.

(16)(a) "Publicly available data" means data that is lawfully made available from federal, state, or local government records, or data that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public by the individual or from widely distributed media; or data made available by a person to whom the individual has disclosed the data if the individual has not restricted the data to a specific audience.

(b) "Publicly available data" does not mean biometric data collected by a covered online service about a minor without the minor's knowledge.

(17)(a) "Reasonably likely to be accessed by a minor" means it is reasonable to expect that the covered online service would be accessed by an individual minor or by minors based on the covered online service meeting either of the following criteria:

(i) the individual is known to the covered online service to be a minor as defined in Section 39-80-10(7); or

(ii) the covered online service is directed to children as defined by the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6506 and the Federal Trade Commission rules implementing that act.

(b) Where subitem (a)(i) is met, the covered online service must treat the particular individual as a minor. Where subitem (a)(ii) is met, the covered online service must treat all individuals using or visiting the covered online service as minors, except where the covered online service has actual knowledge that the individual is not a minor.

(18) "Sensitive personal data" means personal data that reveals:

(a) an individual's social security number, driver's license, state identification card, or passport number;

(b) an individual's account log-in, financial account, debit card, or credit card number in combination with any required security or access code, password, or credentials allowing access to an account;

(c) an individual's precise geolocation information;

(d) an individual's racial or ethnic origin, citizenship or immigration status, religious or philosophical beliefs, or union membership;

(e) the contents of an individual's mail, email, text messages, or other forms of communications that perform similar functions, including shared images and videos, unless the business is the intended recipient of the communication;

(f) an individual's genetic data;

(g) biometric data for the purpose of uniquely identifying an individual; or

(h) personal data concerning an individual's health.

(19)(a) "Targeted advertising" means displaying advertisements to an individual where the advertisement is selected based on personal data obtained or inferred from that individual's activities over time and across nonaffiliated websites or online applications to predict the individual's preferences or interest.

(b) "Targeted advertising" does not include:

(i) advertisements based on activities within a covered online service's own internet websites or online applications;

(ii) advertisements based on the context of an individual's current search query, visit to an internet website, or use of an online application;

(iii) advertisements directed to an individual in response to the individual's request for information or feedback; or

(iv) processing personal data solely to measure or report advertising frequency, performance, or reach.

(20) "User" means with respect to a covered online service an individual who uses the covered online service and who is located in South Carolina.

Section 39-80-20. (A) A covered online service shall exercise reasonable care in the use of a minor's personal data and the design and operation of the covered online service including, but not limited to, covered design features, to prevent the following harm to minors:

(1) compulsive usage of the covered online service;

(2) severe psychological harm including, but not limited to, anxiety, depression, self-harm or suicidal ideations;

(3) severe emotional distress;

(4) highly offensive intrusions on the minor's reasonable privacy expectations;

(5) identity theft;

(6) discrimination against the minor on the basis of race, ethnicity, sex, disability, or national origin; and

(7) material financial or physical injury.

(B) "Harm" defined in this section is limited to those for which liability is permitted under 47 U.S.C Section 230, including as that provision is amended or repealed in the future.

(C) Nothing in this section may be construed to require a covered online service to prevent or preclude any user from deliberately and independently searching for or specifically requesting content, or accessing resources and information regarding the prevention or mitigation of the harm described in this section.

(D) The provisions contained in this chapter do not apply to:

(1) a federal, state, tribal, or local government entity in the ordinary course of its operations;

(2) personal data that is controlled by a covered online service that is:

(a) required to comply with:

(i) Title V of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act;

(ii) the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act; or

(iii) regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 264(C) of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996;

(b) in compliance with the information security requirements of the statutes or regulations identified in subitem (a).

(3) information including, but not limited to, personal data collected as part of a clinical trial subject to the federal policy for the protection of human subjects pursuant to human subject protection requirements of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

(4) The requirements of this chapter are in addition to and may not limit or restrict in any way the application of other laws including, but not limited to, statutes, regulations, and common law of South Carolina. In the event of a conflict between this chapter and one or more other laws, the law that affords the greatest protection to minors shall control.

Section 39-80-30. (A) A covered online service must provide a user or visitor to the service with easily accessible and easy to use tools to:

(1) disable design features including, but not limited to, all covered design features, that are not necessary to provide the covered online service by allowing users to opt-out of the use of all such design features or any combination of such design features;

(2) limit the amount of time the user spends on the covered online service;

(3) limits, at the level of the user's choosing, the financial value of purchases and transactions on the covered online service if such purchases and transactions have not been disabled;

(4) block, disable, and render nonvisible messaging, requests, reactions, likes, comments, or other contact from account holders that are not already among the minor's existing connected accounts;

(5) restrict the visibility of the minor's account and information posted by the minor to only users with connected accounts;

(6) block, disable, and render nonvisible quantification of engagement including, but not limited to, providing a visible count of how many likes, comments, clicks, views, or reactions regarding any item generated by the user;

(7) disable search engine indexing of a user's account profile such that the account only shows within searches initiated by a user with a connected account;

(8) prohibit any other individual from viewing the user's connections to other users, regardless of the nature of the connection; and

(9) restrict the visibility of the user's location information to only those with whom the user specifically shares such information and provide notice when the minor's precise geolocation information is being tracked or shared.

(B) A covered online service must provide to a user the option to opt-out of personalized recommendation systems, except for optimizations based on the user's expressed preferences. A covered online service must establish this option as a default setting for any individual the covered online service knows to be a minor.

(C) A covered online service must establish, implement, and maintain as default settings for any individual the covered online service knows to be a minor the safeguards described in subsection (A).

Section 39-80-40. (A) Covered online services shall only collect, use, or share the minimum amount of a minor's personal data necessary to provide the specific elements of the covered online service with which a minor has knowingly engaged. Such personal data may not be used for reasons other than those for which it was collected. Minors' personal data collected for age verification or estimation cannot be used for other purposes and must be deleted after use.

(B) A covered online service shall only retain a minor's personal data as long as necessary to provide the specific elements of an online service with which a minor has knowingly engaged.

(C) Covered online services may not facilitate targeted advertising to minors.

(D) Precise geolocation information of minors cannot be collected by default unless necessary to the provision of the covered online service. An obvious notice to the minor must be provided when precise geolocation information is being collected or used.

(E) A covered online service must provide users with accessible and easy to use tools to prevent notifications and push alerts to an individual during specified times. To comply with this requirement, a covered online service must offer the user the option to prevent notifications and push alerts to an individual the covered online service knows is a minor between the hours of ten p.m. and six a.m. seven days a week year round and between the months of August and May between the hours of eight a.m. and three p.m. Monday through Friday in the minor's local time zone.

(F) A covered online service shall not profile an individual the

covered online service knows is a minor, unless profiling is necessary to providing the covered online service with which a minor has knowingly requested and is limited to only the aspects of the covered online service with which a minor is actively and knowingly engaged.

(G) Settings for the protections required under this section must be set at the highest level of protection by default.

(H) If a covered online service allows parental monitoring or is required to provide parental monitoring by law, then it must provide obvious notice to the minor when they are being monitored.

Section 39-80-50. (A) Covered online services must provide parents with accessible and easy-to-use tools to help parents protect and support minors using the covered online services and these shall be on by default for any individual the covered online service knows to be a minor.

(B) The parental tools provided by the covered online services shall provide to the parents the ability to:

(1) manage the minor's account settings and change and control the minor's privacy and account settings; and

(2) restrict a minor's purchases and other financial transactions.

(C) Among the parental tools provided by covered online services shall be one to enable parents to view the total time spent on a covered online service by a user the covered online service knows is a minor and allow the parent to place limits on the minor's use of the covered online service. The parental tools provided by covered online services must also offer parents the ability to restrict a minor's use of the covered online service during times of day specified by the parents, including during school hours and at night.

(D) Covered online services must notify a minor when any of the tools described in this section are in effect and what settings have been applied.

Section 39-80-60. (A) Covered online services shall establish mechanisms for parents, minors, and schools to report harm to minors on covered online services, especially those harms that pose an imminent threat to a minor.

(B) Covered online services are prohibited from facilitating ads directed to minors for products prohibited for minors including, but not limited to, narcotic drugs, tobacco products, gambling, and alcohol to users the covered online services know are minors.

(C) Covered online services are prohibited from using dark patterns. Use of dark pattern shall constitute a deceptive and unfair practice.

(1) Use of dark patterns by a covered online service shall

constitute an unlawful trade practice under Section 39-5-20 of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act.

(2) A covered online service that violates the provisions of this section are subject to the provisions, penalties, and damages of the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act.

(D) Each covered online service that utilizes personalized recommendation systems is required to describe in its terms and conditions, in a clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand manner, how the systems are used to provide information to minors and information regarding how minors or their parents can opt-out of or control the systems.

(E) Covered online services are required to provide comprehensive, clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand information in a prominent location describing the design safety for minors, the privacy protections for minors, and the parental tools that the covered online service has adopted pursuant to this chapter. Such disclosure must also include a clear, conspicuous, and easy to understand explanation of how minors and parents may utilize those design safety measures, privacy protections, and tools.

Section 39-80-70. (A) Annually, on or before July first, the covered online service must issue a public report prepared by an independent third-party auditor that contains a detailed description of the covered online service as it pertains to minors, including its covered design features, its use of personal data, and its business practices as they pertain to minors. The public report must be submitted to the Attorney General who shall post it in a prominent place on his internet website. Each report must include:

(1) the purpose of the covered online service;

(2) the extent to which the covered online service is likely to be accessed by minors;

(3) an accounting of the total number and types of reports generated pursuant to Section 39-80-60(A) and assessment of how those reports were handled, if known;

(4) whether, how, and for what purpose the covered online services collects or processes minors' personal data and sensitive personal data;

(5) the design safety for minors, the privacy protections for minors, and the parental tools that the covered online entity has adopted;

(6) whether and how the covered online service uses covered designed features;

(7) the covered online service's process for handling data access,

deletion, and correction requests for a minor's data;

(8) age verification or estimation methods used; and

(9) description of algorithms used by the covered online service.

(B) Independent auditors that prepare reports required under this section are required to follow inspection and consultation practices designed to ensure that reports are comprehensive and accurate, and that the reports are prepared in consultation with experts on minors' use of covered online services.

(C) Covered online services are required to provide independent auditors that prepare reports required under this section full and complete cooperation and access to information and operations required to ensure that the report is comprehensive and accurate.

Section 39-80-80. (A) The Attorney General shall enforce the provisions contained in this chapter.

(B) A covered online service shall be liable for treble the financial damages incurred as a result of a violation of this chapter.

(C) The officers and employees of a covered online service may be held personally liable for wilful and wonton violations of this chapter.

SECTION X. The requirements of this act are in addition to and shall not limit or restrict in any way the application of other laws including, but not limited to, statutes, regulations, and common law of this State. In the event of a conflict between this act and one or more other laws, the law that affords the greatest protection to minors shall control.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.
Rep. HUFF spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 53 to 32.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-980 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. B. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.
Rep. T. MOORE spoke against the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. T. MOORE continued speaking.
Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 91; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	McCabe	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.SA0007H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking the first undesignated paragraph and inserting:

~~South Carolina Social Media Regulation~~Age-Appropriate Platforms for Minors

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(2) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(5) and (5) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-900(8), (9), (10), and (11) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-910(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) Beginning March 1, 2026, a social media company shall develop at least one platform specifically designed for minors that only contains content that is curated to be age appropriate. These platforms must include all safety and privacy safeguards that are required by this article. A minor must have expressed consent from a parent or guardian as provided for in subsection (B) in order to access these platforms.

~~Beginning March 1, 2026, a~~ (2) A social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of South Carolina account holders who are minors or are the parents or guardians of a minor with permission to use the social media platform with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the information management practices of the social media company or apply the accommodations afforded to minors pursuant to this ~~chapter~~ article to all account holders.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-910(C) and inserting:

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on ~~a~~ an age appropriate social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account pursuant to any other provision of state or federal law.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-920(1) and inserting:

(1) prohibit adults from direct messaging a South Carolina minor account holder ~~unless the minor is already connected to the adult on the service~~ on an age-appropriate social media platform;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 39-5-920(4) and (5) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Sections 39-5-930 and 39-5-935 and inserting:

Section 39-5-930. ~~Beginning March 1, 2026, a~~A social media company shall provide a parent or guardian who has given parental consent for a South Carolina minor account holder as provided in this ~~chapter~~ article with a means for the minor account holder or the parent or guardian to initiate account supervision. Such supervision must include the ability for the parent to view privacy settings of the minor's account, view the list of other users with whom the minor shares a social or virtual connection within the system, set daily time limits for the service, schedule breaks, and offer the minor the option to set up parental notifications when the minor reports a person or issue.

~~Section 39-5-935. (A) Beginning March 1, 2026, for a South~~

~~Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to detect and ensure that a minor account holder cannot bypass the applicable age requirement and parental consent or supervision provisions of this chapter through technological means including, but not limited to, the use of virtual private networks (VPNs), proxy servers, or other similar technologies designed to obscure an account holder's identity or location.~~

~~(B) Nothing in this section requires a social media company to take any action that would violate existing federal or state privacy laws or violate other provisions of this chapter's policies on minors' data collection.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-940(A) and inserting:

(A) The Office of Attorney General may receive complaints alleging a violation of this ~~chapter~~article.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-950 and inserting:

Section 39-5-950. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section 39-5-970, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this ~~chapter~~article.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-970(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning March 1, 2026, a person may bring an action against a person that does not comply with a requirement of this ~~chapter~~article.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 2.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 72; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Govan	Guest
Hager	Hartz	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Yow

Total--72

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Beach
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Frank	Garvin	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Luck	McDaniel	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rutherford
Weeks	White	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to table Amendment No. 3 t\
o H. 3431. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the tabling motion.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ATKINSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.VR0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-980(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) By March 1, 2026, the Department of Education shall develop model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by educational experts~~, child psychologists,~~ and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection must include one or more model programs for students in grades six through twelve which include instruction regarding the negative effects of social media on the mental health of users including addiction; the ability of social media to manipulate and influence thoughts and behaviors; the permanency and risks of sharing materials online; ways to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the internet and social media; and ways to report suspicious behavior encountered on the internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in

internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3431 (LC-3431.VR0002H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-980 and inserting:

Section 39-5-980. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "LEA" means a local education agency, to include the sponsor of a public charter school pursuant to Section 59-40-40, and the:

(a) Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities;

(b) Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe;

(c) Special School of Science and Mathematics, also referred to as the Governor's School for
Science and Mathematics;

(d) Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School; and

(e) South Carolina School for the Deaf and the Blind.

(2) "Parent" means the biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, person with legal custody or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a student, excluding an individual whose parental relationship to the child has been legally terminated.

(B)(1) The following prohibited concepts may not be included or promoted in a course of instruction, curriculum, assignment, instructional program, instructional material (including primary or supplemental materials, whether in print, digital, or online), surveys or questionnaires, presentations, performances, school policies and protocols or professional educator development or training, nor may a

student, employee, or volunteer be compelled to affirm, accept, adopt, or adhere to such prohibited concepts:

(a) members of one race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior to members

of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin;

(b) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the

individual, inherently is privileged, racist, sexist, contributive to any oppression or oppressive,

whether consciously or subconsciously;

(c) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse or favorable treatment because of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(d) the moral character of an individual is determined by the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(e) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin;

(f) meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic:

(i) are racist, sexist, belong to the principles of one religion; or

(ii) were created by members of a particular race, sex, or religion to oppress members of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin or religion; and

(g) fault, blame, or bias should be assigned to members of a race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin because of their race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin.

(2) All materials made available to students including, but not limited to, primary and supplemental instructional accessible, must be age appropriate, grade appropriate, or appropriate to the academic grade level of the student.

(3) A student, administrator, teacher, staff member, other school or district employee, or volunteer may not be required to engage in any gender or sexual diversity training or counseling unless it is prescribed as part of a corrective action plan pursuant to Section 59-29-630.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits concepts as part of a course of instruction, in a curriculum or instructional program, or through the use of supplemental instructional materials if these concepts involve:

(a) the history of an ethnic group, as described in the South Carolina State Standards and instructional materials adopted pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Regulations;

(b) the fact-based discussion of controversial aspects of history or current events;

(c) the fact-based instruction on the historical oppression of a particular group of people based on race, sex, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, or geographic region;

(d) the fact-based and historically accurate discussion of the history of slavery; or

(e) the fact-based and historically accurate discussion of Reconstruction, the Jim Crow era, and segregation with an emphasis on lynchings and other crimes committed based upon the race of the victim.

(5) The department shall create and make accessible model lesson plans for LEAs to utilize in all grades and subject areas.

(6) Nothing in this section prohibits an LEA from taking disciplinary action or corrective action for prohibited conduct as prescribed by state law, the department of education, or local school board.

(C) The department shall create a complaint form, which LEAs shall prominently post on their website, for use when an individual files a complaint alleging violations of Section 59-29-620. At a minimum, the department must ensure the complaint form includes:

(1) the name and contact information of the complainant;

(2) the name of the school in which the alleged violation took place;

(3) a brief description of the prohibited concept at issue and the context in which it was

allegedly included or promoted that is in violation of Section 59-29-620;

(4) a brief statement on why the concept at issue is a prohibited concept;

(5) the name of the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept;

(6) the name of the individual who may have knowledge of the allegations;

(7) a list of documentation or materials supporting the complainant's allegations, including copies of such documentation where possible;

(8) the approximate date on which the prohibited concept was included or promoted;

(9) location, either physical or virtual, of the printed or electronically available material; and

(10) a statement by the complainant verifying that he has made a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept and resolve the matter as required in Section 59-29-640(B)(3), including the date and time of the communication, the mode of communication, copies of any communications available, and a summary of the outcome of the communications and resolution efforts

(D)(1) Each LEA shall:

(a) provide a statement on its website announcing the rights of parents to review all curriculum;

(b) provide annual notice of Section 59-29-620 to staff, students, and parents;

(c) ensure compliance with the provisions of this article by investigating suspected violations and complaints filed pursuant to this article;

(d) prohibit retaliation for filing a complaint or participating in an investigation;

(e) obtain written consent from a parent prior to the participation of a minor student in the investigative process, including consent for the minor to be interviewed;

(f) provide instructions to complainant or individual alleged to have violated for filing an appeal of the LEA determination with the department in a written determination to an eligible complainant; and

(g) before July 1, 2027, and each year thereafter, provide a report to the department containing a summary of the:

(i) number of complaints filed with a description of the nature of each complaint;

(ii) number of complaints closed;

(iii) number of complaints pending;

(iv) number of resolution agreements successfully executed;

(v) number of complaints substantiated; and

(vi) number of complaints not substantiated.

(2) Before the 2031-2032 School Year, an LEA shall compile and provide records of items (1)(a) through (f) that encompass the previous five school years in the annual report required in item (1)(g). The department shall provide a report summarizing the information of each district to the General Assembly before July 1, 2027, and each year thereafter.

(3) Before the 2026-2027 School Year, the department shall create, and each LEA shall adopt, a policy for procedures used to report and

investigate an alleged violation of Section 59-29-620 with the LEA, which must include:

(a) instructions detailing how to file a complaint alleging a violation of Section 59-29-620 with the LEA;

(b) a requirement that the complainant be:

(i) a current student of the LEA in which the allegation arose;

(ii) the parent of a current student of the LEA in which the allegation arose; or

(iii) an employee or volunteer of the LEA in which the allegation arose;

(c) a requirement that the complainant must have undertaken a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept to discuss the complainant's concerns and attempt to resolve the matter; and

(d) the following timelines for the investigation by an LEA:

(i) complaint must be received within one year of the alleged violation;

(ii) response must be provided within thirty business days; and

(iii) decision must be rendered within thirty business days of the response being provided.

(4) An LEA shall work collaboratively with parents, teachers, and other employees to resolve concerns and complaints. Within seven calendar days of receiving a complaint, the LEA must provide a redacted copy of the complaint to the principal of the school where the individual is alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept. Upon receipt, the principal shall provide a copy of the redacted complaint to the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept. At any point after a complaint is filed but before the LEA has issued a final written determination, the parties may reach an early resolution of an allegation through a resolution agreement, which shall include any agreed upon terms of the early resolution. Once a complaint is submitted, it must be confidential and not accessible to the public until a decision has been rendered and administrative procedures provided in this article have been exhausted. An LEA is not required to complete its investigation or issue a final written determination once it has entered a resolution agreement with the complainant.

(5) The complainant or individual alleged to have violated Section 59-29-620 may file an appeal of the final written determination of an LEA with the State Board within fifteen calendar days after receiving the final written determination.

(6) Within ten calendar days after the appeal is filed with the State Board, it shall send written notification acknowledging receipt to all parties involved.

(7) The LEA may not take disciplinary or licensure action against an educator for a violation of Section 59-29-620 before the State Board sends a final written determination letter to all parties involved.

(8) As part of an investigation, the State Board may:

(a) request an investigative file from the LEA;

(b) interview a complainant, the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept, or another individual considered necessary by the State Board; and

(c) request any new or additional relevant physical or electronic evidence from the LEA or any witness.

(9) Within forty calendar days after receiving an appeal, the State Board shall determine whether:

(a) allegations in the original complaint are substantiated; and

(b) the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620. An LEA must be deemed to have knowingly violated Section 59-29-620 if the LEA:

(i) received a complaint alleging and became aware that a prohibited concept was included or promoted in a course of instruction, curriculum, instructional program, or supplemental instructional materials but failed to initiate an investigation or remedy a violation;

(ii) initiated an investigation but failed to make a timely determination about whether an allegation was substantiated; or

(iii) determined that the allegation was substantiated but failed to remedy the violation.

(10) The State Board shall issue a written determination letter to the complainant, the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept, and the LEA from which the allegation arose. This determination letter is subject to any Federal or State law that relates to the privacy of student information.

(11) Pending the issuance of a final order by the State Board in a proceeding pursuant to this section, no preliminary information gathered by the department concerning misconduct reasonably believed to constitute grounds for disciplinary action, including the name and certificate number of the certified educator, may be disclosed.

(12) If the State Board determines that the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620, the:

(a) The LEA shall immediately take a corrective action plan that:

(i) identifies specific acts or steps the LEA will take to resolve the noncompliance;

(ii) specifies deadlines for the completion of the required acts or steps; and

(iii) specifies dates for submission of reports and documentation to the State Board verifying implementation; and

(iv) meets the requirements of subsection(C).

(b) The State Board shall:

(i) monitor the corrective action plan to ensure the LEA complies with the terms of the plan;

(ii) provide written notice to the LEA of any deficiencies in implementation and request immediate and appropriate action to address those deficiencies;

(iii) require additions to the corrective action plan to address the failure of the LEA to fully implement commitments in the original plan when necessary; and

(iv) conclude the monitoring of the corrective action plan when the State Board determine

that the LEA fully has implemented the terms of the plan by providing written notification to the LEA.

(13) If the State Board determines the LEA knowingly violated Section 59-29-620 or the LEA fails to adhere to the corrective action plans, the department may withhold up to five percent of a LEA's funds appropriated as part of the State Aid Classrooms, and the State Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke the educator certificate of the responsible LEA staff pursuant to Section 59-25-160.

(14) A parent must not be subject to retaliation or sanctions from the LEAs, the State Board of Education, and employees thereof for filing a complaint or appeal as outlined in this article.

(15) Nothing in any determination letter, final order, or any portion of a corrective action plan issued by the State Board shall be considered binding for purposes of any other investigation of a complaint or appeal filed with the State Board or any other resolution process conducted by the State Board, shall be considered binding on any other school district, and shall only apply to the underlying complaint

(E)(1) Beginning with the 2026-2027 School Year, and each school year thereafter, each LEA prominently shall post information regarding their chosen curriculum and instructional materials on the school district website. The information must indicate the materials used by school, grade or course, and subject matter, and must include:

(a) a listing of the approved textbooks by title and including author, brief summary and date of
copyright for every course offered in the district;

(b) a link to statewide academic standards;

(c) relevant district policies concerning curriculum development and academic transparency; and

(d) a process for which parents may review in person, at the school of their child's attendance and
contest instructional materials and library and media center materials being used.

(2) At the start of each school year, an LEA shall communicate to parents how they may access the information and materials required in subsection (A).

(3) A school shall ensure that every course offered provides students and parents with a course syllabus that includes:

(a) an overview of instructional topics;

(b) classroom expectations;

(c) grading procedures;

(d) a list of primary textbooks and instructional materials;

(e) teacher contact information;

(f) information on accessing the course learning management system;

(h) the link to state standards, if available.

(4) Course syllabi must be distributed to students and families within the first five days of class and should remain accessible to families online throughout the school year.

(F)(1) The State Superintendent of Education shall plan for a thirty day public review of materials recommended by the instructional materials review panels before taking those recommendations to the State Board of Education. The public review sites must be geographically distributed around the State at as many state-supported colleges and universities or, if necessary, other designated sites that agree to host the reviews. Public review sites must be advertised in each congressional district in the newspaper with the largest circulation figures for that district, on the website of the department, and on social media sites used by the department. All recommended materials shall be made available for review at each location and the public shall be given access during the review period without unreasonable restrictions or conditions.

(2) The State Board shall hold a public hearing before adopting any textbook or instructional material for use in the schools of this State.

(G) A school may not use, make available, or promote any curricula, presentations, performances, assignments, questionnaires, surveys or materials in any format, including making access available through school or class libraries, clubs, book fairs, book or media catalogs, or technology which contains an application, link, or other access to pornographic or other prohibited materials. A school district that receives or distributes such materials must receive disciplinary action as stated in the complaint process. Pornographic materials are those meeting the definitions provided in Section 16-15-375(1).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was not germane to H. 3431.

Rep. MAGNUSON argued contra.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE stated the bill concerned social media, limitations on social media, and the use of social media by children under the age of 18. He stated that Amendment No. 5 related to school programs and banning the inclusion of diversity, equity, and inclusion education and critical race theory in schools. He stated the amendment went beyond the scope of the bill and was not germane. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Beach
Bowers	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	King	Magnuson
Morgan	Pace	Reese
Rutherford	Terribile	

Total--17

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4051 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PEGGY HILL OF ANDERSON, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4052 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACE PALMER OF NEWBERRY FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY INTELLIGENCE AND LOVE OF LEARNING WHICH HAVE GIVEN HIM MEMBERSHIP IN MENSA AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS ACADEMIC PURSUITS AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4053 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND FRANK REED OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS

SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4054 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4055 -- Reps. Bannister, Mitchell, Murphy, Robbins and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS DEFINITIONS, SO AS

TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2025, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4056 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-840, RELATING TO AGE EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE FOR EXEMPTION FROM SIXTY-FIVE YEARS TO SEVENTY YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4057 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 58 ENTITLED "UTILITY FACILITIES CROSSING OR PARALLELING RAILROADS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH APPLICABILITY OF THE ACT; TO REQUIRE A UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE STANDARDIZED FEES; TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE A DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4058 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4059 -- Reps. Bauer, Hosey, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Stavrinakis, Dillard, Wetmore, King, Spann-Wilder, Jones, Rivers, Gilliard, Anderson, Kirby, Luck, Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Grant and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FREEDOM TO READ PROTECTIONS AND RESPECT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AUTONOMY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-55 SO AS TO

DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO AFFIRM CERTAIN RIGHTS CONCERNING STUDENT ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE READING MATERIAL, TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS TO AUTONOMOUSLY MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS ABOUT CURATING AND MAINTAINING MATERIALS IN THEIR SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER COLLECTIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAL CHALLENGES TO SUCH MATERIALS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RIGHTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS WHEN PERFORMING RELATED PROFESSIONAL DUTIES IN GOOD FAITH.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4060 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT FORTY-TWO AND THREE QUARTERS PERCENT OF THE NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4061 -- Reps. Frank, Edgerton, Gilreath, M. M. Smith, Huff, Teeple, Cobb-Hunter, Wickensimer, Hartz, Gagnon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SNAP NUTRITION INTEGRITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL WAIVER TO ALLOW THE STATE TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE OF CANDY AND SOFT DRINKS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RELATED TO APPLICATION FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAIVER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams,

Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING

TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4021 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TRAVIS E. OVERTON FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FAMILY IN SUPPORT OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS SUDDEN PASSING.

H. 4022 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE W. PAUL PRINCE FOR HIS SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LORIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND FIRST RESPONDER AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF HORRY COUNTY.

H. 4023 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHORTY'S GRILL FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AS A CULINARY INSTITUTION IN LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:53 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MURPHY, adjourned in memory of Jared Devin Rose, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 20, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 119:125: “I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your decrees.”

Let us pray. Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them; the unfolding of Your words gives light, it gives understanding. Direct our steps according to Your word. Let no sin rule over me. We give thanks and praise that You will give Your blessings to these Representatives and Staff as we begin a new day. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bestow Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Remember our Armed Forces and their hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. SESSIONS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Richard "Dickie" Moorhead, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. WILLIAMS

Rep. WILLIAMS made a statement relative to the contributions and legacy of the legendary musician, Louis Armstrong.

APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

7th Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
State House, First Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
401 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia SC 29201

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
213 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

February 19, 2025

RE: Approval of Mr. Henry Edsel Hemingway Jr., 7th District DOT Commission

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et. seq., members of the General Assembly representing the 7th Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted and members of the Senate and House of Representatives met jointly.

As Senior Member of the 7th District Delegation, I certify that Mr. Henry Edsel Hemingway Jr. received a majority of the weighted vote of only the senators in the delegation and a majority of the weighted vote of only the members of the House of Representatives in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

Mr. Henry Edsel "Sel" Hemingway Jr.
485 Hemingway Lane
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440-4150
S.C. Department of Transportation Commission
Selhem21@gmail.com
843-527-9110

7th Congressional District
Term Commencing: February 15, 2025
Term Expiring: February 15, 2029
Vice: Tony Cox

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Luke Rankin
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4062 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY PATRIOTS ON NETTING THE 2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4063 -- Reps. Murphy, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Robbins and Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DALE NEVINS, INSPECTOR WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND UNWAVERING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4064 -- Reps. Duncan, Whitmire, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4065 -- Reps. Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHRIS WHITE, SENECA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD TRACK AND FIELD COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 NATIONAL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Without Reference

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Without Reference

H. 4066 -- Reps. Harris, White, Magnuson, Gilreath, Morgan and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASONS FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OPEN SEASON IN GAME ZONES 1 AND 2 FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND FIREARMS IS OCTOBER 11 THROUGH JANUARY 15.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4067 -- Reps. Davis and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

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

H. 4068 -- Reps. Calhoon and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-285 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO THE SUSPENSION OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF, TO REQUIRE EFFORTS TOWARD MAINTAINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELEVANT DATA COLLECTION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4069 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO

AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total Present--111

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to legislative business in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARDEE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FRANK a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Ada Stewart of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Highlanders" 4-A SCISA Competitive Cheer Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Lady Highlanders" 4-A SCISA Cross Country Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GRANT presented to the House the Cardinal Newman "Cardinals" 2024 SCISA 4-A Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HERBKERSMAN presented to the House the May River High School "Lady Sharks" AAAA Girls Golf State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	HADDON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3460
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	HADDON and MOSS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3563
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3571
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	J. L. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3831
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3852
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3859
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	PEDALINO and MCCABE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3947
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	PEDALINO, MCCABE and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3949
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4044
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	GILLIAM and HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4050
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4055
Date:	ADD:
02/20/25	LAWSON, BREWER, HARTNETT, B. L. COX, SESSIONS and ERICKSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4061
Date:	REMOVE:
02/20/25	COBB-HUNTER, M. M. SMITH, GAGNON and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4062
Date:	REMOVE:
02/20/25	TEEPLE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

H. 3767--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Williams and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Rep. MITCHELL moved to recommit the Bill to the Darlington Delegation, which was agreed to.

H. 3973--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4002--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4003--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD-PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BANNISTER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title

have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams, Holman and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO LESS THAN ONCE PER YEAR.

H. 3558--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD

NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. TAYLOR, POPE, LONG, MARTIN, LIGON, WHITE, MAGNUSON, HIXON, HARTZ, OREMUS, HARRIS, CROMER, B. L. COX, KIRBY, BAMBERG, HEWITT, GOVAN, WILLIAMS, HOSEY and HART requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3564--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3564 (LC-3564.VR0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-100(B)(1)(p) and inserting:

(p) Mayor of ~~Aiken~~North Augusta;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-100(E) and inserting:

(E) The ~~task force~~ council executive committee shall also act as an executive advisory committee to the secretary, ~~Governor~~, and the General Assembly on various military matters that affect this State and shall coordinate an annual meeting between the secretary, Governor, military commanders, and General Assembly members geographically representing military communities to discuss items of interest to all parties and exchange pertinent information on the current climate and challenges facing our state's military installations and their personnel.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. HIXON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3564 (LC-3564.CM0001H), which was adopted:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 25-11-100(B)(1), by adding a subitem to read:
(m) Chairperson of Edgefield County Council
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck

Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3564--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. DAVIS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3564 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3843--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800,

59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY

ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE;

BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE

ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3843 (LC-3843.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part 6, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION at the end of Part 6 to read:

SECTION X. (8.3) Chapter 7, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-7-70. All leases for antenna and tower operations within institutions of higher learning campuses must conform to master plans for such property, as determined solely by the institution of higher learning.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 16.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 27, by deleting Section 44-6-122 from the bill.

Amend the bill further, by deleting the reference to proviso number 33.14 in the lead-in to SECTION 16 to reflect the deletions made in this amendment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3843--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BANNISTER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3843 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3048--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND

BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3654--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3431--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3431 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Martin, Pedalino, McCravy, Bernstein, Guffey, Govan, T. Moore, Erickson, Bradley, Robbins, Hartz, Calhoon, M. M. Smith and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE

DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

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

Yeas 89; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Beach	Cromer
Edgerton	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	King	Magnuson
Morgan	Pace	Reese
Rutherford	Terribile	

Total--14

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

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Tuesday, February 25, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Tuesday, February 25, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4070 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan,

Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR JAMES M. HOLLOWAY SR. FOR HIS THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SALUDA SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 4071 -- Reps. Landing, Hartnett, Williams, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Wickensimer, Sessions, Teeple and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DETERMINING WHEN AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TRANSFERS MADE AMONGST RELATED DESCENDANTS TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF THE HEIRS' PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:09 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. SESSIONS, adjourned in memory of Richard "Dickie" Moorhead, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 21, 2025
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Corinthians 14:33: “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.”

Let us pray. Holy Spirit, be present in our times of need as we go about the business of the day, that we might focus on the right thing. Thank You for your selfless love which gives us life. Grant us Your blessings and response to our every need. Grant Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to keep this vineyard working for the right reason. We ask Your blessings on our Armed Forces as they keep us safe and secure. Remember our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED

PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117,

44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY

ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO

RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 25.

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Tuesday, February 25, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 25:4-5: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of our salvation; for you I wait all day long."

Let us pray. We are grateful that we sometimes have to wait for something to happen. Well, it happens here in this place where the work of the State happens. Give these Representatives and Staff the strength to make it happen. We also pray for our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. We especially pray for our Armed Forces who keep us safe and for those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. SCHUESSLER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Travis E. Overton, which was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 24, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

Pursuant to section 57-1-325 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I am transmitting herewith an appointment for referral.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Seat: 3rd Congressional District
Vice: Self

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher
129 North Main Street, #200
Anderson, South Carolina 29621-5608

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the 3rd Congressional Delegation.

COMMUNICATION

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STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Seat: 1st Congressional District
Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Johnson
1303 Kings Court

PO Box 643
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464-4438

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the 1st Congressional Delegation.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

3rd Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
State House, First Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
401 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia SC 29201

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
213 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

February 19, 2025

RE: Approval of Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 3rd District DOT Commission

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et. seq., members of the Senate representing the 3rd Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted.

As Chairman of the 3rd District Senate Delegation, I certify that Ms. Pamela L. Christopher received a majority of the weighted vote of only the senators in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher
129 North Main Street, #200
Anderson, South Carolina 29621-5608
S.C. Department of Transportation Commission
Pchristopher@andersonscchamber.com
864-226-3454
3rd Congressional District
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Vice: Self

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Alexander
Received as information.

INVITATIONS

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

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Aviation Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at the Capital Center Lobby, 1201 Main Street.

Sincerely,
Melanie Frisco
South Carolina Aviation Association

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Retail Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Palmetto Club, 1231 Sumter Street.

Sincerely,
Krista Hinson
Executive Director

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership, the Members of the House of Representative and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

Sincerely,
Debbie Jones
Florence County Economic Development Partnership

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Association of Cosmetology Salon Professionals, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Debbie Stabler
ACSP President

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Primary Healthcare Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely
Mary Kate Mackie
The Southern Group

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Clemson University, the Clemson University Foundation, and the Clemson University Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
James P. Clements, Ph.D.
President, Clemson University

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Leadership South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Helen Munnerlyn
Leadership South Carolina

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Hospital Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Harmon
VP State Government Relations

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and families are invited to the 32nd Legislative Softball Game. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at USC's Founders Park, 431 Williams Street.

Sincerely,
Dana Bolin
Governmental Affairs Coordinator

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Dody Yarborough
Executive Director

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Ashley Boltin
Director of Operations

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Institute for Child Success, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Blue Marlin Vista Room.

Sincerely,
Deborah DePaoli
Engagement & Policy Director

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of MUSC Health, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hearn
Government Affairs Manager

February 24, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Recyclers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mark Fredrickson
President, SC Recyclers Association

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HARTNETT, from the Charleston Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MITCHELL, from the Darlington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4072 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 17, 2025, AS NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES REGARDING THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE AND TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY IT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4073 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HELEN MUNNERLYN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4074 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PASTOR JAMES C. WOODLEY OF GILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH IN COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT GILL CREEK AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST

WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4075 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE A. FOSTER MCKISSICK III FOR BEING NOMINATED FOR THE 2025 TIME DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4076 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CYCLONES ON WINNING THE 2025 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4077 -- Reps. Bradley, Herbkersman, Erickson, Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLEVELAND "CLEVE" BRYAN OF DAUFUSKIE ISLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS

ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4078 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LANGRUM BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND RICHARD PICKERING SR. AND THE CONGREGATION FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YORK COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4079 -- Reps. Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN ALLAN ROGERS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO WISH HIM

CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4080 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AS "ROSENWALD SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4081 -- Reps. Kirby, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager,

Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHUCK GREEN, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT SUMTER'S QUIXOTE CLUB, ON RECEIVING THE CAROLINAS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4093 -- Reps. Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JAMES "CHUCK" EPPS JR., SUPERINTENDENT OF FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER

FORTY-NINE YEARS OF VISIONARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4094 -- Reps. Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN BRYAN ANDREW YALE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4082 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR JEFF WILSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4083 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire,

Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS AND TO DECLARE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4084 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. KEITH MILLER, PRESIDENT OF GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4085 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS AND TO COMMEND THEM AND THEIR BATTALION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4086 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS

OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4087 -- Reps. Martin and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "EXEMPT COMMERCIAL POLICIES"; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 105 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS OFFERING LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH RISK-BASED PRICING, TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

Referred to Darlington Delegation

H. 4089 -- Rep. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BOOSTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL STARTUPS (BOSS) ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-532 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4090 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 22-5-940 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF ONE MAGISTRATE'S LEVEL OFFENSE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PROSECUTOR OR PROSECUTING OFFICER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4091 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS CERTAIN PERSONS FROM DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT THE INSTALLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4092 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, White, Huff, Harris, Gilreath, Teeple, Duncan and B. J. Cox: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2025 FOR HANDGUNS, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND AMMUNITION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2025.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 363 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC

PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Victoria Pollard of Inman was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	OREMUS and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3039
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	JONES and GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	TERRIBILE, RANKIN and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	BEACH and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	HAYES

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3558
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	POPE and B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3915
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3916
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4050
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4055
Date:	ADD:
02/25/25	HARDEE

H. 3973--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH

SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

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

H. 4002--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

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

H. 4003--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO

EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

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

H. 3048--AMENDED AND REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3048 (LC-3048.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-5-130(A)(1)(g) and inserting:

(g) be fingerprinted and have the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) make a search of local, state, and federal fingerprint files for any criminal record. Fingerprints are to be taken under the direction of any law enforcement agency and must be made available to SLED ~~no later than one hundred thirty days prior to the general election~~ at the time the candidate files to seek the office. The results of the records search are to be filed by the candidate with the county executive committee of the person's political party. A person seeking nomination by petition must file the records search with the county election commission in the county of his residence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the Bill.

Reps. RUTHERFORD, KING, J. L. JOHNSON, SPANN-WILDER, BERNSTEIN, J. MOORE, KIRBY, RIVERS, ANDERSON and GILLIARD requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3654--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz

Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4025--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

H. 4026--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

S. 62--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Reps. WEEKS, J. L. JOHNSON, KING, GRANT, COBB-HUNTER, HEWITT, GOVAN, MCDANIEL, CLYBURN, HOSEY, WHITMIRE, HAGER, BOWERS, J. MOORE, ERICKSON, RANKIN, GILLIAM, BAUER, BERNSTEIN, SPANN-WILDER, ANDERSON and WETMORE requested debate on the Bill.

S. 271--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, the following Joint Resolution was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary:

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-

20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3484 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. MCDANIEL objected.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Wednesday, February 26, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Wednesday, February 26, which was agreed to.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, February 26, which was agreed to.

H. 3048--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

Rep. BRITTAIN spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.
Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. POPE spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. LANDING spoke in favor of the Bill.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3048 (LC-3048.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 17-5-130(A)(1)(g) from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May

McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:34 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. SCHUESSLER, adjourned in memory of Travis E. Overton, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, February 26, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Peter 2:9: "But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Let us pray. The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. God blesses us with a reverent sense of His presence as we come together for another day of duty for our State. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for the good of the people of this State. Protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WOOTEN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Victor O'Neal Roof, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Victor O'Neal Roof

Victor O'Neal Roof, 81, of Lexington, SC, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2025, after a long battle with cancer.

A true self-made man, Vic grew up in Springfield, SC, and graduated from Springfield High School, then attended USC. He was the founder of Sunbird Boat Manufacturing Company and co-founder of Sea Hunt Boat Manufacturing company with his son, Victor Roof Jr. (Bubba). The top selling saltwater boat brand in the nation located right here in Columbia, SC.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Maxine; son, Victor O'Neal Roof Jr. (Bubba); daughter, Katherine Felicia Collins; four grandchildren, Luke Andrew Collins, Fischer O'Neal Roof, Ryan Daniel Roof-Hargis and Charlie Ann Roof; along with two nephews and one niece. He was a longtime member of Cayce Masonic Lodge, International & Jamil Temple of Columbia, Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, S.C., the International Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Lexington Country Club, and Mt. Horeb Church.

I ask that we adjourn in the memory of Mr. Victor O'Neal Roof and that my comments be included in today's House Journal.

Rep. Chris Wooten

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the recovery of Representative Hager's father.

STATEMENT BY REP. SPANN-WILDER

Rep. SPANN-WILDER made a statement relative to the contributions of Lonnie Hamilton III.

Lonnie Hamilton III: A Legacy of Leadership and Service

Lonnie Hamilton III is a distinguished public servant, educator, and musician whose contributions have left a lasting impact on Charleston County, South Carolina. Born and raised in the Lowcountry in November 1927, this very active 97-year-old dedicated his life to education, civil rights, and community service, becoming one of the most respected figures in the region.

Hamilton began his career as an educator, serving as a band director in Charleston County schools for over three decades. His passion for music and commitment to student success inspired countless young musicians, many of whom went on to achieve their own success in the arts and beyond. His influence in education extended beyond the classroom, as he advocated for better resources and opportunities for students in historically underserved communities.

In addition to his work in education, Hamilton became a trailblazer in Charleston local government. He was the first African-American elected to the Charleston County Council in 1970, where he served for 24 years, including two terms as chairman - making him the first African-American Chair of the Charleston County Council. During his tenure, he championed policies that promoted racial equality, economic development, and improved public services for all residents. His

leadership helped pave the way for greater representation of African-Americans in local government. In 1980 he was one of the first African-Americans to participate in Leadership South Carolina and in 1982 he was elected President of the Association of Counties - another first! There is a part of our local highways named for him and our Charleston County Public Service Building bears his name. In 1991 Governor Carroll Campbell appointed him to the S.C. committee on Recycling Market Development as a result of his work in Charleston County on recycling. His leadership in this area was born from his travels to Japan and other countries to try to improve the footprint we leave on our planet. His work is the reason our SC counties now have recycling programs.

Beyond politics and education, Hamilton remained deeply engaged in community service. He was involved in numerous civic organizations and was widely recognized for his efforts to bridge racial and socioeconomic divides in the region. His contributions earned him numerous awards and honors, reflecting the profound impact of his lifelong dedication to service to include being a recipient of The Order of the Palmetto in 2002.

Lonnie Hamilton Ill's legacy lives on through the many lives he touched as a teacher, leader, and advocate for progress. His work continues to inspire new generations to strive for excellence and equality in their communities. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., I am proud to say that he has been my neighbor, a mentor, and now my constituent in S.C. House 109.

Rep. Tiffany Spann-Wilder

ACTING SPEAKER ANDERSON IN CHAIR

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN

REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND

"OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3259 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B. L. Cox and Ligon: A BILL

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3447 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT-MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATING, CAPTURING, HUNTING, OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3828 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBINSON EARLE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F. CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4086 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 193 -- Senators Reichenbach, Sabb and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CASHUA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY

FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SECOND LOOP ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 "CURTIS KERSHAW SUMMERFORD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4095 -- Reps. Kirby, Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE RUSSELL GLOVER FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF HALL OF FAME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4096 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hosey, Howard, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Luck, King, J. Moore, Reese, Rivers, Rutherford, Spann-Wilder, Weeks and Williams: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF

PHOTOGRAPHER CECIL J. WILLIAMS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR CAPTURING THE IMAGES OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND FOR PRESERVING THAT HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4097 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BIG DAVE'S CHEESESTEAKS ON THE GRAND OPENING OF THEIR FIRST FRANCHISE LOCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4098 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1085 AND 9-11-225, BOTH RELATING TO

EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER, UP TO CERTAIN LIMITS, MAY ELECT TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF REQUIRED EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DURING A FISCAL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-10 AND 9-11-10, BOTH RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINITIONS AND TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINITIONS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NOT EARNABLE COMPENSATION AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS PAID BY AN EMPLOYER ARE ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS OR AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-260, RELATING TO DEPOSIT OF ASSETS IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID BY THE EMPLOYER IN LIEU OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1020, 9-1-1160, AND 9-11-210, ALL RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYER MAY PICK UP CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT DESIGNATED AS AN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4099 -- Reps. Moss and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE SALARY AND RELATED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SALARY SUPPLEMENT AMOUNT AND TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO ADMINISTER THE APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4100 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO REMOVE

EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4101 -- Reps. White, Williams and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-410 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN INSURANCE POLICY COVERING A PERSON OPERATING A RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLE IS PRIMARY TO OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MUST BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE RECOVERING UNDER ANOTHER POLICY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4102 -- Reps. Caskey, Hewitt, Bauer, Guest, Wooten, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Guffey, Teeple and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-91 SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON POSSESSING AN NPDES PERMIT WHICH ALLOWS THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO STATE WATERS TO POST A SIGN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SIGN, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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

Total Present--120

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. C. Bryan Jordan of St. George was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" AAAA Cheerleading Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" AA Girls Track and Field Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" AA Softball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" AA Championship Swimming Teams.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented

by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GOVAN and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3055
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3189
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3200
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3202
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CRAWFORD and B. J. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3343
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3350
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3351
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3394
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3411
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3509
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3514
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3552
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3557
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3571
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	PEDALINO and NEESE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3580
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	COBB-HUNTER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3625
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	ROSE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	DAVIS and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3842
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	WILLIS, CASKEY, WOOTEN, ROSE and HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3852
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3852
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	M. M. SMITH, CALHOON and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3931
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	REESE, HARTZ, STAVRINAKIS, HART, GILREATH, TAYLOR, KILMARTIN, RUTHERFORD and HADDON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4009
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4044
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	BAUER, COBB-HUNTER, GUFFEY, BURNS and WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4050
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	B. NEWTON and BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4055
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4061
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	WILLIS and B. J. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4087
Date:	ADD:
02/26/25	MITCHELL

H. 3973--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson

Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4002--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Rep. BURNS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

H. 4003--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

Rep. BURNS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4003 (LC-4003.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, <<section_placeholder>> , by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

(5) not operate a transfer station.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4014--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Rep. BUSTOS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 11, which was agreed to.

H. 3952--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer Williams Willis
Wooten

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3952. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

S. 271--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS

MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 271 (LC-271.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 2-20-15 of the S.C. Code shall not apply to elections for members of the Public Service Commission conducted by the General Assembly during Calendar Year 2025 and Calendar Year 2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
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M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 271. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3048 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Robbins, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hartnett, Teeple, Davis, M. M. Smith, Wetmore and Long: A

BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE CORONER QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIRE A FINGERPRINT AND BACKGROUND CHECK OF CORONERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 4, which was agreed to.

S. 62--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS

ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0015H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, providing parents with more options for educating their children is in the best interest of students, parents, and the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, South Carolina has long embraced school choice in other areas, including higher education and early childhood education; and

Whereas, this act is modeled on existing school choice programs, including Higher Education Tuition Grants, Section 59-113-10, et seq.,

the South Carolina Education Lottery Act, Section 59-150-10 et seq., and the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program in the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act, Section 59-156-110 et seq., all of the S.C. Code; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has carefully and respectfully crafted this act to comply with the South Carolina Supreme Court's interpretation of Article XI, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution in Eidson v. S.C. Dep't of Education, 906 S.E.2d 345 (S.C. 2024), and specifically finds that Chief Justice Kittredge's description of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund program represents how the program created by this act is structured; and

Whereas, based on this the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision in Hartness v. Patterson, 255 S.C. 503, 179 S.E.2d 907 (1971), and the subsequent constitutional amendment that adopted Article XI, Section 4, the General Assembly finds that the funds deposited in the South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund cease to be public funds upon that deposit and any benefit conferred on any religious or other private educational institution is indirect only. The scholarships provide educational services that directly benefit school-aged children and where the funds go stems immediately from the parent's decision. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 59-8-110 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-110. For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Education.

(2) "Education Scholarship Trust Fund", "ESTF", or "fund" means the individual account that is administered by the department to which funds are allocated to the parent of an eligible student to pay for qualifying expenses.

(3) "Eligible school" means a South Carolina public school or a nonprofit independent school that chooses to participate in the program. "Eligible school" does not include a school in which a member of the General Assembly or an immediate family member of a member of the General Assembly has any ownership. For purposes of this section, "immediate family member" means as defined in Section 8-13-100(18).

(4) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(a) is a resident of this State; and

~~(b)(i) attended a public school in this State during the previous school year;~~

~~(ii) had not yet attained the age of five on or before September first of the previous school year but who has attained the age of five on or before September of the current school year; or~~

~~(iii) received a scholarship pursuant to this chapter for the previous school year; and~~

~~(c)(i) in school year 2024-2025, has a household income that does not exceed two hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines;~~

~~(ii) in School Year 2025-2026, has a household income that does not exceed three hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and~~

~~(iii) in School Year 2026-2027 and all subsequent years, has a household income that does not exceed four hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.~~

(b) (i) has attained the age of five on or before September first of the year in which scholarship funds are awarded; or

(ii) has received a scholarship pursuant to this chapter for the previous school year;

(iii) in School Year 2025-2026, has a household income that does not exceed three hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

(iv) in School Year 2026-2027, has a household income that does not exceed four hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines; and

(v) in School Year 2027-2028, and all subsequent years, no income threshold may exist but early application windows must be extended to identified groups pursuant to Section 59-8-115(B); and

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a student attending his resident school may be an eligible student if he meets all other eligibility criteria and the Department of Education has certified the district in which the resident school is located cannot adequately provide for an essential service to the student.

"Eligible student" does not include students participating in the Educational Credit for Exceptional Needs Children's Fund program, as provided in Section 12-6-3790 or a student who is not subject to the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10.

(5)~~(3)~~ "IDEA" means the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act found in 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq.

(6)~~(4)~~ "Parent" means a resident of this State who is the natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of an eligible student.

(7)~~(5)~~ "Education service provider" means a person or organization

approved by the department that receives payments from ESTF ~~an account~~ to provide educational goods and services to scholarship students.

~~(6) "K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship," "lottery scholarship," "scholarship," "program," or "fund" means the individual fund that is administered by the department to which funds are allocated to the parent of an eligible student to pay for qualifying expenses.~~

(8)~~(7)~~ "Program" means the ESTF ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~ program created by this chapter.

(9)~~(8)~~ "Resident school ~~district~~" means the public school ~~district~~ in which the student is ~~domiciled~~zoned for attendance.

(10)~~(9)~~ "Scholarship" means education funding allocated from an account established pursuant to this chapter.

(11)~~(10)~~ "Scholarship student" means an eligible student who is participating in the Education Scholarship Trust Fund~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~ program.

(12)~~(11)~~ "Substantial misuse" means wilfully and knowingly receiving or spending any portion of a scholarship for any purpose other than a qualifying expense.

(13) "Trustee" means the individual or entity appointed by the Superintendent pursuant to section 59-8-120(A)(2).

~~(13)~~~~(12)~~(14) "Qualifying expense" means:

(a) tuition and fees ~~for attendance at a non-profit~~ of an education service provider or eligible school, including out-of-district tuition charged by a public school district;

(b) textbooks, curriculum, or other instructional materials including, but not limited to, any supplemental materials or associated online instruction required by either a curriculum or an education service provider;

(c) tutoring services approved by the department;

(d) computer hardware or other technological devices that are used primarily for a scholarship student's educational needs and approved by the department or a licensed physician;

(e) fees paid for Internet connection;

~~(e)~~(f) tuition and fees for an approved ~~nonpublic~~ online education service provider or course;

~~(f)~~(g) fees for approved:

(1) national norm-referenced examinations, advanced placement examinations, or similar assessments;

(2) industry certification exams; or

(3) examinations related to college or university admission;

~~(g)~~(h) educational services for pupils with disabilities from a licensed or accredited practitioner or provider including, but not limited to, occupational, behavioral, physical, and speech-language therapies;

~~(h)~~(i) approved contracted services from a public school district, or a public charter school including individual classes, after school tutoring services, transportation, or fees or costs associated with participation in extracurricular activities;

~~(i)~~(j) contracted teaching services and education classes approved by the department;

~~(j)~~(k) fees for transportation paid to a fee-for-service transportation provider for the scholarship student to travel to and from an eligible provider as defined in this section, but not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars for each school year;

~~(k) fees for ESTF account management by private financial management firms approved by the department; or~~

(l) ~~any other educational expense approved by the department.~~fees for interdistrict public school transfers; ~~or~~

(m) cost of school uniforms which are required for attendance;

(n) any consumables and items necessary to complete a curriculum or that are otherwise applicable to a course of study that has been approved by the department;

(o) payment to an educational consultant or compliance organization approved by the department; or

(p) any other educational expense approved by the department.

A qualifying expense does not mean a duplicate service already offered as part of a student's enrollment in school.

SECTION 2. Section 59-8-115 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-115. (A) The department shall create a standard application process and ~~establish the~~ timeline for parents to establish the eligibility of their student for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund program~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship program~~. ~~The application window established shall last at least forty-five days, opening no earlier than January fifteenth and closing no later than March fifteenth each calendar year.~~ ~~The department shall continue to accept applications for the lottery scholarship program on a rolling basis until capacity is met and then shall maintain a waitlist to maximize program participation.~~The department shall begin accepting applications for new program participants no earlier than January fifteenth each year. The department shall extend the opportunity to re-enroll in the program to any existing participant who continues to reside in the State. Re-enrollment may be completed either in conjunction with the regular application cycle or in

advance of its opening. The department shall continue to accept applications for the ESTF program on a rolling basis until capacity is met and then shall maintain a waitlist to maximize program participation.

(B) Pursuant to the timeline established pursuant to subsection (A), the department shall ensure the following:

(1) ~~process~~ applications must be processed in the order in which they are received, ~~after a preference has been extended to all prior-year participants and their respective siblings~~ within each of the priority and general application windows; ~~and~~

~~(2) enroll and issue award letters within thirty days of the deadline for receipt of completed applications and all required documentation~~

(2) after allowing current participants the opportunity to continue in the program for the upcoming school year, an early application window of not less than seven calendar days must be extended to their siblings;

(3) after the conclusion of the early application window for siblings, a secondary early application window for new program participants must be open for not less than thirty calendar days for students who meet the following criteria:

(a) has a parent or guardian who is an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States and will be living in South Carolina as a result of their duty station;

(b) has a household income that does not exceed three hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines;

(c) is in the custody or guardianship of the Department of Social Services. A foster parent, pre-adoptive parent, or person responsible for the welfare of the child who resides in a childcare facility or residential group care home may apply on the student's behalf; and

(d) meets the definition of "exceptional needs child" in Section 12-6-3790(A)(2);

(4) once the secondary early application window has closed, the general application window must open for any student who did not meet the early application window criteria; and

(5) within thirty days of submission of all required documentation, award letters must be enrolled and issued, and the student's online account must be created.

~~(C) Before awarding a scholarship, the department shall have obtained evidence of the student's eligibility through the card issued in the student's name from the Department of Health and Human Services for Medicaid eligibility included as applicable with application~~

~~documentation.~~

~~(D)~~(C)-Before awarding a scholarship, the department must obtain evidence of all other student eligibility criteria set forth in Section 59-8-110.

~~(E)~~(D) The department shall approve an initial application for scholarship if:

(1) the parent submits an ~~annual~~ application for a scholarship in accordance with the application and procedures established by the department;

(2) the student on whose behalf the parent is applying is an eligible student;

(3) funds are available for the ESTF~~scholarship~~; and

(4) the parent ~~signs an annual agreement with the department~~annually attests to the following:

(a) to provide, at a minimum, a program of academic instruction for the eligible student in at least the subjects of English/language arts to include writing, mathematics, social studies, and science;

~~(b) to acknowledge and agree to comply with the education service provider's prescribed curriculum, dress code, and other requirements of enrolled students;~~

~~(c)~~(b) to ensure the scholarship student takes assessments as referenced in Section 59-8-150 or provides assessments in a similar manner through other means if the scholarship student does not receive full-time instruction from an education service provider;

~~(d)~~(c) to use ~~program funds~~the scholarship for qualifying expenses only for an approved provider to educate the scholarship student, subject to penalty;

~~(e)~~(d) not to enroll their scholarship student in a public school as a full-time student in the resident school ~~district~~, as defined in this chapter;

~~(f)~~(e) not to participate in a home instruction program under Sections 59-65-40, 59-65-45, or 59-65-47; and

~~(g) that includes documentation of the consultation process between the parent, the resident school district, the education service provider, and any school district that the education service provider contracts with under an IEP or services plan, for each scholarship student with a disability regarding the special education and related services, and the manner by which these services as listed in the student's IEP or services plan, will be provided to a scholarship student with a disability; and~~

~~(h)~~(f) to confirm that, if the parent's child is a student with disabilities, the parent has received notice from the department that participation in the ESTF ~~scholarship~~ program is a parental placement of the scholarship student under IDEA, along with an explanation of the rights that parentally placed students possess under IDEA and any applicable state laws and regulations, including the consultation process provided for in 20 U.S.C. Section 1412(a)(10) and the Individual Education Program requirements described in Section 1414(d) of IDEA.

~~(F)~~(E) The department shall make available on its website in a conspicuous location information in conformity with 34 C.F.R. Sections 300.130 through 300.144, Assistance to States for the Education of Children with Disabilities, explaining to parents the rights of children with disabilities under IDEA both in public schools and as parentally placed students in private schools.

~~(G)~~(F) ~~A parent will be allowed to make payments for the cost of educational goods and services not covered by the funds in their student's ESTF; however, personal~~ Personal deposits into an ESTF~~an individual student~~ account are prohibited.

~~(H)~~(G) Funds received pursuant to this section do not constitute taxable income to the parent of the scholarship student or to the student.

~~(I)~~(H) A parent's signed agreement under subsection ~~(E)~~(D)(4) satisfies the state's compulsory attendance law pursuant to Section 59-65-10.

~~(J)~~(I) The State Board of Education ~~shall~~ may promulgate regulations for the administration of the program as may be applicable.

~~(K)~~(J) The department may contract with qualified organizations to administer the program application process or specific functions, maintenance, and monitoring of the program application process as required above.

(K) Students must be considered enrolled in the program until the parent notifies the department of a decision to terminate participation or the department determines that the student is no longer eligible.

~~(L) The department shall deliver an annual report to the General Assembly of the number of applications denied or not accepted. The report must include the demographic and socio-economic data and the geographical distribution of the applicants. In reporting the information required by this subitem, the department shall protect and may not display any personally identifiable information of applicants, their families, or legal guardians.~~

SECTION 3. Section 59-8-120 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-120. (A)(1) There is established at the department,

the "South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund~~" that is separate and distinct from the general fund, consisting of monies appropriated to the department to provide scholarships to eligible students for qualifying expenses~~ from the K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund~~. The fund must receive and hold all monies allocated for it as well as all earnings until disbursed as provided in this section. Monies deposited in the ~~K-12 Education Lottery~~South Carolina Education Scholarship Fund may not revert to the general fund or be appropriated by the General Assembly for any other purpose. If the ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund program ceases for any reason, then the money in the fund shall ~~revert back to the South Carolina Education Lottery Account.~~be directed to an educational purpose designated by the General Assembly.

(2)(i) The State Superintendent of Education shall appoint the Trustee of the South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund to serve at will. The Trustee may not be a public entity or an employee of any public entity. The Trustee may be either an individual or entity and shall have, in the Superintendent's sole discretion, the necessary expertise and good reputation to serve as the Trustee. The Trustee must have, at a minimum, at least five years' experience as a trustee, a master's degree in accounting or be currently licensed as a South Carolina certified public accountant. The Trustee must not have filed for bankruptcy pursuant to Title eleven, chapters seven or thirteen of the United States Bankruptcy Code or been convicted of criminal fraud, tax fraud, embezzlement, conversion, money laundering, or theft crimes. The trustee shall be bound by all duties of trustees under South Carolina law, unless such duties conflict with the requirements of this chapter, in which case the requirements of this chapter control. The State Superintendent shall have the authority to remove the Trustee.

(B) The ~~department~~Trustee shall administer the fund and is responsible for keeping records, managing accounts, and disbursing scholarships awarded pursuant to this section and as directed by the parent. Information contained in or produced from a tax return, document, or magnetically or electronically stored data used by the department in the exercise of its duties as provided in this chapter must remain confidential and is exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. Personally identifiable information, as described in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, of children applying for or receiving scholarships must remain confidential and is not subject to disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

(C) Upon request of the ~~parent and approval of an eligible student's application by the~~ department, the State Treasurer shall transfer six thousand dollars per scholarship student for the 2025-2026 School Year. ~~from the South Carolina Education Lottery Account to the K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund an amount equal to ninety percent of the average per pupil funding from state sources for the prior academic year as provided by the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to the Education Scholarship Trust Fund as directed by the General Assembly.~~For all subsequent school years, the allocation must be equivalent to the allocation used in the previous year, increased by the percentage increase in the State Aid to Classroom funding for the current Fiscal Year, if any, unless an increased or decreased limit is authorized in the annual general appropriations act.

(D) The department shall create an individual online ESTF account for each scholarship student.

(1) The parent must be able to access the individual online account for the scholarship student using a secure portal.

(2) The individual scholarship student's account must be created within thirty days of the application approval.

(E) The ~~department~~Trustee shall make payments to an individual scholarship student's account from the ESTF ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund~~ on a quarterly basis with the first payment being distributed by July thirty-first of each year and the second payment by December thirty-first of each year.

(F) ~~By September first of each school year and again on January fifteenth and March fifteenth of the school year, the department shall compare the list of scholarship students with the public school enrollment lists to avoid duplicate payments.~~Prior to depositing each semi-annual payment into the student's online account, the department shall verity that the student is not enrolled in the public school as a full-time student in the zone in which the student is zoned for attendance and provide that information to the Trustee.

(G) Education service providers may not refund, rebate, or share a student's scholarship funds directly with a parent or the scholarship student. The funds in an account may only be used for qualifying expenses as defined in this chapter and provided by the department.

~~(H) The department may contract with qualified organizations to administer the program.~~

~~(I)~~(H) Neither the South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund not an individual student's account constitutes a debt of the State or any political subdivision thereof, including school districts. The South

Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund and individual student's accounts must be held and apply ~~The trust Fund does not constitute a debt of the State or any political subdivision thereof, including school districts. The trust fund must be held and applies~~ solely toward carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 4. Section 59-8-125 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-125. (A) The department shall develop an online electronic system for payment for services authorized by participating parents pursuant to this chapter and the guidelines provided by the department. Parents may not be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses.

(B) ~~The General Assembly shall appropriate funds to the department for initial costs to create the program. Thereafter, the~~The ~~department~~Trustee shall transfer to the department~~deduct~~ an amount from the ESTF ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund~~ to cover the costs of overseeing the accounts and administering the program up to a limit of ~~two~~seven percent. Annually, on or before December thirty-first, the department shall notify the respective Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding the amount deducted for administrative costs and an itemization of the costs incurred to administer the program for the previous ~~school~~ fiscal year.

(C) ~~The department may contract with qualified vendors to manage accounts and shall establish reasonable fees for private financial management firms participating in the program based upon market rates.~~The department shall establish reasonable fees for the Trustee.

~~(D) The department may contract with qualified organizations to administer the program or specific functions of the program.~~

~~(E)~~(D) Payments made by the department must remain in force until a parent or scholarship student is proven to have participated in a prohibited activity specified in this chapter, a scholarship student returns to a public school in his resident public school ~~district~~, a scholarship student no longer resides in this State, or a scholarship student graduates from high school or attains twenty-two years of age, whichever occurs first. A scholarship student who enrolls in his resident public school ~~district~~ is considered to have returned to a public school for the purpose of determining the end of the term. ~~Any money remaining in the student's account reverts to the South Carolina Education Lottery Account.~~

(F) The ~~department~~Trustee may suspend or deactivate an account for substantial misuse or the scholarship student leaves the program for any reason, at which time any remaining funds must revert to the ESTF

~~South Carolina Education Lottery Account~~.

(G) Unused funds must ~~be rolled over to the following school year for a scholarship student who applies and continues to meet eligibility requirements to participate in the program~~ revert to the South Carolina Education Lottery Account.

~~(H) A scholarship terminates automatically if the student is no longer domiciled in this State, and any money remaining in the account reverts to the ESTF.~~

~~(I)~~(H) Only one account may be established for a scholarship student.

SECTION 5. Section 59-8-130 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-130. If a scholarship student's program of academic instruction is terminated for any reason before the end of the semester or school year and the student does not resume instruction within thirty days, then the parent shall notify the department and remaining funds in the account revert to the ESTF ~~South Carolina Education Lottery Account~~.

SECTION 6. Section 59-8-135 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-135. ~~(A)~~ Beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year, the annual number of ~~ESTF~~ eligible students is limited by the following capacity:

~~(1) in School Year 2024-2025, the program is limited to five thousand scholarship students;~~

~~(2)~~(1) in School Year 2025-2026, the program is limited to ten thousand scholarship students; and

~~(3)~~(2) in School Year 2026-2027, ~~and for all subsequent school years,~~ the program is limited to fifteen thousand scholarship students; and

(3) in School Year 2027-2028, and for all subsequent school years, the department shall submit an annual budget request based on the number of current scholarship recipients and previously unmet demand for scholarships as evidenced by the prior year's applications. The number of program participants shall be determined based upon funding as determined on a yearly basis by the General Assembly.

~~(B) In 2027, and every five years thereafter, the department shall conduct an eligibility and use review of the program and shall make recommendations to the General Assembly to improve the program.~~

SECTION 7. Section 59-8-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-140. (A)(1) The department must develop an application approval process for participation in the ESTF ~~scholarship~~ program for education service providers, including eligible schools.

(2) The department must require an independent school that applies to be an education service provider to be located in the State, to have an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements and to meet the compulsory attendance and State Board of Education approval requirements in Section 59-65-10.

(3) An education service provider ~~that participated in the program in the previous school year and desires to participate in the program in the current school year shall reapply to the department. The education service provider reapplying~~annually shall certify to the department that it continues to meet all program requirements. An education service provider required to administer academic testing shall provide to the department test score data from the previous school year. If individual student test score data is not submitted, then the department shall remove the education service provider from the program.

~~(4) By February first of each year, the department will certify the list of approved education service providers for participation in the program that meet all program requirements. The department may waive the deadline requirement upon good cause shown by an education service provider.~~

~~(5)~~(4) An education service provider that is denied approval pursuant to this section may seek review by filing a request for a contested case hearing with the Administrative Law Court in accordance with the court's rules of procedure.

~~(6)~~(5) ~~By February fifteenth of each year, the~~The department shall publish on its website a comprehensive list of approved education service providers. The list must include the name, address, telephone number, and website address for each education service provider.

(B) ~~If approved by the department, new~~New education service providers may be added to the list of approved providers on a rolling basis. The providers will be added to the comprehensive list available on the department's website.

(C) The department may bar an education service provider from the program if the department establishes that the education service provider has:

(1) failed to comply with the accountability standards established in this section; or

(2) failed to provide the scholarship student with the educational services funded by the account.

(D) The department shall create procedures to ensure that a fair process exists to determine whether an education service provider should be barred from receiving payments from accounts.

(1) If the department decides to bar an education service provider from the program, it shall notify affected students and their parents of this decision as quickly as possible.

(2) Education service providers may appeal the department's decision to bar the education service provider from receiving payments from accounts pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

~~(E) The State Board of Education shall promulgate regulations to allow scholarship students to return to their resident school districts during the course of their participation in the program.~~

~~(F)(1) For scholarship students utilizing a scholarship to attend an online education service provider, the department must track data on scholarship student wellness through mandatory in-person days of attendance at least once per semester at their resident public school. For first semester the in-person date shall be no later than November fifteenth. For the second semester the in-person date shall be no later than March fifteenth. During the in-person attendance, a school teacher, counselor, principal, assistant principal, school attendance officer, social or public assistance worker, school nurse, on-site mental health, or allied health professional, or other appropriately designated mandated reporter at the local public school as defined in Section 63-7-310 must complete a comprehensive wellness check to screen for abuse and neglect as defined in Section 63-7-20.~~

~~(2)~~(E) All employees at an online education service provider who are employed in same or similar roles as defined in Section 63-7-310 shall be considered persons required to report and must complete the training programs required pursuant to Section 63-7-310(A) and hold all the same rights, responsibilities, and potential penalties as defined in Sections 63-7-315, 63-7-320, 63-7-350, 63-7-360, 63-7-370, 63-7-380, 63-7-390, 63-7-400, 63-7-430, 63-7-440, and receive information pursuant to Section 63-7-450.

SECTION 8. Section 59-8-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-145. (A) The department shall adopt procedures to inform students and their parents annually of their eligibility for the program.

(B) The department shall adopt procedures to annually inform scholarship students and their parents of the approved education service providers.

(C) The department shall provide to parents of a scholarship student written instructions for the allowable uses of an account and the responsibilities of parents and the duties of the department.

(D) The department may declare that a ~~parent~~ student is ineligible

for continuation in the program due to substantial misuse of their account funds.

~~(E) The department may conduct or contract for the auditing of accounts, and shall, at a minimum, conduct random audits of education service providers and scholarship accounts on an annual basis.~~

~~(F)~~(E) The department may refer cases of substantial misuse of funds to law enforcement agencies for investigation.

~~(G) The department may contract with one or more qualified organizations to administer some or all portions of this program.~~

~~(H)~~~~(G)~~(F) The department shall maintain a record of the number of applications received annually for the program, the number of students accepted into the program each fiscal year, and the number of students not accepted into the program each fiscal year with a corresponding explanation as to why the student was not accepted into the program. The department shall compile this information and provide a report on the previous fiscal year to the General Assembly by December thirty-first of each year.

~~SECTION 9. Chapter 8, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:~~

~~Section 59-8-147. (A) The department shall prominently post, on the main page of the South Carolina Department of Education website, advertisement of and access to the application for the program. The department shall be responsible for facilitating access to the application and supporting applicants throughout the application process.~~

~~(B) In the event that an application is submitted and is substantially complete but found to contain errors including, but not limited to, errors of minor omission and misspelling, the submitting party must be notified and given two weeks to correct the errors before a final decision is made regarding the acceptance or denial of the application. If space in the program is limited, preference will be given to applicants whose applications are on hold due to error until the two weeks allotted for correction have passed.~~

SECTION 10. Section 59-8-150 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-150. (A) To ensure equitable treatment and personal safety of all scholarship students, all education service providers shall:

(1) comply with all applicable health and safety laws or codes;

(2) hold a valid occupancy permit if required by the municipality in which the education service provider is located;

(3) not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin. This item shall not be interpreted to preclude any independent or religious educational provider from exercising an

exemption allowed under federal law; ~~and~~

(4) conduct and maintain records of completed criminal background checks on employees. An education service provider that is not an accredited or licensed school must submit documentation of completed background checks to the department as part of their initial application. All education service providers must ~~and~~ exclude from employment anyone who:

(a) is not permitted by state law to work in a school;

(b) reasonably might pose a threat to the safety of students; or

(c) is listed on federal, state, or other central child abuse registries; and

(5) maintain a working publicly accessible website that provides information on the educational services available to families.

(B) To ensure that funds are spent appropriately, all education service providers shall:

(1) provide parents with ~~a receipt~~an invoice, for services purchased, or a receipt for goods purchased for all qualifying expenses; and

(2) demonstrate their financial viability by filing a surety bond with the department prior to the start of the school year if they are to receive fifty thousand dollars or more during the school year. After their first school year of participation the surety bond is required of education service providers who exceed fifty thousand dollars in qualifying expenses received in the previous school year.

(C) In order to allow parents and the public to measure the achievements of the program, academic progress must be documented annually for each scholarship student. Students with an Individualized Education Plan that cannot be accommodated with standardized testing are excluded from the requirements of item (1). Education service providers that provide academic instruction must monitor the progress of students with significant cognitive disabilities through alternative assessments including portfolios.

(1) Education service providers that provide full-time academic instruction shall:

(a) ensure that each scholarship student in grades three through eight takes the ~~SC Ready or SC Ready~~annual state summative assessment or alternative summative assessment ~~in English language arts, math, science or social studies as~~ required of students in public schools in this State;

~~(b) ensure that each scholarship student in grades four and six takes the SC Pass or SC Pass alternative summative assessment required~~

~~of students in public schools in this State;~~

~~(c)~~(b) in lieu of the assessments required by subitem~~s~~ (a) ~~and (b),~~ ensure that each scholarship recipient in grades three through eight takes a nationally norm-referenced formative assessment at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the first semester, and at the end of the school year. The assessment must be approved by the department, aligned with state standards, and include a linking study;

~~(d)~~(c) ensure that each scholarship student in grades nine through twelve takes a department approved, nationally norm-referenced assessment, ~~or~~ formative assessment, or assessment that demonstrates the student's college or career readiness. ~~approved by the departme~~nt. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement;

~~(e)~~(d) collect high school graduation information of scholarship students for reporting to the department as required in this section; and

~~(f)~~(e) ensure that the parent or guardian of a scholarship student taking the assessments above receives a written report of the student's performance on each assessment. The report must include the student's score on the assessment and an indication of how the student's assessment performance compares to other South Carolina students.

~~The department may promulgate regulations to carry out the requirements of this subsection.~~

(2) The department shall ensure that the education service provider has access to and is trained in administering the state assessments required in subitems (1)(a) and (b). The department shall assume any costs associated with training, administering, or taking assessments with no charges to the provider or ~~ESTF~~ students.

(3) For the purpose of evaluating program effectiveness, education service providers that provide full-time academic instruction shall ensure that results in item (1) are:

(a) provided to the parent of a scholarship student and must be provided to the department on an annual basis, beginning with the first year of program implementation; and

(b) disaggregated by grade level, gender, family income level, race, and English learner status.

(4) The department, or the appropriate organization chosen by the department, if any, must be informed of the scholarship student's graduation from high school.

(D) The department shall:

(1) comply with all student privacy laws;

(2) collect all test results; and

(3) annually provide individual student assessment results and information to the Education Oversight Committee. The transmission of the information must be made in a manner that safeguards the data to ensure student privacy.

(E) The Education Oversight Committee shall:

(1) comply with all student privacy laws;

(2) report on and publish associated learning gains and graduation rates to the public by means of a state website with data aggregated by grade level, gender, family income level, number of years participating in the program, and race and a report for any participating school if at least fifty-one percent of the total enrolled students in the private school participated in the ~~ESTF~~ program in the prior school year or if there are at least thirty participating students who have scores for tests administered. If the Education Oversight Committee determines that the thirty participating-student cell size may be reduced without disclosing the personally identifiable information of a participating student, the Education Oversight Committee may reduce the participating-student cell size, but the cell size may not be reduced to fewer than ten participating students;

(3) evaluate and report the academic performance of scholarship students compared to similar public school populations; and

(4) collaborate with the department to develop and administer an annual parental satisfaction survey for all parents of scholarship students on issues relevant to the ~~ESTF~~ program, to include effectiveness and length of the program participation. Results of this survey must be provided to the General Assembly by December thirty-first of each year.

(F) An education service provider, not a public school, is ~~autonomous and~~ not an agent of the state or federal government, therefore:

(1) the department or any other state agency may not regulate the educational program beyond what is set forth in this chapter of an approved education provider that accepts funds from an account;

(2) the creation of the program does not expand the regulatory authority of the State, its officers, or a school district to impose regulation of education service providers beyond those necessary to enforce the requirements of the program;

(3) the freedom of education service providers to provide for the educational needs of scholarship students without governmental control must not be abridged;

(4) an education service provider that accepts payment ~~by a~~

~~parent~~ from an ESTF ~~from a K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~ account pursuant to this chapter is not an agent of the state or federal government; and

(5) education service providers shall not be required to alter their creeds, practices, admissions policy, or curriculum in order to accept payments ~~by a parent~~ from an ESTF ~~a K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~account.

(G) A person paid by, contracted with, employed by, or having a financial interest in an education service provider shall not be allowed to serve on the board of an organization contracting for services with the department as defined in Section 59-8-115(J), serve on the board of a vendor or private management firm contracted to manage accounts as defined in Section 59-8-125(C), on the board of any other provider of contracted-for services under Section 59-8-110(12) or under Section 59-8-120(H), or on the ESTF ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Review Panel~~. Any education service provider violating this subsection shall be barred from participating in the program for two years and shall return any funds received under the program to the ESTF~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship Fund~~.

(H) A person serving as a board member or director of an education service provider shall have a fiduciary duty to the provider and shall avoid any conflicts of interest with the provider.

(I) No member of the General Assembly or their immediate family, as defined by Section 8-13-100(18), may have a financial interest in an education service provider. This does not prevent a member or their immediate family from qualifying under the provisions of this chapter to participate in the ESTF program.

(J) A person shall not serve in a position of leadership with an education service provider who has been convicted of a financial crime.

SECTION 11. Section 59-8-160 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-160. (A) There is created the "ESTF ~~K-12 Education Lottery Scholarship~~ Review Panel" that shall serve as an advisory panel to the department.

(B) The review panel shall consist of ten members, pursuant to the following:

(1) the Governor, or his designee, who shall serve as the chair of the panel;

(2) three members to be appointed by the Governor;

(3) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

(5) one member appointed by the Chairman of the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee;

(6) one member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee; and

(7) two parents of scholarship students to be appointed by the Governor.

(C) The review panel may advise the department on whether certain expenses meet the requirements to be considered a qualified expense under this chapter when requested by the department. The review panel periodically may make recommendations to the General Assembly about improving the program.

(D) Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. In making appointments to the panel, the appointing authorities, as appropriate, shall consider legal, financial, accounting, and marketing experience and race, gender, and other demographic factors to ensure nondiscrimination, inclusion, and representation of all segments of the State to the greatest extent possible.

(E) Members may not receive mileage or per diem.

SECTION 12. Section 59-8-165 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-165. ~~The provisions of the chapter do not restrict a school district's ability to enact or enforce a district's student transfer policy.~~ The department shall develop a model policy for interdistrict transfers to assist local boards of trustees in establishing an interdistrict enrollment policy. The model policy shall serve as the minimum standard, ensuring a baseline of expectations for all districts. Each local policy shall be based on an evaluation of available data reflecting student, school, district, and community needs to ensure access and efficient resource allocation. The policy must include and describe the application requirements, timelines, communication plans, capacity standards, approval and denial criteria, priorities of acceptance, and transportation. Capacity standards are required to be based on objective measures such as facility constraints, staffing levels, and class size limits. A school district may, but is not required to, expand capacity at a school or program to accommodate increased demand for interdistrict transfers. Each district shall review and publicly post available capacity for interdistrict student transfers on its website and update this information at least annually. School districts are not required to provide transportation but must disclose their transportation policy. Districts may establish cost-sharing agreements for interdistrict students who require transportation. All school districts must have an interdistrict policy in place within one hundred twenty days of the publication of the

model policy by the department. Any school district with an existing interdistrict policy must review and ensure compliance with this section within 90 days of its enactment. The department shall review all local interdistrict transfer policies to ensure alignment with the model policy. If a district fails to meet minimum standards, the department may withhold administrative funding until the district demonstrates full compliance. The provisions of this chapter do not restrict a school district's ability to enact or enforce an intradistrict student transfer policy.

SECTION 13. Section 59-8-170 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-8-170. A ~~scholarship~~ student transferring from one public high school to another public high school in grades nine through eleven or from one public middle school to another public middle school in grades six through eight pursuant to this program is not subject to any prohibition by the South Carolina High School League on a transfer student from participating in ~~a sport~~an interscholastic sport ~~immediately~~ upon transfer. After the initial transfer, any subsequent transfer by a ~~scholarship~~ student to another public school shall be subject to the South Carolina High School League eligibility rules.

~~SECTION 14. Section 59-150-350(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:~~

~~(D) At the beginning of the first fiscal year after the state lottery becomes operational, the Comptroller General shall certify the amount of net proceeds including investment earnings on the net proceeds credited to and accrued in the Education Lottery Account during the preceding fiscal year. The sum of certified net proceeds and investment earnings must be designated as annual lottery proceeds. Appropriations from the Education Lottery Account must be allocated only for educational purposes and educational programs by the General Assembly in its annual general appropriations bill or any bill appropriating monies for previous or current fiscal years. Funds made available from the Education Lottery Account must be used to provide Palmetto Fellows Scholarships to all eligible applicants, to provide LIFE Scholarships for eligible resident students attending four-year public institutions in those amounts provided by law; to the South Carolina State Library for public library state aid, to be distributed to county public libraries on a per capita basis and to be used for educational technology delivery, upgrade, and maintenance; to the Commission on Higher Education for tuition assistance at state technical colleges and two-year public institutions; for the SC HOPE Scholarship Program; to the Department of Education for school-based grants for pilot programs,~~

~~to include programs providing deregulation as requested by school districts with an overall absolute or improved designation of average or better, with first priority given to schools reported as average, below average, or unsatisfactory in accordance with the Education Accountability Act; to the Department of Education to fund homework centers, and these funds must be allocated to the local school districts based on a per pupil basis and may be used for salaries for certified teachers and for transportation costs, provided that priority in the distribution of funds must be given to schools designated as below average or unsatisfactory in accordance with the Education Accountability Act; to the Commission on Higher Education for higher education assistance, including need-based grants, grants to teachers for advanced education with priority to annual grants earmarked for teachers working toward their masters' degrees or advanced education in their areas of certification, or both; for the National Guard Tuition Repayment Program; and funding for elementary and secondary public education as determined pursuant to the Education Accountability Act of 1998 and education improvement legislation enacted into law after the effective date of this chapter; new programs enacted by the General Assembly for public institutions of higher learning, including public four-year colleges and universities and their branches and two-year colleges, as defined in Section 59-103-5, and state technical colleges, which programs may include the creation of endowed chairs at the state's universities, with an emphasis in the areas of, but not limited to, engineering, computer science, and the sciences; to the State Department of Education for the purchase or repair of school buses; to the South Carolina Educational Television Commission for digitalization; to the Commission on Higher Education to administer a construction and renovation fund for the historically black colleges and universities, and to the Higher Education Tuition Grants Commission to administer tuition grants. The proportion of total recurring general fund and special fund revenues of the State expended for the total of public elementary, secondary, and higher education allocations in any fiscal year must not be less than the proportions in the fiscal year immediately before the fiscal year in which education revenues are first received from a state lottery, and must not be reduced or supplanted later by revenues received from a state lottery.~~

SECTION 15. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the

General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 16. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. Current eligible participants may continue receiving benefits under the Education Scholarship Trust Fund, until the end of the 2024-2025 School Year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore

Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	Moss	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total—32

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. MARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0033H), which was ruled out of order:

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

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution of this State be repealed, which section presently reads:

No money shall be paid from public funds nor shall the credit of the State or any of its political subdivisions be used for the direct benefit of any religious or other private educational institution.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following

words printed or written on the ballot:

Must Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution of this State be repealed so as to eliminate the prohibition against the State or its political subdivisions providing direct aid to religious or other private educational institutions?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "Yes", and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word "No".

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MARTIN explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. GATCH raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was out of order as a proposed constitutional amendment was not germane to S. 62.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT cited that House precedents did not allow an amendment proposing a constitutional amendment to be offered as an amendment to a bill that amends statutory law. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled Amendment No. 5 out of order.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0023H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, Section 59-8-150, by adding a subsection to read:

(I) In addition to the other requirements of this section, an education service provider that is a private school shall comply with all federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requirements, including the provision of special education services, individualized education plans (IEPs), and due process protections identical to those required of public schools.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. JONES spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. RIVERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Calhoon	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	J. Moore
Moss	Reese	Rivers
Rutherford	Sessions	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--37

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0026H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, Section 59-8-120, by adding a subsection to read:

(I) A minimum of fifty percent of the ESTF scholarship funds awarded pursuant to this chapter must be to students in rural counties, and no funds may be distributed to an ESTF account unless a minimum of fifty percent of all ESTF scholarship funds are awarded to students in rural counties. Additionally, ESTF recipients in rural counties who attend an education service provider that is a private school must be provided with free transportation, funded by the State, to the private school if the nearest private school is more than ten miles from their residence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. JONES spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0030H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, by striking Section 59-8-150(F)(5) and inserting:

(5) education service providers shall not be required to alter their creeds, practices, admissions policy, or curriculum in order to accept payments ~~by a parent~~ from an ESTF account; provided, however, an education service provider that is a private school and receives ESTF funds shall adopt an open admissions policy, identical to that of public schools, and may not engage in academic, behavioral, or religious-based selection processes to determine admissions or enrollment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. FRANK proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0014H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 25, Chapter 6, Title 12 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 12-6-3830. (A) A taxpayer whose child attends a qualifying private school, parochial school, or home school for grades K-12 is entitled to a refundable tax credit against income taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter equal to seven thousand dollars or the cost of tuition, for a private school or parochial school, whichever is lower, for each child.

(B) In order to be a qualifying school, the school must:

(1) provide an affidavit attesting that it is a K-12 school;

(2) provide the school's address;

(3) provide that it is able to enroll students;

(4) provide that it will educate students according to the expectations of the student's family;

(5) make its financial records available to students' families; and

(6) have an Employer Identification Number (EIN), or, for purposes of a home school, the school must be registered as required by the State.

(C) A taxpayer who claims an income tax credit pursuant to this section may not claim the exceptional needs tax credit pursuant to Section 12-6-3790 in the same income tax year.

(D) A taxpayer is not eligible for the credit described in this section if:

(1) his child attended a public school for more than forty-four days in the current income tax year; or

(2) the taxpayer has a child who receives any ESTF funds.

(E) A taxpayer who fraudulently claims the credit described in this section is guilty of tax fraud and must be prosecuted as provided by law.

(F) A parent may assert a violation of this section as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and obtain compensatory damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, attorney's fees, court costs, and any other appropriate relief.

(1) A parent is required to bring a claim for a violation of this section no later than three years after the day the cause of action accrues.

(2) An award of noneconomic damages may not exceed one hundred thousand dollars for each claimant unless the jury or court determines that the defendant was grossly negligent, wilful, wanton, or reckless, and such conduct was the proximate cause of the claimant's

noneconomic damages, or if the defendant has engaged in fraud or misrepresentation related to the claim, or if the defendant altered or destroyed medical records with the purpose of avoiding a claim or liability to the claimant.

(3) The provisions of this section do not limit the amount of compensation for economic damages suffered by a claimant.

(G) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce compliance with this section. Nothing in this section may be construed to deny, impair, or otherwise affect any right or authority of the Attorney General, the State, or any agency, officer, or employee of the State to institute or intervene in any proceeding.

(H) The Treasurer shall prescribe the form and manner to be an approved private school or parochial school and issue eligibility certificates. The parent shall provide the eligibility certificate to the department. By October first of each year, the Treasurer shall publish on its website a list of all qualifying private schools and parochial schools to include their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and, if available, website addresses and applicable audits.

(I) The department may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCDANIEL raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 10 was not germane to S. 62.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT stated that Rule 9.3 governs the germaneness of amendments and states that an amendment must refer to the same substantial effect as the bill being debated. He stated that the bill established an Education Savings Trust Fund and transferred state money to this fund to be managed pursuant to specific criteria in the bill. He stated further that Amendment No. 10 granted a tax credit to parents who send their children to private schools. He stated that the amendment's effect went beyond the scope of the bill, and he sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0034H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, by striking Section 59-8-150(C)(2) and inserting:

(2) The department shall ~~ensure that the education service provider has access to and is trained in administering~~ administer the state assessments required in subitems (1)(a) and (b), and such assessments administered by someone other than the department are invalid. The department shall assume any costs associated with training, administering, or taking assessments with no charges to the provider or ~~ESTF~~ students.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace

Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--37

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 11 to S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0035H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, by striking Section 59-8-140(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) The department must require an independent school that applies to be an education service provider to be located in the State, to have an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements, to meet the compulsory attendance and

State Board of Education approval requirements in Section 59-65-10 and to only employ teachers licensed in good standing by the department to teach in the field of study for which they are hired to teach.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 36

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total—36

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 12 to S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

Rep. CALHOON proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to S. 62 (LC-62.PH0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the fourth undesignated paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the General Assembly has carefully and respectfully crafted this act to comply with the South Carolina Supreme Court's interpretation of Article XI, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution in Eidson v. S.C. Dep't of Education, 906 S.E.2d 345 (S.C. 2024), and specifically finds that ~~Chief Justice Kittredge's~~the dissenting opinion's description of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund program represents how the program created by this act is structured; and

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. CALHOON explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 57; Nays 44

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Chapman	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
Pace	Rankin	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis

Total--57

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Brewer	Calhoon
Collins	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hardee	Hart	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	J. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams	Wooten	

Total--44

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 13 to S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 14 to S. 62 (LC-62.PH0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-8-110(7) and inserting:

(7) “Education service provider” means a person or organization approved by the department and domiciled in this State that receives payments from ESTF to provide educational goods and services to scholarship students.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose

Rutherford	Sessions	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--37

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 14 to S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0036H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-8-110(3)~~(j)~~(k) and inserting:

~~(j)~~(k) fees for transportation paid to a fee-for-service transportation provider for the scholarship student to travel to and from an eligible provider as defined in this section, but not to exceed ~~seven hundred fifty~~three thousand dollars for each school year;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

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

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 15 to S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted to adopt the amendment.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to S. 62 (LC-62.WAB0032H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 59-8-120(E) and inserting:

(E) The ~~department~~Trustee shall make payments to an individual scholarship student's account from the ESTF on a ~~quarterly~~ semi-annual basis with the first payment being distributed by July thirty-first of each year and the second payment by December thirty-first of each year.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 59-8-125(F) and inserting:

~~(G)~~(F) Unused funds must be rolled over to the following school year for a scholarship student who applies and continues to meet eligibility requirements to participate in the program ~~revert to the South Carolina Education Lottery Account~~.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, by striking Section 59-8-150(C)(1)(b) and inserting:

~~(c)~~(b) in lieu of the assessments required by subitem~~s~~ (a) ~~and (b),~~ ensure that each scholarship recipient in grades three through eight takes a nationally norm-referenced summative assessment annually or a formative assessment at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the first semester, and at the end of the school year. The assessment must be approved by the department, aligned with state standards, and include a linking study;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. COLLINS spoke against the Bill.

Rep. MARTIN spoke against the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAGER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to family reasons.

Rep. BRADLEY spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. GOVAN spoke against the Bill.

RULE 3.9 NOT INVOKED

Rep. WILLIAMS moved that Rule 3.9 be invoked and requested a quorum call.
Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion and requested a roll call.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 90; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Grant	Kirby	Luck
J. Moore	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Williams

Total--9

So, the House refused to invoke Rule 3.9.

Rep. GOVAN continued speaking.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore

Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Harris	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--38

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 62. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Chris Hart

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING

SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4104 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, AS "CLEMSON DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4105 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JESSE ELLISON OUTEN JR. OF CHERAW AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4106 -- Reps. Crawford, Cobb-Hunter, Edgerton, Wetmore, Terribile, Spann-Wilder, Oremus, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel, Landing, Pedalino, Erickson, Davis, Schuessler, Dillard, Cromer, Holman, Calhoon, Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Duncan, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, TO SALUTE THE MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND GIRL SCOUTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, GIRL SCOUT DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4107 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam,

Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, "LINKS DAY AT THE CAPITOL" AND TO RECOGNIZE SOUTHERN AREA DIRECTOR VANESSA FALLS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTERS OF THE LINKS INC.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4108 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A TRULY REMARKABLE SEASON

AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4109 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4110 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANCIS A. "QUINN" LAWTON V, SERGEANT MAJOR IN THE UPSTATE YOUNG MARINE UNIT, OF HAMPTON COUNTY AND CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE DIVISION 2 YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4111 -- Reps. Williams, Mitchell, Luck, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON ITS HISTORIC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AND CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS, AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2025, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 24-AUGUST 31, 2025, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4103 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, B. Newton, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bauer, Burns, Collins, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Herbkersman, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, Kilmartin, Kirby, Lawson, Magnuson, McCabe, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Oremus, Rivers, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, M. M. Smith, Taylor, White, Wooten, Bailey, Gilliam, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-37-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY MAY ISSUE RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER MEMBER LICENSES TO OPTOMETRISTS FROM OTHER STATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISION, DURATION, AND REGULATION OF SUCH LICENSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-10, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-20,

RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-30, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-40, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS TO MEET EDUCATIONAL AND COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-245, RELATING TO EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, SO AS TO ALLOW EXAMINATION EQUIVALENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-290, RELATING TO THE PURCHASING, PRESCRIBING, AND ADMINISTERING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF SUCH MEDICATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-310, RELATING TO REFERRALS FOR TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA AND PROVISION OF SURGERY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-330, RELATING TO USE OF OPTOMETRISTS' SERVICES AUTHORIZED FOR AGENCY AND SCHOOL-REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OPTOMETRISTS MAY PROVIDE VISION OR EYE CARE SERVICES AT A SCHOOL IF APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-420, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN LICENSEES, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS LICENSED AS OPHTHALMOLOGISTS IN THIS STATE MAY CONTINUE PRACTICING UNDER CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT THAT SUCH PERSONS LICENSED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, MUST FULFILL CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN TREATMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-79-30, RELATING TO PROVISIONS LIMITING LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS UNDER MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE LAWS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PATIENTS, AND TO INCLUDE

OPTOMETRISTS AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDED IN THESE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-30-310, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRISTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-37-300 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING PHARMACIES OR SELLING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS, AND DISPENSING CONTACT LENSES.

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

H. 4112 -- Reps. Pace, Burns, Magnuson, Reese, Forrest, Haddon, Hixon and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-70 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISING AND POSSESSING OF CHICKEN HENS AND QUAIL HENS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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

MOTION NOTED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3007 until Thursday, March 6, and the motion was noted.

MOTION NOTED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3008 until Thursday, March 6, and the motion was noted.

MOTION NOTED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3558 until Tuesday, March 4, and the motion was noted.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3941 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2025, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:06 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WOOTEN, adjourned in memory of Victor O'Neal Roof, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 27, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Nehemiah 9:32: "Now, therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love, let not all the hardship seem little to you that has come upon us, upon our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until this day."

Let us pray. Lord, give us steadfastness to love all hurting people. God keeps his promises. And because of His steadfast love, He goes to incredible lengths to save His people. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our men and women who serve and suffer to keep us safe. Remember our women and men who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of her mother, Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Ms. Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel

On behalf of my sisters and I, we ask that when we adjourn, we adjourn in memory of our mother Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel who passed away July 22, 2024. She was a native of Fairfield County and a member of St. Matthews First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, SC,

where she served as church clerk after her father passed away for 55 years. She was also considered the knowledge base of the church.

We finally thank everyone for the condolences extended.

Rep. Annie McDaniel

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Roland Hager, father of Representative Hager.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the leaders of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus who have passed away.

STATEMENT BY REP. MCDANIEL

Rep. MCDANIEL made a statement relative to the contributions of the legendary photographer, Cecil Williams.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HOWARD, from the Richland Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MITCHELL, from the Darlington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4113 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4114 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, B. L. Cox, Holman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer,

Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE HENRY EDWARD BROWN JR. OF HANAHAN FOR HIS SIXTEEN YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 99 IN BERKELEY COUNTY, AS WELL AS HIS TEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST DISTRICT AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--116

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MAY signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, February 25.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reason.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Robert Todd of Iva was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. SANDERS presented to the House the T. L. Hanna High School Boys Golf "Yellow Jackets" AAAAA Region Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. SANDERS presented to the House the T. L. Hanna High School Girls Golf "Lady Yellow Jackets" AAAAA SCHSL D2 State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Broome High School Strength and Conditioning State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LOWE presented to the House the South Florence High School "Bruins" 2024 Football State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HARTZ presented to the House the South Aiken High School "Thoroughbreds" Boys Swim Team State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	ROBBINS, GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3030
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3202
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3259
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	GIBSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3447
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3542
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	TAYLOR, HIXON and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3571
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3650
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3728
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3842
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	SANDERS and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3872
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3907
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	T. MOORE, MONTGOMERY, B. L. COX, HOLMAN, WOOTEN, LAWSON, COLLINS, MITCHELL, YOW, WICKENSIMER, GILLIAM and RANKIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3913
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	GAGNON and CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	NEESE, EDGERTON and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3945
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	CASKEY and LUCK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3947
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4049
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	TAYLOR and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4055
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	BUSTOS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4102
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	ROSE, SANDERS, DUNCAN and REESE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
02/27/25	BOWERS and LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	REMOVE:
02/27/25	COBB-HUNTER

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HOSEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to a commitment in his district.

DEBATE ADJOURNED ON STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT

The following appointment was taken up:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 24, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to Section 57-1-310(A)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: February 15, 2022
Term Expiring: February 15, 2026
Type: Initial Appointment
Seat: At-Large
Vice: James T. McLawhorn Jr.

Contact Information:
James Britt Blackwell, O.D.
1268 Ebenezer Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Rep. GILLIAM moved to adjourn debate on the confirmation until Tuesday, March 4, which was agreed to.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE

DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO CONTRACT TO PROVIDE SANITATION SERVICES TO THIRD PARTIES NOT WITHIN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THIS AUTHORITY, TO ELIMINATE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION TO CHARGE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY CHARGE A SANITATION FEE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL RETIRE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ONLY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, TO EXEMPT EXISTING CONTRACTS, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS MAY NOT BE RENEWED OR EXTENDED.

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Joint Resolution was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

H. 3021--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman,

Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES

MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3756--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO

ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3571--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF

DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

The Committee on House, Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3571 (LC-3571.HA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-36-20(3)(b) and inserting:

(b) for the minor repair, connecting or routine maintenance of an existing facility;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-36-120(A)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(A)(1) A party affected by an alleged violation of this chapter may file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office within forty-five days of the alleged violation. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Attorney General's Office must refer the complaint to the notification center for an investigation and mediation pursuant to Section 56-36-50~~(M)~~(L). Each mediation recommendation proposed by the notification center must be submitted to the Attorney General's Office for approval or rejection.

~~(2) Any complaint that is not resolved through mediation or the mediation proposal is rejected by the Attorney General's Office shall be reviewed by the Attorney General's office as a contested case proceeding. The party who submitted the complaint shall be the moving party for purposes of this proceeding.~~

(2) The Attorney General's Office, upon receipt of a mediation recommendation from the notification center, may approve or reject the mediation recommendation.

(3) If the notification center informs the Attorney General's Office that a mediation recommendation could not be reached or a

mediation recommendation is rejected by the Attorney General's Office, the Attorney General's Office shall review the complaint and any additional information gathered by the notification center to determine whether there exists a prima facie case that a violation of this chapter has occurred. If the Attorney General's Office determines that there exists a prima facie case that a violation of this chapter occurred, the Attorney General's Office shall inform the complainant who shall then be authorized to file an action seeking the imposition of a civil penalty. Actions seeking the imposition of a civil penalty within the jurisdictional threshold of magistrate court pursuant to Section 22-3-10(3) may be brought in magistrate court. All other actions shall be filed in circuit court. If the Attorney General's Office determines that a prima facie case has not been established, the Attorney General's Office shall inform the complainant. A determination that a prima facie case has not been established by the Attorney General's Office shall preclude the complainant from filing an action seeking the imposition of a civil penalty. A determination that a prima facie case has not been established may be reviewed by the circuit court.

(4) Upon filing of an action pursuant to this section, the clerk of court shall forward a copy of the complaint to the notification center.

(5) In any action brought by a complainant seeking the imposition of penalties as authorized by this section, the complainant may seek penalties up to the statutory limit and may, during the litigation, resolve the action by a settlement within the statutory limits.

(6) An employee of the notification center who participated in the investigation of the complaint as provided in Sections 58-36-120(A)(1) and 58-36-50(L) may be called to testify in a proceeding brought to impose penalties pursuant to this section. However, that person may not testify to settlement discussions that would be protected by Rule 408 of the S.C. Rules of Evidence.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-36-120(B), (C), (D), (E), and (F) and inserting:

~~(B) The Office of the Attorney General shall have the authority to determine contested cases arising under this chapter. In exercising its authority to determine such cases, the Attorney General's office must comply with the contested case provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, Section 1-23-310 et seq. The Attorney General's office may decide contested cases on written submissions by affected parties and may conduct hearings, if necessary, using remote communication methods to streamline the proceedings for efficiency.~~

~~(C) The Attorney General's office may promulgate regulations as~~

~~needed to implement and administer the provisions of this section.~~

~~(D)(1)~~(B)(1) ~~The Attorney General shall have the authority to levy and collect civil penalties for violations of this chapter.~~ Except as provided in item (B)(2), the ~~Attorney General~~ court may impose a ~~fine~~civil penalty of up to $5,000 for each violation of this chapter.

(2) The ~~Attorney General~~court may impose a ~~fine~~civil penalty of up to $25,000 for each violation of the following:

(a) operators who do not join the association to operate the notification center as required in Section 58-36-50(B);

(b) persons or entities who damage an underground facility as a result of gross negligence in excavation or demolition;

(c) persons or entities who damage an underground facility and fail to promptly notify the notification center;

(d) persons or entities who damage an underground facility and take actions to conceal the damage;

(e) persons or entities who wilfully remove or otherwise destroy stakes or other physical markings used to mark the approximate location of underground facilities prior to the completion of the excavation or demolition unless that removal or destruction occurs after the excavation or demolition;

(f) persons or entities who intentionally violate requirements of this chapter.

~~(E)~~(C) This chapter does not affect any civil remedies for personal injury or property damage except as otherwise specifically provided for in this chapter. The penalty provisions of this chapter are cumulative to, and not in conflict with, provisions of law with respect to civil remedies for personal injury or property damage.

~~(F)~~(D) All penalties recovered in any actions brought under this section shall be ~~equally divided between~~ paid into the State's General Fund~~ and the Office of the Attorney General~~.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3571. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Gilreath

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

February 27, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3571, out of an abundance of caution, relating to the a bill to amend the South Carolina code of laws so as to add definitions for "large project," "notice," "pre-marking," "private facility," "project initiator," and "soft digging" and to amend the definitions of "excavate," "excavator," and "operator"; relating to the operators association notification center, so as to clarify operator penalty for failure to be a member of the association, the notification center's duties, and other changes; relating to the notice of intent to excavate or demolish, so as to provide additional time for notice for certain excavations or demolitions and other changes; relating to information supplied by operators, so as to require quarterly reports of damage caused by an excavation or demolition and to clarify payment of a civil penalty in certain circumstances; relating to emergency excavations or demolitions exempt from notice requirements and liability for damages, so as establish additional notification and response requirements in the event of an emergency and to make a false claim of an emergency a violation of this chapter; relating to notice of damages, so as to require an excavator to immediately report any known damage to the notification center and facility operator; relating to design requests and

operator response, so as to add a reference to large projects; relating to exemption from notice requirements, so as to strike current provisions; relating to penalties and civil remedies, so as to provide for a complaint process through the attorney general's office and provide for penalties; and so as to provide a process for large projects.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and a family member may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Sarita Edgerton
House District Number 34

H. 3571--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. GATCH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3571 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3259--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3259 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B. L. Cox, Ligon and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3259 (LC-3259.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 38-77-128(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) In determining the premium rates for a personal automobile insurance policy of a first responder, it is unlawful to consider the work-related driving record of a first responder if he is found to be noncontributing on the collision report or involved in a collision when responding to an emergency call.

(B) The first responder must furnish a copy of the police incident

report, investigative report, or Uniform Traffic Collision report regarding the crash in a timely manner to the insurance agent or insurer.

(C) For purposes of this section, "first responder" means a law enforcement officer or firefighter employed by local, state, or federal government. AAn emergency medical technician, paramedic, volunteer law enforcement officer or firefighter engaged by local, state, or federal government also is considered a first responder.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3259--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3259 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3447--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3447 -- Reps. Rutherford and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE

ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3447 (LC-3447.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 29-3-810 and inserting:

Section 29-3-810. Effective January 1, 2026, any homeowners association with the authority granted in Section 27-31-210 or its governing documents to foreclose on the property of a homeowners association member must in the case of a default by a defendant property owner make application for a rule to show cause to be issued to the defendant property owner. No foreclosure sale may be noticed prior to the issuance of the rule to show cause.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 27-30-130(D) and inserting:

(D) Effective January 1, 2026, any ~~provision in a homeowners association's governing documents granting the~~ homeowners association with the authority to foreclose on the property of a homeowners association member must adhere to the requirements of Section 29-3-810.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LIGON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. LIGON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

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

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliam	Rankin

Total--2

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3447. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Sessions

H. 3447--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. LIGON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3447 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3947--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

Rep. LIGON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer

Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

February 27, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3947 relating to the biennial continuing education requirements for licensure renewal by the Real Estate Commission, so as to provide nonresident brokers and nonresident associates who successfully satisfy continuing education requirements of their jurisdiction of residence may be exempt from the continuing education requirements of this state with approval of the Commission. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace
House District Number 117

H. 3947--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. LIGON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3947 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3629--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70,

RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3629 (LC-3629.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 48-23-120 and inserting:

Section 48-23-120. The State Commission of Forestry may acquire, by purchase, gift or otherwise, timberland and submarginal agricultural lands and cut over forest lands in this State at an average price not to exceed ~~five dollars per acre and in no event above ten dollars per acre~~the current appraised value and use such lands for timber production, demonstration in forestry practice, erosion and flood prevention, game sanctuaries, public shooting grounds and places of general recreation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HADDON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3629--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3629 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3872--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3872 (LC-3872.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 50-1-320(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) “Department-managed lands” means those lands owned by this State which the department holds management authority~~, those privately owned lands that are leased or managed by the department, and those lands managed by the State Forestry Commission~~ and are enrolled in the department’s Wildlife Management Area program.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3872--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3872 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3945--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Caskey and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATION, CAPTURING, HUNTING OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3650--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS

VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3046--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL

EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3127--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The motion of Rep. B. NEWTON to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3007 until Thursday, March 6, was taken up and agreed to.

H. 3007 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The motion of Rep. B. NEWTON to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3008 until Thursday, March 6, was taken up and agreed to.

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G.M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M.M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J.L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The motion of Rep. B. NEWTON to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on H. 3558, was taken up and agreed to.

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. HIXON asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4010 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HIOTT objected.

H. 3523--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 62--RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150,

RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

Yeas 80; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery

T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Dillard
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Harris	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Williams	

Total--32

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments.

H. 3828--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3828 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBINSON EARLE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3840--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3893--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3972--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F. CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4086--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4086 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

S. 193--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 193 -- Senators Reichenbach, Sabb and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CASHUA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SECOND LOOP ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 "CURTIS KERSHAW SUMMERFORD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4082 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR JEFF WILSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

H. 4084 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. KEITH MILLER, PRESIDENT OF GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

H. 4085 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS AND TO COMMEND THEM AND THEIR BATTALION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MCDANIEL, adjourned in memory of her mother, Mary Lucille Kennedy McDaniel, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 28, 2025
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 56:3: “O most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you.”

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, give us the strength to endure hardships which may occur in our life. Grant us Your peace, O Lord, as we go about the affairs of the day. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and keep our Armed Forces safe and care for those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR

DEMOLITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

H. 3259 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B. L. Cox, Ligon and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.

H. 3447 -- Reps. Rutherford and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION FOR A RULE TO SHOW CAUSE IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE

ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 4.

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Tuesday, March 4, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Timothy 6:17: "As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

Let us pray. God of comfort and assurance, we thank You for Your presence that promises to protect us through the storms of life that come to us. Be our comforter in all times of need. Bless and protect our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Protect our men and women who serve and sometimes suffer for our freedom. Remember our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WICKENSIMER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor of Greenville, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Dr. Bob Taylor

Today I ask that the House adjourn in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor from Greenville. Dr. Taylor passed away last Thursday, February 27 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Bob was a college professor, college dean, and served on Greenville County Council for 20 years and was the former Council Chairman. He was a hunter and served on many boards in the community and state. He is survived by his wife of 62 years

Barb Taylor, son Scott, and daughters Tami and Wendy. His daughter, Wendy Nanney, was a former S.C. House Member. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren. Bob was a man of faith, a great sense of humor, and just a great man.

I ask that these remarks be recorded in the journal.

Rep. Paul Wickensimer

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Hager and his family on the loss of his father, Roland Hager.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Angie Stone.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for those affected by the fires in Horry County.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Wendy Nanney on the loss of her father, Dr. Bob Taylor.

APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

3rd Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
State House, First Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
401 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
213 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

February 27, 2025

RE: Approval of Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 3rd District DOT Commission

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et. seq., members of the General Assembly representing the 3rd Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted and members of the House of Representatives met.

As Senior Member of the 3rd District Delegation, I certify that Ms. Pamela L. Christopher received a majority of the weighted vote of only the members of the House of Representatives in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher
129 North Main Street, #200
Anderson, South Carolina 29621-5608
S.C. Department of Transportation Commission
Pchristopher@andersonscchamber.com
864-226-3454
3rd Congressional District
Term Commencing: 02/15/2024
Term Expiring: 02/15/2028
Vice: Self

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
William R. Whitmire
Received as information.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 3, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esquire to serve as Richland County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Ms. Lawrence qualified and the Richland County Legislative Delegation has submitted her name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Richland County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: April 30, 2021
Term Expiring: April 30, 2027
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Joseph M. Strickland (resigned)

Contact Information:
Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esquire
101 Branchview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on the Governor’s appointment for Richland County Master-

in-Equity. Had I been present, I would have voted to confirm Stephanie N. Lawrence.

Rep. Jason Luck

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on the Governor's appointment for Richland County Master-in-Equity. Had I been present, I would have voted to confirm Stephanie N. Lawrence.

Rep. Thomas Gilreath

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4115 -- Reps. Vaughan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF AND GAIN PREVENTION EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS OF TOPICAL STEROID DEPENDENCE AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AS TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4117 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MILDRED EARLINE ROBERTS OF TRAVELERS REST ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4118 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DOROTHY NELSON BONNER OF CLARENDON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4119 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2025 AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURY IN THE STATE AND NATIONALLY, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BRAIN INJURIES.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY

"US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

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

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4122 -- Rep. Clyburn: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE

DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4123 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITIES ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ARTICLE REGARDING OBSCENITY LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "HARMFUL TO MINORS" AND "MATERIAL" TO INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF MATERIALS AND PERFORMANCES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED OBSCENE, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROFANE LANGUAGE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS, DEFENSES, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE PROVIDED BY THE STATUTE ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF AGE-APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION AND HUMAN BIOLOGY CURRICULUM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4124 -- Reps. Pope and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14950, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPAIGNS, SO AS TO ADD AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 51 -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS

ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative commitment in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SANDERS a leave of absence for medical reasons.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. March Seabrook of Lexington was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	FORREST, MAGNUSON and WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3030
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	FORREST, YOW, CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3052
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	FORREST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3092
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	HIXON, TAYLOR, GAGNON, OREMUS, HARTZ and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3256
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	PACE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3409
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3497
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	BAILEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3650
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	FORREST, B. NEWTON, HIXON and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3756
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	FORREST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3927
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	LONG

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4069
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/04/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	REMOVE:
03/04/25	MONTGOMERY

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 24, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to Section 57-1-310(A)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: February 15, 2022
Term Expiring: February 15, 2026
Type: Initial Appointment
Seat: At-Large

Vice: James T. McLawhorn Jr.

Contact Information:
James Britt Blackwell, O.D.
1268 Ebenezer Road
Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery

T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3969--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox

B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4088--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was in the lobby discussing legislative business with a constituent when the vote was taken on H. 4088 Darlington County Forfeited Land Commission. If present I would have voted “yes” on the local bill.

Rep. Sessions

H. 3021--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE

COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC

EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

Reps. B. NEWTON, FORREST, HIXON, HIOTT, OREMUS, MARTIN, BREWER, B. L. COX, J. E. JOHNSON, HARRIS, CROMER, ROBBINS, WHITMIRE, WEEKS, GILLIAM and T. MOORE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3756--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

Rep. GATCH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

H. 3945--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Caskey and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATION, CAPTURING, HUNTING OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. HIXON moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to.

H. 3650--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest, Caskey, Forrest, B. Newton, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750,

RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 25, which was agreed to.

S. 363--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS, ADMIN. PROC., AI AND CYBERSECURITY

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, the following Joint Resolution was ordered recalled from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity:

S. 363 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4111 -- Reps. Williams, Mitchell, Luck, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May,

McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON ITS HISTORIC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AND CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS, AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 6, 2025, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 24 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:11 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WICKENSIMER, adjourned in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor of Greenville, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 56:3: "O most High, when I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, give us the strength to endure hardships which may occur in our lives. Grant us Your peace, O Lord, as we go about the affairs of the day. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and keep our Armed Forces safe, and those with hidden wounds, care for them. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MITCHELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Johnny Lewis Brown, which was agreed to.

In Memory Mr. Johnny Lewis Brown

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we adjourn in memory of a great Hartsvillian, Mr. Johnny Lewis Brown. Lewis was a legendary quarterback and punter for the 1973 Red Foxes, which included our former Speaker, Jay Lucas, as a teammate. Lewis then went to Wofford and Francis Marion, where he led Francis Marion to a come-from-behind victory over Clemson with a walk off homerun in the bottom of the 9th. After college, Lewis joined Sonoco Products Company and served in a variety of positions for over 30 years. Lewis served on numerous boards and committees including as President of the South Carolina Junior Golf Association. Lewis was

the first elected Republican in Darlington County history when he was elected to County Council in 1989. He served two stints on Darlington County Council until he accepted the position of Darlington County Economic Development Director. He served the county well in this position. Lewis passed away on February 13, 2025, after battling a brief illness, and we remember his wife, Kathy, his daughters: Lindsey, Taylor, Claire, and the rest of his family in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Brittain's grandfather, Rev. Thomas "Big Tom" Brittain.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 4, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST the invitation was accepted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4125 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BLACKVILLE NATIVE HELEN PEEPLES SINGLETARY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4126 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GOLDIE ABSON DAVIS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4127 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING WINNING SEASON IN REGION V CLASS AAA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4128 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ESTES LANE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-20-60 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LANDIS ROAD "MARY LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL ROAD" AND ERECT

APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4130 -- Reps. Oremus, Long, Gagnon, Hartz, McCravy and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM DESIGNATING MISCARRIAGES AS AN ABORTION IN PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL

NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR FOR EACH OF THE COMPONENT OFFICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE DEFINITIONS TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-210, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-220, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-230, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-240, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-255, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CONFIRMED

IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-20, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CREATE THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDE FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-20, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES FROM THE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER TRANSFER THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-30, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-420, RELATING TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS

TO GIVE SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER TO AID AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORDERS DURING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN AGENCY NAMES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, PURSUANT TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS EXISTING POWERS UNDER SECTION 44-1-140, ANY SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED WHOSE REFUSAL OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR TESTING RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHETHER HE IS INFECTED WITH THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY VACCINATE OR TREAT PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE INFORMED CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HARD DEADLINE FOR A PETITION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ASSIST IN THE

PERFORMANCE OF VACCINATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 44-9-40 RELATING TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

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

S. 125 -- Senators Johnson, Sutton, Devine and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 264 -- Senators Peeler, Climer, Ott, Johnson, Kimbrell, Williams, Turner, Rice, Corbin, Bennett, Garrett and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT EXPRESS WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF THE OWNER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 275 -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHER PROVIDER THAT OFFERS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS UNDER THE SAME FEES AND CONDITIONS OFFERED TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MCCABE signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, February 27.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. ALEXANDER signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, March 4.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative commitment in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ANDERSON a temporary leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Chris Fyock of Greenville County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3021
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	BREWER, GIBSON and HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER, M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, HOLMAN and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3092
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	MCCRAVY and HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3096
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	ERICKSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3256
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	MCCRAVY and HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	EDGERTON, M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, HOLMAN, DAVIS, BREWER and MURPHY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3460
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3490
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3497
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	B. L. COX, HOLMAN, OREMUS and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3603
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3620
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3630
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3631
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	T. MOORE and MONTGOMERY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3641
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3651
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3655
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3802
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, J. L. JOHNSON and BAMBERG

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3974
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	HIXON, BERNSTEIN, BEACH, ERICKSON and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4130
Date:	ADD:
03/05/25	LONG, GAGNON, HART, MCCRAVY and HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	REMOVE:
03/05/25	GIBSON

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

H. 4002--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED,

RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest, Caskey, Forrest, B. Newton, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

H. 3756--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

Rep. GATCH proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3756 (LC-3756.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(7)(f) and inserting:

(f) any costs incurred by (i) the commission or the Office of Regulatory Staff for any outside consultants, including counsel and advisors~~,~~; and (ii) the qualified independent third party selected by the commission, to the extent retained in connection with the securitization of storm recovery costs.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(12) and inserting:

(12) The term "qualified independent third party" means a person or entity with relevant expertise in accounting, finance, or utility regulation, sufficient to make the professional judgements necessary to certify compliance as required by Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a). The qualified independent third party shall be designated and retained by the commission to participate in the pre-bond issuance review process established by the commission pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(C)(2)(h). The role and responsibilities of the qualified independent third party are further detailed in Section 58-27-1110(C)(6). The qualified independent third party's certification of compliance is intended to inform the commission's decisions alongside other evidence in the proceeding.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 58-27-1105(17)(c) and (d) and inserting:

(c) with respect to storm recovery costs that the electrical utility expects to incur, any difference between costs expected to be incurred and actual, reasonable and prudent costs incurred, including carrying costs and financing costs associated with any difference between costs expected to be incurred and actual, reasonable and prudent costs incurred, or any other rate-making adjustments appropriate to fairly and reasonably assign or allocate storm cost recovery to customers over time, shall be addressed in a future general rate proceeding, regardless of whether the electrical utility elects to seek review ~~an~~and approval of principal costs prior to or after filing a petition for a financing order and issuing storm recovery bonds pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(B), as may be facilitated by other orders of the commission issued at the time or prior to such proceeding; provided, however, that any review of financing costs shall be limited to reconciling any estimated financing costs with actual financing costs incurred and the commission's adoption of a financing order and approval of the issuance of storm recovery bonds may not be revoked or otherwise modified. Any over-recovered

costs, including carrying costs and financing costs, shall be ordered by the commission to be returned to the electrical utility's customers in the next possible proceeding, over a period established by the commission.

(d) due to the significant and unprecedented damage caused by the 2024 hurricane referred to as Hurricane Helene to public and private property in South Carolina, including widespread destruction of utility infrastructure and the extraordinary expenses incurred by electrical utilities to repair, restore, and rebuild that infrastructure, the electrical utility is authorized to include as storm recovery costs, for Hurricane Helene only, its cost of capital from the date of the storm through the issuance of storm recovery bonds. This cost of capital shall be determined by the actual interest rate paid by the utility to borrow funds necessary to cover the restoration and recovery efforts after Hurricane Helene through the issuance of storm recovery bonds, provided that the interest rate percentage does not exceed the utility's total weighted average cost of capital percentage as established in its most recent ~~base rate case~~ general rate proceeding, adjusted for income tax savings associated with the interest rate component. This subsection shall not be construed to limit, modify, or otherwise affect the electrical utility's ability to seek recovery of carrying costs in future securitizations under this article, except as specifically provided herein for Hurricane Helene.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 58-27-1110(B) and inserting:

(B) If the principal costs the electrical utility proposes to finance using storm recovery bonds were not already subject to review by the commission in a general rate proceeding, then the electrical utility must~~, at its discretion, either~~ file a petition with the commission for review and approval of those costs no later than one hundred eighty days before filing a petition for a financing order pursuant to this section, or, alternatively, defer the review and approval of such costs to either a future ~~base~~general rate proceeding or a separate proceeding established by the commission at the request of the electrical utility in consultation with the Office of Regulatory Staff. If the electrical utility chooses to deter the review and approval of such costs, it shall file a report with the commission updating the reconciliation of estimated costs to actual costs incurred at least twice per calendar year until the costs are reconciled. If the electrical utility does not file a petition with the commission for review and approval of such costs within one calendar year following the issuance of the storm recovery bonds, the Office of Regulatory Staff may, at its discretion, file a petition with the commission to initiate a proceeding for review and approval of such costs. In either case,

reconciliation of estimated costs to actual costs shall by subject to review pursuant to Section 58-27-1105(17)(c).

(1) Any petition for review and approval of the principal costs shall be accompanied by direct testimony, exhibits, and supporting workpapers supporting the petition, testimony, and exhibits. Such workpapers may be filed under seal to the extent necessary to protect confidential, proprietary, or sensitive information. The electrical utility shall provide functional exhibits and workpapers to the Office of Regulatory Staff and to the commission, subject to any appropriate confidentiality designations.

(2) If the electrical utility must file a petition for review and approval of the principal costs, the electrical utility shall not be required to provide additional notice prior to filing a petition for a financing order pursuant to this section; otherwise, the utility shall file a notice of its intent to file a petition for a financing order not less than thirty days prior to filing any such petition.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) Such issuance advice letter shall be in the form approved in a financing order and include the final terms of the storm recovery bond issuance, up-front financing costs and ongoing financing costs. Such issuance advice letter shall include a certification from the electrical utility, the primary underwriter(s), and a qualified independent third party designated by the commission, as a condition to closing, certifying whether the sale of storm recovery bonds complies with the requirements of this article and the financing order. The certifications of the electrical utility and qualified independent third party shall certify whether the issuance of recovery bonds and the imposition and collection of a storm recovery charge will in fact provide quantifiable net benefits to customers on a present-value basis as compared to the costs that would have been incurred absent the issuance of storm recovery bonds. The certifications of the electrical utility, primary underwriter(s), and qualified independent third party shall certify whether the structuring, marketing, and pricing of the storm recovery bonds will in fact result in the lowest storm recovery charges consistent with market conditions at the time the storm recovery bonds were priced and the terms set forth in the financing order. The qualified independent third party designated by the commission shall review the issuance advice letter and deliver its independent certification to the commission along with any other information it believes the commission should consider as to the commission's decision in subitem ~~(b)~~(c) no later than

one business day after the filing of the issuance advice letter by the electric utility which will contain the aforementioned certifications.

(b) Once the qualified independent third party is designated and retained by the commission, the qualified independent third party shall independently participate in the pre-bond issuance review process established by the commission pursuant to Section 58-27-1110(C)(2)(j). The qualified independent third party shall have the authority to request and receive all necessary documents, data, and information from the electrical utility to fulfill its responsibilities and ensure compliance with Section 58-27-1110(C)(6)(a). The qualified independent third party shall also have the ability to communicate directly with the parties to the proceeding as needed to carry out its duties. The qualified independent third party's communications with the commission shall be limited solely to docket filings or, if requested by the commission, participation in a post-pricing meeting involving the electrical utility, the qualified independent third party, and other parties. The structure and details of the docket filings and such a meeting, including the handling of any confidential information, shall be determined by the commission in accordance with applicable procedural rules and orders.

~~(b)~~(c) Unless otherwise provided in the financing order, by no later than noon on the fourth business day after the final terms of the storm recovery bonds are determined, the commission shall either accept the issuance advice letter or deliver an order to the electrical utility to prevent the issuance of the storm recovery bonds.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 5, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.

506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3756 amending Section 58-27-1105, so as to define "Qualified Independent Third Party" and to allow an electric utility to include storm recovery costs for Hurricane Helene and its cost of capital from the date of the storm through the issuance of storm recovery bonds; also amending Section 58-27-1110, relating to the petition for financing order and requirements so as to allow an electric utility to defer the review and approval of a financing order out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
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House District Number 3

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Sincerely,
Representative Heath Sessions
House District Number 46

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

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

OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

S. 363--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 363 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3007--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL

GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

H. 3008--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

H. 3021--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR

PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3021 (LC-3021.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 1-23-110(E) and inserting:

(E) An agency may not promulgate any regulation unless the agency has been expressly granted the power to do so by a statutory delegation. The regulation must be within the scope of authority specifically granted by the statute, and the agency must cite the specific statutory provision authorizing the regulation. If a statute authorizes promulgation of a regulation, that authority expires ~~three years after the regulation is promulgated and takes effect~~according to the following schedule:

(1) All statutory delegations currently in effect on July 1, 2026 shall expire on July 1, 2037, except that the authority does not expire for:

(a) regulations promulgated originally as emergency regulations filed pursuant to Section 1-23-130, or regulations which would qualify as such but are filed using the ordinary regulation process;

(b) regulations required to conform with enacted state or federal legislation;

(c) regulations required to comply with federal law or regulation changes; or

(d) regulations required to maintain or become eligible for federal grants or appropriations.

(2) All delegations created after June 30, 2026 shall expire three years after the statute's effective date, except that the authority does not expire for:

(a) regulations promulgated originally as emergency regulations filed pursuant to Section 1-23-130, or regulations which would qualify as such but are filed using the ordinary regulation process;

(b) regulations required to conform with enacted state or federal legislation;

(c) regulations required to comply with federal law or regulation changes; or

(d) regulations required to maintain or become eligible for federal grants or appropriations.

(3) To the extent this section is more permissive than Section 1-23-120(A)(2), this section takes precedence. ~~After that time, existing regulations may still be updated, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, to conform with enacted legislation or federal law or regulation changes; however, new regulations may not be promulgated pursuant to that statute.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 1-23-120(J)(1) and inserting:

(1) All administrative regulations expire on January first of the ~~eighth~~seventh calendar year after their effective date unless readopted pursuant to this section, except as detailed in item (6).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3021 (LC-3021.HA0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately

numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Each governmental entity subject to the provisions of this act must provide the appropriate staff and resources to comply with this act with the governmental entity's budget as of July 1, 2025. No governmental entity shall request any additional funding, including but not limited to, any additional employees or other budget request, for the purposes of complying with this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ERICKSON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. WOOTEN continued speaking.

Rep. WOOTEN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to by a division vote of 79 to 24.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3021 (LC-3021.HA0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 1-23-285, by adding a subsection to read:

(E) If the committee determines that a regulation has an adverse impact on small businesses, the agency responsible for the regulation must either:

(1) withdraw the regulation in its entirety; or

(2) amend the regulation to mitigate the adverse impact on small businesses, as directed by the committee.

(F) The agency shall submit a report to the committee detailing its actions taken under subsection (E) within thirty days of the committee's determination. If the agency fails to take action within this period, the regulation shall be deemed void unless the General Assembly grants an extension or otherwise intervenes.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to by a division vote of 82 to 19.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3021 (LC-3021.HA0004H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 1-23-110(F) and (G) and inserting:

(F) When an agency proposes a regulation for promulgation, the agency also shall identify and propose the removal of two existing regulations for each regulation the agency proposes to add. The repeal must involve a substantive reduction in regulatory requirements and may not be achieved merely through the consolidation or reorganization of existing regulatory provisions. The agency shall certify in its notice of proposed regulation that the identified repeals result in a net reduction of regulatory burden.

(G) Agencies are prohibited from reissuing, renumbering, or consolidating regulatory provisions in a manner that does not achieve a substantive reduction in regulatory burdens. Any modification of existing regulations must demonstrate an actual decrease in regulatory obligations rather than a mere restructuring of provisions. The burden of proof shall rest with the agency to show that a proposed regulatory change results in a net reduction of regulatory restrictions.

~~(G)~~ (H) Any person aggrieved by a regulation may challenge the validity of the regulation on the grounds that the agency lacked express statutory authority to promulgate the regulation. The challenge may be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the court has the power to declare the regulation invalid if it finds that the agency lacked express statutory authority to be promulgated.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 90; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank

Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	Whitmire

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3021. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Nathan Ballentine

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4131 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Williams, Kirby, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon,

Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO. INC. SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING DIVISION FOR PRODUCING THE PRODUCT THAT WON THE 2024 COOLEST THING MADE IN SOUTH CAROLINA CONTEST BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4132 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBER

OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4133 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CRISIS RECOVERY NETWORK COORDINATED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD, TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NETWORK, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE NETWORK AS A TRUSTED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE TO KNOW THEY MAY CALL UPON IT IF THE NEED ARISES.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4135 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "VISION CARE PLANS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND REGULATE VISION CARE PLANS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4136 -- Reps. Govan, King, Bailey, Schuessler, Jones, Bustos, Cobb-Hunter and Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REVIEW ALL PRIOR REPORTS AND STUDIES CONDUCTED SINCE 2015 WHICH PERTAIN TO THE REGULATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DAMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4137 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Caskey, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Wooten and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-3920, RELATING TO BINGO TAX ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERANS' TRUST FUND" AND "VETERANS' ORGANIZATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4020, RELATING TO CLASSES OF BINGO LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A CLASS G LICENSE FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4030,

RELATING TO ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS G LICENSE HOLDER MAY IMPOSE A CERTAIN ENTRANCE FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4070, RELATING TO DOMICILES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4190, RELATING TO BINGO CARD CHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE AND RETAIN CERTAIN FEES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4138 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LEGAL GUARDIANS OF MINOR OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ON ONE PERSONAL MOTOR VEHICLE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4139 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASON FOR ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO CHANGE THE END OF CERTAIN SEASONS FROM JANUARY FIRST TO JANUARY FIFTH.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4140 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND EARLY VOTING DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION BEFORE A STATEWIDE PRIMARY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4141 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-70, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATION LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN INVESTIGATOR OR IN A ROLE

WITH INVESTIGATION DUTIES IN THE MILITARY SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4142 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMITS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4143 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-140, RELATING TO BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE LIMITS FROM TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4144 -- Reps. W. Newton, Jordan, J. E. Johnson, T. Moore, Lawson, Bernstein, Caskey, Bauer, Govan, Brittain and Montgomery: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-190, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MAIL THEFT AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4145 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bannister, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Kirby and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF BEING VICTIMS OF A RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CRIME.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4146 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, W. Newton, Davis, Guest, Wetmore, B. Newton and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-275 SO AS TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO MAKE

CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS BY ORDINANCE, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4147 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-26-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE CREDIT UNIONS TO POST ALL FEES AND CHARGES THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4148 -- Rep. Hart: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 26 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDED AND PAID FOR BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4149 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-5-120 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CREDITORS AND DEBT COLLECTORS FROM REPORTING CONSUMER DEBT OBTAINED FROM SERVICES RENDERED AT SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL FACILITIES, AND TO PROHIBIT CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES FROM INCLUDING SUCH DEBT ON A CONSUMER REPORT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4002--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Rep. BURNS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 6, which was agreed to.

ACTING SPEAKER B. NEWTON IN CHAIR

H. 3007--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Resolution.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. JORDAN continued speaking.

Rep. HARRIS spoke against the Resolution.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3007. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Concurrent Resolution.

Rep. Nathan Ballentine

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I would like my voice vote of 'No', to be entered into the House Journal, 3/5/2025 on H. 3007.

Rep. Rob Harris

H. 3008--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

Rep. JORDAN proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3008 (LC-3008.SA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, after the last paragraph by adding:

Be it further resolved that the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina adopts this concurrent resolution expressly subject to the following reservations, understandings, and declarations:

(1) an application to the Congress of the United States to call an amendment convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution confers no power to Congress other than the power to call such a convention. The power of Congress to exercise this ministerial duty consists solely of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of a convention; and

(2) Congress shall perform its ministerial duty of calling an amendment convention of the states only upon the receipt of applications for an amendment convention for the substantially same purpose as this application from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

(3) Congress does not have the power or authority to determine any rules for the governing of an amendment convention of the states called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. Congress does not have the power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any state to such a convention, nor does it have the power to name delegates to such a convention. The power to name delegates remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states; and

(4) by definition, an amendment convention of the states means that states shall vote on the basis of one state, one vote; and

(5) a convention of the states convened pursuant to this application must be limited to consideration of the topics specified in this concurrent resolution and no other. This application is made with the express understanding that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend,

modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights, the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the United States Constitution shall not be authorized for consideration at any stage. This application shall be void ab initio if ever used at any stage to consider any change to any provision of the Bill of Rights; and

(6) pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The South Carolina General Assembly recommends that Congress select ratification by the legislatures of the several states; and

(7) the South Carolina General Assembly may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of a duty or a violation of the instructions provided.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. HART spoke against the Concurrent Resolution.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the Joint Assembly.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:00 noon the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

The Reading Clerk of the House read the following Concurrent Resolution:

S. 332 -- Senators Alexander and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, THE HONORABLE JAMES A. LACOURSIERE, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF

THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025.

The Honorable James A. LaCoursiere Jr. and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Cromer, Bennett, Goldfinch, Sutton, Zell and Massey and Representatives B. L. COX, B. J. COX, DAVIS, GILLIAM and HOSEY. The President recognized our special guests and then the National American Legion Commander addressed the General Assembly as follows:

Address by the Honorable James A. LaCoursiere Jr.
National Commander of The American Legion
March 5, 2025

Ladies, Gentlemen, distinguished Members of this great Body--It's truly an honor to speak to you today in this beautiful historic capitol. Before I begin, please allow me a moment to introduce members of The American Legion family who are with me today.

We have with us the Commander of the South Carolina American Legion, Bruce Donegan of Loris.

National Executive Committeeman and Acting Adjutant for the Department of South Carolina, Jim Hawk of Irmo.

Cecil Phillips, Alternate NEC from Rock Hill.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of South Carolina President, Allyson Boone of Columbia, S.C.

And the Sons of the American Legion South Carolina Detachment Commander, Ross Polson of Rock Hill.

Ladies and gentlemen, on January 20 my organization had the honor of hosting the Salute to Heroes Ball in Washington as part of our nation's inaugural celebration. These special events have been held by the American Legion for every presidential inauguration since 1953. During these Salutes, we celebrate the heroes who make such occasions possible – our nation's Medal of Honor recipients.

This year we were fortunate to have 24 living Medal of Honor recipients as our special guests. As most of you are probably aware, the Medal of Honor is our nation's highest military award. Just over 3,500 heroes have been awarded the Medal since President Lincoln authorized its creation in 1861. Only 61 are still living.

Those who have earned the award are not "winners." They didn't receive their medals by placing first in a contest or besting opponents in

a competition. Medal of Honor recipients are recognized for unwavering devotion, extraordinary valor in combat and conspicuous gallantry.

Among the special guests at our Salute to Heroes ball this year was a son of South Carolina, U.S. Army Sergeant Major Thomas Payne.

He didn't write the revolutionary pamphlet "Common Sense," like the other Thomas Paine. And while his name is spelled P-A-Y-N-E, he certainly inflicted pain on the enemy.

If you don't know the story of this Delta Force legend, allow me to go over a few highlights:

Born in 1984, he grew up in Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina. The son of a police officer, he understood service at an early age and enlisted after graduating from Lugoff-Elgin High School in 2002. He says his decision to be an Army Ranger was made when he saw video of the Towers falling on 9/11.

During his distinguished career, Sergeant Major Payne has been deployed 17 times including tours in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa.
But it was his actions on October 22, 2015, that are permanently etched among the bravest in military history.

As a sergeant-first-class at the time, Thomas Payne led an assault team that was clearing buildings in Iraq's Kirkuk Province. Intelligence revealed that these buildings were being used by ISIS to hold hostages. Under fire from the beginning, Payne and his men fought their way to the first building, freeing 38 hostages in the process.

After hearing a call for help, he entered a second building. As the burning building began to crumble, he engaged enemy fighters before trading his rifle for bolt-cutters so he could rescue more hostages. Despite losing teammates, Sergeant First Class Payne made numerous trips in and out of the building until 38 more hostages were freed.

As a result of the actions of Payne and his team, 75 hostages were rescued from the ISIS compound.

In 2020, he received the Medal of Honor from President Trump for his actions. Fittingly, it was presented on September 11, the 19th anniversary of the attacks which inspired him to join.

With a brother in the Army and another in the Air Force, service runs deep in the veins of the Payne family. This is not surprising given the culture of the patriotic Palmetto State.

Here are just a few examples of the selfless service that we find in communities throughout South Carolina:

American Legion family members at Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 have been collecting and transporting relief supplies to Hurricane Helene

victims in Fines Creek, North Carolina. They do this not to help themselves but to assist their fellow Americans in another state.

We have seen an active "Buddy Check" program conducted by South Carolina's Hezzie Griffis Post 30 in the immediate aftermath of the hurricane. They understand that even when there is no natural disaster, veterans are 50 percent more likely to commit suicide than those who never served in the military.

Buddy Checks are our way of pro-actively engaging with veterans, not just to prevent suicide but to foster camaraderie and wellness.

I would also like to recognize American Legion Larry Jeffers Post 195 in Lugoff. Last May, Post 195 was named the Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce 2024 Nonprofit of the Year. This is a particular inspiration since the post was on the verge of foreclosure during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also last year, American Legion Post 124 in Walhalla rededicated the village of Newry's World War II Memorial. It was in conjunction with the 130th anniversary of Newry's founding. These are just a few of the activities and accomplishments of local American Legion posts spread throughout this great region.

While I am here, I'd also like to extend my congratulations to Andrew Behrmann of Tega City. Andrew is a recent delegate of South Carolina American Legion Boys State and one of our 2024 Samsung Scholars. Andrew certainly earned his $10,000 scholarship for his achievements as a student athlete, Eagle Scout, conservationist and youth group leader.

The scholarship, which is administered by The American Legion, is funded through the earnings derived from a five-million-dollar endowment from Samsung. The electronics corporation made the donation in 1996 to show appreciation for the sacrifices that our Korean War veterans made during its struggle against communist forces that started 75 years ago. There are only ten Samsung Scholars selected nationally each year, so Andrew truly represents the best of his class.

The hospitality that I have experienced here in South Carolina the last couple of days has been amazing. I can see why nearly 400,000 veterans call South Carolina home.

I visited the Camden battlefield and received briefings from military officials at Shaw Air Force Base and Fort Jackson.

Quality of life issues for our Armed Service is essential in today's All Volunteer Force.

We are pleased to see that Joint Base Charleston has an education fair scheduled for March 18, an event that is intended to help military families achieve their next level of success.

This State has always been what we in the Legion call "Veteran-friendly." And you're getting even friendlier! Some of the many bills being considered by this legislature deal with issues such as discounted fees at state parks for veterans and property tax relief for surviving spouses.

Now, you may notice that my cap says Connecticut. As national commander of The American Legion, my focus is mostly on federal policies. In fact, last week I testified about veterans and military issues before Congress.

But most veterans know the Legion as a community grassroots organization. It is what you do here in your state that provides the biggest impact.

It would be presumptuous of me to tell you which bills to sponsor or which legislation to draft. You know your communities much better than I do. I just want you to be aware how much we appreciate all that you do for veterans, our military and their families.

Now, if you would allow me for one moment to call to this platform two members of this distinguished body who have proven that they are not only great lawmakers, but they are advocates for those who have served. They have been designated by The American Legion Department of South Carolina as the Outstanding Members of the Legislature for 2025. They are true friends of veterans and The American Legion.

Senator and Representative Shane Massey and Bobby Cox, would you please join me?

Congratulations, Senator Shane Massey and Representative Bobby Cox. We appreciate all that you do on behalf of veterans.

Thank you so much, South Carolina Legislature.

God bless you and God bless America.

Upon conclusion of his address, the Honorable James A. Lacoursiere Jr. and his escort party retired from the Chamber.

The Honorable John W. Kittredge. and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Rankin, Massey, Devine, Elliott, Allen and Garrett and Representatives W. NEWTON, BANNISTER, MARTIN, MCCABE, GARVIN and SPANN-WILDER. The President recognized our special guests and then the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court addressed the General Assembly as follows:

State of the Judiciary 2025
Address by the Honorable John W. Kittredge
Chief Justice of South Carolina
Joint Session of the General Assembly
March 5, 2025

President Alexander, Speaker Smith, Chairman Peeler, Speaker *Pro Tempore* Pope, and the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House. In the House, Representatives Hiott and Rutherford. In the Senate, Senators Massey and Hutto. And Senator Hutto, please know we are thinking of you and looking forward to your return. To all members of the General Assembly, thank you for extending me the privilege of addressing this esteemed joint assembly. Please know I am grateful for this invitation. After serving for 33 years as a state judge at every level, I assumed the position of Chief Justice fairly recently, back in August. I stand before you as a steward of the Chief Justice position, mindful of the solemn and immense trust imposed on me. I pledge to you my commitment to do my best to be worthy of this position and to merit the confidence you have shown in me. I began this journey mindful and appreciative of the contributions of my predecessors, Chief Justices Toal, Pleicones and Beatty. I applaud them for their service. I will do my best to build on the solid foundation they have laid.

I recognize and applaud my exceptional colleagues on the Supreme Court, Justices Few, James, Hill and Verdin. Chief Judge Williams of the Court of Appeals is here, along with our outstanding appellate court judges, and welcome to the newest member of the Court of Appeals, Judge Kristi Curtis.

I recognize and extend my gratitude to Dan Shearouse, the Supreme Court's long serving clerk of court who came out of retirement to serve as the interim State Court Administrator. Similarly, I recognize Karama Herrington, who later this month will become our new State Court Administrator. Mr. Shearouse's service has been extraordinary, and I am confident Ms. Herrington is well prepared to assume this important role. Thank you, Dan, and welcome, Karama.

In our brief time together, there are so many important topics we could discuss. From judicial independence, to how does the Judicial Branch manage huge technology challenges, to how do we wisely assign our limited judicial resources to terms of court across our state, and the list goes on and on. Yet my time is limited, so I have chosen three topics to address briefly.

First, I want to give you and the citizens of South Carolina a glimpse into the role and volume of work in our trial courts and the number of cases that our court system handles. Second, because I note the Governor and the Legislature have a focus on magistrate reform, I want to commend you for those efforts and offer just a quick observation about one aspect concerning the need for uniformity in our magistrate court system. And lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I want to share how all people and all branches of government face a common challenge. I will do so by describing the most difficult journey a man or woman has ever undertaken.

Now to our courts in South Carolina. Apart from the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, we have 53 circuit court judges, 63 family court judges, roughly 23 Masters-in-Equity, 46 probate court judges, about 300 magistrates, and over 400 municipal court judges. That's a lot of judges. Have you ever thought about the true role and impact of the law on our fellow citizens? Yes, we intuitively understand that law—particularly the rule of law—serves as the bedrock foundation in our constitutional republic, in our civil society. What I want to share now, however, is more practical. What is the role and involvement of courts to the citizens we serve? We know over the past 25 years, the population in South Carolina has dramatically increased. Our state had a population of about 4 million in the year 2000. Today, a quarter of a century later, according to the most recent estimates from the Census Bureau, we are pushing 5 and a half million. How does that exploding growth affect the pressures on our justice system?

We currently do not have complete data about the number of cases and hearings conducted in the courtrooms across our state. We are working on gathering complete data so we can know the full story. Though our information is currently incomplete, what we do know is revealing in terms of the volume of work being done in our courts.

The chart on the screen is a new chart. It is not complete. It is a work in progress. Gregory Brooks in our IT department is creating this new report. If we are successful, the chart will eventually include information reflecting all the cases and hearings in the trial courts throughout the state. Gregory is off to an excellent start, and I thank him. When it is complete, the Judicial Branch, you, and the public will be able to access this site and obtain the most current data about the workloads in our courts. In this one interactive document that is being developed, we will have one go-to resource to see where we are on case filings and case dispositions. This is in line with the Judicial Branch's commitment to you and all of our fellow citizens to provide greater

transparency and accountability. While we currently only have partial information, here's what we do know. Over the past few years, 5.8 million matters have been filed in the trial courts of SC. Thus, what we do know begins to give us a sense of the volume of work in our courts. Think for a moment—not about the number of cases, but about the number of hearings that take place. A case in any court can result in many hearings. We will make this interactive resource available when it is complete. When the report goes live, we will keep updating the data as we establish a system for trial courts, clerks of court, and other stakeholders to provide us with complete information. We want to know how many cases are filed, and we want to know how many hearings take place in our courts. To give you a glimpse of what we are hoping to share with you and our fellow citizens, you will be able to look at a snapshot of a year by clicking on a year. You will access and see the information for the year you have selected. In 2024, for example, there were conservatively 1.5 million case filings. The number of court hearings, of course, would be much more than that. We will be able to drill down further into circuits and counties. We need to know the workloads in our courts. We are doing our best to gather all the information, so that we can truly know the volume and pressures in the trial courts of our state. With the relevant information, we can better and more wisely operate and manage the justice system for all South Carolinians. As I move to my next topic, I leave you with this: I and my colleagues on the Supreme Court could not be prouder of the work ethic of our trial court judges. In the trial courts across South Carolina, as you have seen, far more than a million matters are handled every year. I am going to return to this thought when I share my concluding remarks.

Permit me to offer a quick observation about our magistrate court system. If you look to the justices and judges elected here in the legislature—Family and Circuit Court, Court of Appeals and Supreme Court—the legislature elects right at 130 judgeships. Double that figure and you are still short of the approximate 300 magistrates throughout our state. The majority of magistrates perform well in their judicial service. A citizen's view of our justice system is frequently formed through the citizen's experience in magistrate's court. It serves as the people's court. The Governor and the legislature have expressed a desire to improve the structure of the magistrate court system, including magistrates court standards, uniformity and professionalism. The Governor, to his great credit, is focused on enhanced magistrate standards and professionalism. In the Legislative Branch, I note several

bills filed, directed to the issue of magistrates. For example, you are considering increasing magistrate court jurisdiction. Bills have been filed addressing the possible need for the vetting of magistrates in conjunction with a merit selection process for magistrates. You and the Governor are to be commended. The third branch of government—the Judicial Branch—supports your efforts, and it is my hope you will allow the Judicial Branch a seat at the table. I necessarily work closely with our magistrate court system. And through my regular interaction with the magistrate courts, I know of some of the strengths and weaknesses in the system. I choose only one issue to mention.

One area where the issue of uniformity needs to be addressed is magistrates pay for full time magistrates. There are full time and part time magistrates. I only mention full time magistrates here. The statutory method of pay is complicated and cumbersome. We look to the counties to pay the county magistrates, and we do so largely through a formula based on a county's population. Larger counties have more magistrates; smaller counties have fewer magistrates. Again, it is a population-based formula and approach. The pay disparity among full time magistrates is staggering. The highest paid magistrate earns just above $130,000, yet there are many full-time magistrates earning barely $50,000, one as low as $46,000. Think about that disparity. The higher salaries are found in the larger counties; the lowest salaries are found in our smaller counties. Yet when the caseloads of individual magistrates are examined, we learn that the lowest paid magistrates in the smaller counties can have a caseload equal to and sometimes greater than the magistrates serving in the larger counties. And we wonder why it is sometimes quite difficult to find qualified individuals willing to serve, especially in the less populated, rural areas. If there is a desire to move forward legislatively with magistrate reform with enhanced professionalism standards, the Judicial Branch would welcome the opportunity to have a voice in that effort.

I now move to my final point. I have conveyed to you the volume of work done by those who serve in our justice system. I do not, however, want to leave you with the impression that because of the overwhelming caseload pressures, that judges are merely assembly line workers, simply moving cases along without caring for the people who appear in our courts. Let me set this up by sharing something I heard years ago that resonated and has remained with me. Perhaps you are familiar with it, and especially the profound underlying message it carries. It begins with the following question: what is the most difficult … the most important … journey a man or woman has ever embarked on? It

was not Hannibal's crossing of the Alps; nor was it the Lewis and Clark expedition; nor Lindbergh's transatlantic flight; nor the Apollo moon mission; nor any other physical journey ever undertaken. The most difficult and important journey ever undertaken in the history of mankind is the 12 inches from the mind to the heart. The merging of the mind and the heart is what the law is all about. Yes, we must have accountability, but justice—to be justice—must be tempered with the heart, with understanding and mercy. Embedded in the DNA of the human spirit is a yearning for second chances. The law recognizes the role of redemption in the civil society. The merging of the mind with the heart is the essence of what the prophet Micah was capturing in the admonition to do justice and love mercy. I submit to you that when you are debating policy questions, and crafting legislation, you, too, are searching for the elusive intersection of accountability and compassion, the merging of the mind and heart.

In the court system, we at times confront horrific violent crime. In terms of dealing with violent crime, what is the relative relationship between the mind and the heart? Will judges impose a sentence for many years in prison for violent and repeat offenders? Absolutely and we do not apologize. In such a situation, accountability predominates and properly so. The laws you pass often mandate certain penalties and judges must honor those legislative directives. But there are many defendants— people—who come into the criminal justice system who are not violent offenders. In fact, the majority of people in the system fall into this latter category. It is here where a proper and wise understanding brings mercy and compassion into the equation.

As I close, I want to share just one example where the law has successfully navigated the difficult journey and merged the mind and the heart. It is with treatment courts, which are designed for and limited to nonviolent offenders. There are many different kinds of successful treatment courts—mental health courts; veterans courts; in family court, we have safe babies court, and there are others. Every county in South Carolina has at least one of these different kinds of treatment courts. Because of time constraints, I will mention only one—drug courts. Drug courts reflect both accountability and grace. A drug court program is intensive. The court meets with the participants regularly, at least once weekly, professionals provide treatment and drug testing, the participant must have and keep a job, or perform community service, and the program will last typically for a year, sometimes longer.

There is not a person here or within the sound of my voice who has not been impacted by addiction, perhaps through a family member or close friend. All understand the debilitating scourge of addiction. What is also beyond dispute is the fact that drug courts work. I know you are familiar with recidivism rates for those who go through the normal criminal court process. The rate of repeat offenders is alarmingly high for those who are simply handled through our criminal justice system. Yet the recidivism rate for those who make it through a drug court program pales in comparison. The success rate is high. Drug courts work. People's lives are saved. People are reunited with their communities; people are reunited with their families. Allow me to reiterate: judges impose harsh yet necessary prison sentences for violent offenders; we hold offenders accountable, and we strive to be sensitive to the plight of crime victims. But there is a significant portion of those who enter the court system who are not violent.

I once had a defendant plead guilty to possession of cocaine. In the standard questioning, I asked the defendant, "sir, did you possess cocaine?" The defendant responded, "No sir, I didn't possess cocaine; it possessed me." I now share a very short video clip from the national group known as All Rise, a tremendous group that provides support services for drug courts nationwide. [Video played.] People's lives are being saved in drug court. The lives of our fellow citizens in South Carolina are being saved in the drug court program.

I am pleased to report that drug courts and treatment courts in general are being increased, as new ones are being established across our state. Think of all those involved in our drug courts. Our circuit solicitors are leaders in this effort, and I thank and commend them. They are not merely prosecutors, but in those cases where a second chance is warranted, it is the solicitors who have stepped up to support treatment courts. Like the solicitors, the defense bar, especially the circuit public defenders, also deserve credit. Think of the clerks of court and so many others in our justice system whose support is necessary to operate drug courts. And yes, I want to thank the judges. Almost all judges do this extra service for **no** pay. Did that register? The judges volunteer without compensation, because they believe in helping people. They believe in second chances. Who are these judges? They are magistrates, municipal judges, probate court judges, family court judges, and circuit court judges.

There is one judge whose story brings it home. He is a retired judge who has presided over drug court for many years. This judge had an adult son who struggled with addiction. Late last year, the judge's son

died. Yet this judge, even after the tragic loss of his son, still in his grief, continues to preside in drug court, never giving up the mission to save someone's life. That's what compassion—true justice— looks like. That my friends is the elusive intersection of the mind and the heart.

Do South Carolina judges have a strong work ethic and understand the importance of addressing backlogs and moving cases? Absolutely, as established by the far more than one million matters that are handled each year in our state court system. But judges are so much more than assembly line workers dealing with an overwhelming volume of cases. I leave you with this: the judges across South Carolina are so much more. These judges, including the ones you vet and you elect, are dedicated public servants who care deeply about serving with compassion and understanding for all who appear before them in our court system. I am proud to serve alongside these public servants in our justice system, and as long as I am privileged to serve as the Chief Justice, we will never waver from the pursuit of justice—the journey of the mind to the heart.

God bless you and God bless the State of South Carolina.

Upon conclusion of his address, the Honorable John W. Kittredge and his escort party retired from the Chamber.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

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

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:03 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

H. 3008--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

Debate was resumed on the following Concurrent Resolution, the pending question being the consideration of the Concurrent Resolution:

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN

ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution, as amended, was adopted and sent to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I would like my voice vote of 'No' to be entered into the House Journal, 3/5/2025 on H. 3008.

Rep. Rob Harris

H. 3558--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. JORDAN continued speaking.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bannister	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Harris
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Long	Luck
McCabe	McDaniel	Reese
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4151 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Gagnon, Taylor, Whitmire, B. Newton, Vaughan, Chapman, M. M. Smith, J. E. Johnson, Yow, Bustos, Landing, Gibson, McCravy, Gilliam, Hager, Rankin, Schuessler, Teeple, Erickson, Herbkersman, Hartnett, Wooten, Lawson, Long and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD" OR "JUVENILE," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR MINORS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN VIOLENT CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 292--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 292 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Martin, Massey and Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND IN RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT TIMES THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES TO MEET FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

Rep. G. M. SMITH explained the Concurrent Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple

Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
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Total--1

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:41 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Johnny Lewis Brown, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, March 6, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 40:8: "I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Let us pray. Father in Heaven, we offer to You thanksgiving that You bring us to this place to make laws for Your people to carry on with their duties. May they be fair in offering to You great thanks for what is happening right here in this place. Grant us faith to believe and be successful in our doing. Bless and preserve our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this vineyard. Bless and keep our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 5, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's appointment of:

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Richland County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: April 30, 2021
Term Expiring: April 30, 2027
Type: Initial Appointment
Vice: Hon. Joseph M. Strickland (resigned)

Contact Information:
Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esquire
101 Branchview Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Very Respectfully,
President of the Senate

Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4152 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AS "STO PROGRAMS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER-FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4153 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4154 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4155 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 12, 2025, AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4156 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WEST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4157 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DIVISION FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN

MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4159 -- Reps. Pedalino and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS MAY DESIGNATE CERTAIN LAND AS NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE PREVIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 31 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4161 -- Reps. Burns, Huff, Gilreath, Cromer, Duncan, White, Oremus, Lawson, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Frank, Terribile, Haddon and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-36 SO AS TO DECLARE THAT LIFE BEGINS AT THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4162 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE

DEFINITION OF "ANYTHING OF VALUE" OR "THING OF VALUE."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M. M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Mitchell, Herbkersman, B. J. Cox, B. Newton, Collins, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Brewer, McGinnis, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4164 -- Reps. Weeks and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3531 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO A TAXPAYER THAT INVESTS IN A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR IN A COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE

TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

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

H. 4166 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-92 SO AS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND TIMELY OPTION FOR STUDENTS TO PREVENT UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES BY ENSURING THAT ALL PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THIS STATE HAVE ACCESS TO LEVONORGESTREL/PLAN B, AN EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE, THROUGH THE SCHOOL NURSE OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SCHOOL NURSE, ANOTHER DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEVONORGESTREL/B PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR PARTIES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4167 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION OF MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRRED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE TREATMENT OR CARE FOR DEMENTIA.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4168 -- Reps. Forrest, Hartz and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-31-1610 AND 5-31-1620 SO AS TO EXEMPT PROPERTY FROM CONNECTING TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS IF THE SYSTEM LACKS CAPACITY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY LIMITS TO INSTALL A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IF IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER THAN CONNECTING TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM.

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

H. 4169 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-85, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-80, RELATING TO ACTS CONSIDERED TO BE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, SO AS TO EXPAND SERVICES THAT LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS MAY PERFORM WITHOUT SUPERVISION OR WITH GENERAL SUPERVISION, AND TO PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENISTS PRACTICING INTERDEPENDENTLY IN PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS WITHOUT SUPERVISION MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS PROVIDERS BY MEDICAID AND OTHER PAYERS AND MAY BE DIRECTLY REMIBURSED BY SUCH PAYERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-102, RELATING TO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS BY DENTISTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND REVERSIBLE PREVENTIVE CARE IN CERTAIN SETTINGS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING, AND TO PROVIDE NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

On motion of Rep. GATCH, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 276 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-400, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-410, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--112

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. STAVRINAKIS signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, March 5.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. REESE a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RANKIN a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Stephanie Scott of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MARTIN presented to the House the Fort Mill High School "Lady Yellow Jackets" 2024 AAAAA Division 2 Girls Swimming State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BEACH presented to the House the Powdersville High School "Patriots" AAA State Championship Volleyball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Soda City FC Fall 2024 UPSL National Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3025
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3039
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	WETMORE and STAVRINAKIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3044
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	B. NEWTON, HIXON and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3256
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3489
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3497
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	SANDERS, WILLIS, BREWER, HIOTT, HIXON, CASKEY, WICKENSIMER, HENDERSON-MYERS, YOW, MITCHELL, HART, BAMBERG and GARVIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3580
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	LIGON, MCCABE, PEDALINO, FORREST and HADDON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3802
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	SANDERS and BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4005
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	HARTNETT and TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4068
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4129
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	BAMBERG

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4144
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4145
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	GILLIAM, BAUER and WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4146
Date:	ADD:
03/06/25	SANDERS

H. 4002--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

Rep. BURNS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4002 (LC-4002.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION 1. (A) The powers, duties, responsibilities~~, assets, and liabilities~~ of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District are ~~transferred and devolved upon the governing body of Greenville County~~dissolved.

(B) The chairmen of the commission ~~and the governing body shall cooperate with one another in executing~~shall ensure that all documents necessary to ~~effectuate the transfer of all powers, duties, responsibilities, assets, and liabilities~~dissolve the commission are executed as required by this act.

(C) The commission shall cease waste collections of any type on December 31, 2025

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. In preparation for the closure of the Greater Greenville Sanitation District, the commission shall:

(A) mail three separate notices by United States Postal Service to all property owners informing the owner of the need to select a new private waste provider. The notice must:

(1) be approved in advance by the Chairman of the Greenville Legislative Delegation;

(2) include a list of any private providers desiring to be listed on the notice along with the phone number and website for the provider;

(3) include a draft county property tax bill clearly showing where the existing millage and sanitation fees will be removed on future tax notices; and

(4) be mailed on or about August 1, 2025, October 15, 2025, and December 1, 2025.

(B) provide two job fair opportunities for all commission employees to be interviewed by private waste providers on or about August 1, 2025 and September 15, 2025;

(C) sell all real and personal property on widely-accepted government surplus websites between January 15, 2026 and May 15, 2026;

(D) prepare an orderly and itemized accounting of all books and records, including but not limited to, general ledgers, checkbooks, and financial records of any type through May 31, 2026 and deliver the books and records in-person to the Greenville County Administrator for safekeeping before June 30, 2026;

(E) provide immediate notice to any affected party that the Greenville County Sanitation District is ordered to cease waste collections on or before December 31, 2025;

(F) all bonds and debts of any type must be satisfied in full;

(G) remit any and all remaining funds whether in cash or securities of any type to the Greenville County Treasurer with notice to the Greenville County Administrator for disbursement by ordinance of the Greenville County Council in its discretion.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. VAUGHAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore

Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Govan
Jones	King	McDaniel
Wickensimer		

Total--7

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

H. 4002--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. VAUGHAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4002 be read the third time tomorrow.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION

FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 363 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4025, the General Appropriation Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, be set for Special Order on Monday, March 10, 2025, immediately after second reading of S. 157, and for Special Order on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, immediately after third reading of S. 157, and after roll call every day thereafter until given second reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that beginning Monday, March 10, 2025, and while debating H. 4025 on second reading that the bills on the Calendar, excluding S. 157, be printed by number only, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that when the House adjourns today that it adjourn to meet in Local Session tomorrow, Friday, March 7, 2025, and then convene in Statewide Session at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2025, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4026, the Joint Resolution appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, be set for Special Order immediately following second reading of H. 4025, and

immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day until receiving second reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4025 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after second reading of H. 4026, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that H. 4026 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after third reading of H. 4025, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING

SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 11, which was agreed to.

H. 3497—POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

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

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

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan

Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 38-90-20(A), by adding an item to read:

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-2-145(C) and inserting:

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-2-145(E)

and inserting:

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stops serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) completes an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) has less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) is a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirements of items (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-100(7) and inserting:

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed ~~for at least ten hours a week~~ by a permittee or a licensee.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-110(A) and inserting:

(A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation

program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within ~~one hundred twenty~~sixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 61-3-110(C) and inserting:

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for ~~one hundred twenty~~sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or conduct involving the use, sale, or possession of alcohol~~ or the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the

provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the

person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be

notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or

organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or

permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate

trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by deleting Section 61-3-130 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KILMARTIN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 2.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 3497--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 2:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by deleting Section 61-3-130 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KILMARTIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
Howard

Total--1

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3497 (LC-3497.HA0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 5, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56-5-2956. A person who is convicted of violating Sections 56-5-2930 or 56-5-2933 must obtain automobile liability insurance as ordered in the discretion of the judge, provided that under no circumstances the order must include, at a minimum, an amount of automobile liability insurance for a person convicted for a first offense must be at two-hundred fifty thousand dollars for at least one year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. JORDAN raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 3 was not germane to H. 3497.

The SPEAKER stated it was a difficult call for him to make. He stated that he thought the amendment was likely germane to the Bill. He stated further that the appropriateness of the amendment as a matter of law was a decision for the Body. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. WHITE continued speaking.

Rep. WHITE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WHITE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was out of town on business during the vote on H. 3497 that deals with liquor liability. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

H. 3497--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3497 be read the third time tomorrow.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. GILREATH asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4010 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HIXON objected.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO

PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

H. 3021--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT

JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

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

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3021. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4170 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4171 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4172 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RICHARD PERRY PINCKNEY, PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT LANDER UNIVERSITY, AND TO EXPRESS DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR HIS BROAD EXPERTISE AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4173 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO TOM F. HUDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4174 -- Reps. B. Newton and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE "RELATED PERSON"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-80, RELATING TO THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO SPECIFY RELATED PERSONS THAT MAY BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY A QUALIFYING BUSINESS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4175 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Pope, Ligon and Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1125 SO AS TO EXCLUDE WAGES EARNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE CALCULATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME AND TO PROHIBIT THE WITHHOLDING OF TAXES ON SUCH WAGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rose, Robbins and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 6, 2025, at 12:00 noon and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 1, S. 253) -- Senators Peeler, Grooms, Alexander, Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO EXPEND CERTAIN FUNDS TO ENGAGE AN INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE OF THE ALIXPARTNERS FORENSIC ACCOUNTING REPORT, TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AND THE OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ACCOUNTING REPORT, TO PROVIDE A DETAILED TIMELINE OF SUCH, AND TO ISSUE A REPORT ON THE STATUS THEREOF, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE CONSULTANT TO ISSUE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF SUCH IMPLEMENTATION.

(R. 2, S. 271) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2025 AND 2026.

(R. 3, S. 282) -- Senator Zell: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

(R. 4, H. 3438) -- Reps. Pope, B. Newton and Ligon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVES ORDINANCE NUMBER 3421 ADOPTED ON

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, BY THE YORK COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXPAND THE CATAWBA INDIAN RESERVATION, AS REQUESTED BY THE CATAWBA INDIAN NATION.

(R. 5, H. 3523) -- Reps. J.E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

(R. 6, H. 3792) -- Rep. Pedalino: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 106 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY INTO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE RESULTS OF ELECTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED BUDGET TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Reggie Abraham, brother of Rosalind Harriot, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Corinthians 12:7: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Let us pray. Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts, keep us in Your love and care. Provide these, Your people, the best during session as they carry out their duties. Keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your love and care. Bless those at home as we ask God's grace to keep them in Your care. God of power and might, give us the faith to go out into the World and rely on Your presence to love, save, and bless these, Your people. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and our Armed Forces, especially those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE

LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:25 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 1:00 p.m, Monday, March 10.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

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

Our word for the day is Shalom which is a Hebrew word that means peace and was used as a greeting and a blessing. Psalm 85:8 speaks of peace. “Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.”

Let us pray. Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His faithful, and to those who turn to Him in their hearts. Blessings be upon you this day as we begin work on the budget. Look in favor upon each of these Representatives and Staff as they work through the many items in the budget. Protect them in their work to get the job done. Bless you as the Lord gives us counsel for this week of work. Continue Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort in this important task. Heal the hidden wounds of men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. TAYLOR moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dr. Charlie Timmerman Sr., which was agreed to.

In Memory of Dr. Charlie W. Timmerman Sr.

I ask that we adjourn the House in memory of Dr. Charlie W. Timmerman Sr., who passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the age of 80.

Through his 55+ years of veterinary practice, Charlie showed unmatched curiosity, warmth, generosity, and compassion to countless animals and their owners. His commitment to advancing veterinary medicine kept him at the forefront of innovative procedures and breakthroughs. He was delighted for the upcoming Clemson University Peeler College of Veterinary Medicine.

Charlie's passion for life extended well beyond his career. He was a proud and loyal Clemson sports fan, an avid bird hunter, fisherman, golfer, and traveler. His adventurous spirit was fortified by his deep faith, as he found purpose and peace in prayer. Charlie never missed an opportunity to share God's love and spread the good news of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Charlie's proudest role was as husband, father, and grandfather. He led his family faithfully and with astounding love. He prioritized joy through shared experiences, instilled a remarkable work ethic, and exemplified loyalty. Dr. Timmerman loved people well, and his legacy will echo for generations.

Rep. Bill Taylor

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KIRBY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RANKIN a leave of absence for the day due to a commitment scheduled prior to the scheduling of debate on H. 4025.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3159
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3587
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3849
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3857
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3950
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	FORREST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4161
Date:	ADD:
03/10/25	YOW, RANKIN, GILLIAM, MCCABE, MITCHELL and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	REMOVE:
03/10/25	MOSS

S. 157--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF

CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 10, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8- 13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on S.157 amending Section 58-27-1105, so as to define "Qualified Independent Third Party" and to allow an electrical utility to include storm recovery costs for Hurricane Helene and its cost of capital from the date of the storm through the issuance of storm recovery bonds; also amending Section 58-27-1110, relating to the petition for financing order and requirements so as to allow an electrical utility to defer the review and approval of a financing order and provide for the participation of a qualified independent third party retained by the Public Service Commission. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Phillip Bowers

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

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The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8- 13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on S.157 amending Section 58-27-1105, so as to define "Qualified Independent Third Party" and to allow an electrical utility to include storm recovery costs for Hurricane Helene and its cost of capital from the date of the storm through the issuance of storm recovery bonds; also amending Section 58-27-1110, relating to the petition for financing order and requirements so as to allow an electrical utility to defer the review and approval of a financing order and provide for the participation of a qualified independent third party retained by the Public Service Commission. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Heath Sessions

H. 4025--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4025--GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that while debating H. 4025 that he be allowed to note a motion daily to reconsider each section adopted, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, which was agreed to.

PART IA

SECTION 2

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 2 was adopted.

SECTION 3

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 3 was adopted.

SECTION 4

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 4 was adopted.

SECTION 5

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 5 was adopted.

SECTION 6

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 6 was adopted.

SECTION 7

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 7 was adopted.

SECTION 8

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gibson
Gilreath	Haddon	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson

May	McCabe	McCravy
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--19

Section 8 was adopted.

SECTION 9

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 8

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Gilreath	Harris	Magnuson
Oremus	Pace	

Total--8

Section 9 was adopted.

SECTION 10

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:
Forrest

Total--1

Section 10 was adopted.

SECTION 11

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 11 was adopted.

SECTION 12

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 12 was adopted.

SECTION 24

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May

McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 24 was adopted.

SECTION 25

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 25 was adopted.

SECTION 26

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 26 was adopted.

SECTION 30

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Grant	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Rutherford	

Total--5

Section 30 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted ‘yea’ on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 30. I wish the record to reflect that I intended to vote ‘no’.

Rep. JA Moore

SECTION 31

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 71; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Landing	Lawson

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--71

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Morgan	Pace
Reese	Terribile	White

Total--18

Section 31 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 31. I should have abstained.

Rep. Robert Reese

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 31. I should have abstained.

Rep. Ryan McCabe

SECTION 32

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 32 was adopted.

SECTION 35

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 35 was adopted.

SECTION 36

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 36 was adopted.

SECTION 37

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 37 was adopted.

SECTION 38

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 38 was adopted.

SECTION 39

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 39 was adopted.

SECTION 40

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:
Magnuson

Total--1

Section 40 was adopted.

SECTION 41

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 41 was adopted.

SECTION 42

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Frank	Harris
Magnuson	May	Morgan

Total--6

Section 42 was adopted.

SECTION 43

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 43 was adopted.

SECTION 44

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace

Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 44 was adopted.

SECTION 45

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 45 was adopted.

SECTION 46

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 46 was adopted.

SECTION 47

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 47 was adopted.

SECTION 51

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
White		

Total--13

Section 51 was adopted.

SECTION 52

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:
Harris

Total--1

Section 52 was adopted.

SECTION 53

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Edgerton	Frank
Harris	Kilmartin	May
McCabe	Morgan	Terribile
White		

Total--10

Section 53 was adopted.

SECTION 54

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery

J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 54 was adopted.

SECTION 55

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 8

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bowers
Bradley	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin

King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Frank
Harris	Magnuson	May
Pace	White	

Total--8

Section 55 was adopted.

SECTION 57

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 57 was adopted.

SECTION 58

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

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

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 58 was adopted.

SECTION 59

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 59 was adopted.

SECTION 60

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore

T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 60 was adopted.

SECTION 61

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 61 was adopted.

SECTION 62

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 62 was adopted.

SECTION 63

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 63 was adopted.

SECTION 64

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 64 was adopted.

SECTION 65

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing

Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 65 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 65, Part 1A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Don Chapman

SECTION 66

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 66 was adopted.

SECTION 67

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman

Clyburn	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 67 was adopted.

SECTION 72

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 72 was adopted.

SECTION 73

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
White		

Total--7

Section 73 was adopted.

SECTION 74

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 74 was adopted.

SECTION 75

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 75 was adopted.

SECTION 78

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Magnuson	J. Moore

Total--6

Section 78 was adopted.

SECTION 79

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam

Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 79 was adopted.

SECTION 81

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach

Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:
Harris

Total--1

Section 81 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 81. I should have abstained.

Rep. John McCravy

SECTION 82

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 82 was adopted.

SECTION 83

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders

Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Kilmartin	Magnuson

Total--3

Section 83 was adopted.

SECTION 84

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese

B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 84 was adopted.

SECTION 85

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Kilmartin

Total--2

Section 85 was adopted.

SECTION 86

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson

Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 86 was adopted.

SECTION 87

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 87 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 87. I should have abstained.

Rep. JA Moore

SECTION 91A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91A was adopted.

SECTION 91B

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson

Total--2

Section 91B was adopted.

SECTION 91C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91C was adopted.

SECTION 91D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91D was adopted.

SECTION 91E

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91E was adopted.

SECTION 92A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92A was adopted.

SECTION 92C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

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

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92C was adopted.

SECTION 92D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92D was adopted.

SECTION 93

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 93 was adopted.

SECTION 94

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 94 was adopted.

SECTION 96

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 96 was adopted.

SECTION 97

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 97 was adopted.

SECTION 99

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 99 was adopted.

SECTION 100

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins

B. J. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 100 was adopted.

SECTION 101

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 101 was adopted.

SECTION 102

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Kilmartin

Total--2

Section 102 was adopted.

SECTION 103

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 103 was adopted.

SECTION 104

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 104 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 104. I should have abstained.

Rep. Jason Luck

SECTION 105

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

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

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 105 was adopted.

SECTION 106

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 106 was adopted.

SECTION 107

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 107 was adopted.

SECTION 108

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:
Harris

Total--1

Section 108 was adopted.

SECTION 109

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 109 was adopted.

SECTION 110

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 110 was adopted.

SECTION 111

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple

Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 111 was adopted.

SECTION 112

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 112 was adopted.

SECTION 113

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartz	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 113 was adopted.

SECTION 115

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 115 was adopted.

SECTION 1A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:
Clyburn

Total--1

Section 1A was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted 'no' on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 1A. I wish the record to reflect that I intended to vote in favor of the Section.

Rep. William Clyburn

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 1A, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 1A, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Heather Bauer

SECTION 3

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 3 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 3, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SECTION 5

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton

W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 5 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 5, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SECTION 6

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 6 was adopted.

SECTION 7

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 7 was adopted.

SECTION 9

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Forrest	Frank
Gilreath	Magnuson	Oremus
Pace		

Total--7

Section 9 was adopted.

SECTION 10

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Forrest	Magnuson	Oremus

Total—3

Section 10 was adopted.

SECTION 14

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 14 was adopted.

SECTION 19

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 19 was adopted.

SECTION 20

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 20, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Don Chapman

SECTION 23

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 23 was adopted.

SECTION 25

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 25 was adopted.

SECTION 26

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus

Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 26 was adopted.

SECTION 29

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 29 was adopted.

SECTION 32

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 32 was adopted.

SECTION 35

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 35 was adopted.

SECTION 36

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 36 was adopted.

SECTION 37

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 37 was adopted.

SECTION 39

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

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

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 39 was adopted.

SECTION 40

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 40 was adopted.

SECTION 41

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 41 was adopted.

SECTION 42

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:
Cromer

Total--1

Section 42 was adopted.

SECTION 43

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 43 was adopted.

SECTION 45

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 45 was adopted.

SECTION 47

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May

McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 47 was adopted.

SECTION 52

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 52 was adopted.

SECTION 53

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 53 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 53. I should have abstained.

Rep. Thomas Hartnett

SECTION 54

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 54 was adopted.

SECTION 58

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 58 was adopted.

SECTION 59

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 59 was adopted.

SECTION 61

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 61 was adopted.

SECTION 62

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks

Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 62 was adopted.

SECTION 63

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 63 was adopted.

SECTION 64

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 64 was adopted.

SECTION 66

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 66 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 66. I should have abstained.

Rep. David Martin

SECTION 67

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 67 was adopted.

SECTION 72

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 72 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 72. I should have abstained.

Rep. Gil Gatch

SECTION 73

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Gilreath

Total--2

Section 73 was adopted.

SECTION 74

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Long	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 74 was adopted.

SECTION 75

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 75 was adopted.

SECTION 79

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 79 was adopted.

SECTION 81

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor

Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 81 was adopted.

SECTION 82

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery

J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 82 was adopted.

SECTION 83

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 83 was adopted.

SECTION 85

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 85 was adopted.

SECTION 86

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 86 was adopted.

SECTION 88

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 88 was adopted.

SECTION 92

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92 was adopted.

SECTION 92D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92D was adopted.

SECTION 93

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley

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

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 93 was adopted.

SECTION 94

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total—115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 94 was adopted.

SECTION 96

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 96 was adopted.

SECTION 97

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 97 was adopted.

SECTION 98

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 98 was adopted.

SECTION 99

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace

Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 99 was adopted.

SECTION 100

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 100 was adopted.

SECTION 101

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 101 was adopted.

SECTION 103

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 103 was adopted.

SECTION 104

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 104 was adopted.

SECTION 105

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson

Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 105 was adopted.

SECTION 106

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 106 was adopted.

SECTION 110

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 110 was adopted.

SECTION 111

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 111 was adopted.

SECTION 112

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 112 was adopted.

SECTION 113

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 113 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 113. I should have abstained.

Rep. Carla Schuessler

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

PART IA

SECTION 1--DEBATE ADJOURNED

REP. GOVAN PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT NO. 71 TO H. 4025 AS INTRODUCED BY WAYS & MEANS (DOC NAME H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\SDE CHILDHOOD ED.DOCX), WHICH WAS TABLED:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, PART IA, SECTION 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PAGE 7, LINE 6-7, OPPOSITE /EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND/ BY DECREASING THE AMOUNTS IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 BY:

COLUMN 3	**COLUMN 4**
30,000,000	**30,000,000**

AMEND THE BILL FURTHER, AS AND IF AMENDED, SECTION 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PAGE 4, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LINE 6, BY INSERTING A NEW LINE TO READ:

COLUMN 3	**COLUMN 4**
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION INITIATIVES	
15,000,000	**15,000,000**

AMEND THE BILL FURTHER, AS AND IF AMENDED, SECTION 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, PAGE 6, IMMEDIATELY AFTER LINE 29, BY INSERTING A NEW LINE TO READ:

COLUMN 3	**COLUMN 4**
PROMOTION OF FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS	
15,000,000	**15,000,000**

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GOVAN explained the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Govan	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total—26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Section, which was agreed to.

SECTION 13--ADOPTED

REP. PACE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT NO. 29 TO H. 4025 AS INTRODUCED BY WAYS & MEANS (DOC NAME H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\TM CITADEL.DOCX), WHICH WAS TABLED:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, PART IA, SECTION 13, THE CITADEL, PAGE 27, LINE 5, OPPOSITE /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ BY DECREASING THE AMOUNTS IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 BY:

COLUMN 3	**COLUMN 4**
3,081,444	**3,081,444**

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. WHITE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. BALLENTINE spoke against the amendment.
Rep. BALLENTINE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 97; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 115 to H. 4025 (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C013.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 13, THE CITADEL, page 27, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
770,353	770,353

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. BALLENTINE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 96; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	McCabe
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 13 was adopted.

SECTION 14

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 14 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 14, Part 1A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

SECTION 15

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 15 was adopted.

SECTION 16

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 16 was adopted.

SECTION 17

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 17 was adopted.

SECTION 18

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Magnuson	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 18 was adopted.

SECTION 19

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett

Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Edgerton	Harris
Magnuson	Terribile	

Total--5

Section 19 was adopted.

SECTION 20A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 4

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Harris	Magnuson
Terribile		

Total--4

Section 20A was adopted.

SECTION 20B

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Magnuson	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--10

Section 20B was adopted.

SECTION 20C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Magnuson	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 20C was adopted.

SECTION 20D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Magnuson	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 20D was adopted.

SECTION 20E

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 20E was adopted.

SECTION 20F

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	White	

Total--11

Section 20F was adopted.

SECTION 20G

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 20G was adopted.

SECTION 20H

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--12

Section 20H was adopted.

SECTION 21

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Kilmartin	Magnuson	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 21 was adopted.

SECTION 23--ADOPTED

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 131 to H. 4025 (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C030.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 23, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 61, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
91,063	91,063

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

Bannister	Bauer	Bowers
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Terribile
White		

Total--13

Section 23 was adopted.

SECTION 27--ADOPTED

REP. PACE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT NO. 99 TO H. 4025 AS INTRODUCED BY WAYS & MEANS (DOC NAME H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\004\STATE LIBRARY AGENCY PERSONNEL.DOCX), WHICH WAS TABLED:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, PART IA, SECTION 27, STATE LIBRARY, PAGE 72, LINE 12, OPPOSITE /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ BY DECREASING THE AMOUNT(S) IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 BY:

COLUMN 3	**COLUMN 4**
487,711	**487,711**

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. COLLINS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. COLLINS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 96; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total—96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath

Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

Section 27 was adopted.

SECTION 28--ADOPTED

REP. PACE PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT NO. 10 TO H. 4025 AS INTRODUCED BY WAYS & MEANS (DOC NAME H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\DELETE RECURRING AC FUNDING.DOCX) WHICH WAS TABLED:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, PART IA, SECTION 28, ARTS COMMISSION, PAGE 74, BY DELETING SECTION 28.
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 91; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Davis

Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 91; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank

Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--17

Section 28 was adopted.

SECTION 1--RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on Section No. 1, which was agreed to.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 1 was adopted.

SECTION 29

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	Pace
White		

Total--10

Section 29 was adopted.

SECTION 33--ADOPTED

REP. BAUER PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT NO. 95 TO H. 4025 AS INTRODUCED BY WAYS & MEANS (DOC NAME H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\006\DHHS PREGNANCY CRISIS CTR 1A.DOCX) WHICH WAS TABLED:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, PART IA, SECTION 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, PAGE 84, LINE 30, OPPOSITE /PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTERS/ BY DECREASING THE AMOUNT(S) IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 BY:

COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
2,400,000	**2,400,000**

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. BAUER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. HIOTT moved to reconsider the vote whereby Amendment No. 95 was tabled.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to table the motion to reconsider.

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

Yeas 22; Nays 86

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Wetmore		

Total--22

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

So, the House refused to table the motion to reconsider.

The question then recurred to the motion to reconsider, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the motion to table Amendment No. 95.

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

Yeas 86; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McGinnis
Montgomery	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 33 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Richie Yow

MOTION RECONSIDERED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House voted to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, which was agreed to.

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. TAYLOR, adjourned in memory of Dr. Charlie Timmerman Sr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 40:8: “I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.”

Let us pray. God of power and glory, we thank You for this opportunity to contemplate Your goodness that reaches out to us with mercy and grace. We delight in Your blessings upon us. Give us grace to help to others. Continue Your blessings upon our defenders of freedom and first responders. Let Your light shine on these Representatives and Staff. Continue Your care for them as they continue the work on the budget. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to this important task. Bless our Armed Forces in their duty to our country and state. Heal the wounds of our men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of "Pool Bar Jim" Lisenby, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer family and friends of Howard Jolly, brother-in-law of Representative Hager.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative McCabe's son.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 11, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST the invitation was accepted.

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MCGINNIS signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, March 6.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. KIRBY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUEST a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Winston Plunkett of Florence County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3370
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3394
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	ERICKSON, BRADLEY and KING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3433
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	GILREATH, CROMER, GAGNON and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3434
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	HAYES, YOW, SCHUESSLER, BAILEY, HADDON, BURNS and WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3643
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	WOOTEN and J. E. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4163
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	TEEPLE and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4176
Date:	ADD:
03/11/25	COBB-HUNTER and BAMBERG

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3279
Date:	REMOVE:
03/11/25	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4163
Date:	REMOVE:
03/11/25	MITCHELL and B. NEWTON

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER, AND PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY RETAINED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

H. 4025--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Part IA:

H. 4025--THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PART IA

SECTION 48--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\delete sea grant consortium.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 48, SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM, page 137, by deleting SECTION 48.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 85; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Gagnon
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gibson	Gilreath	Hager
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Rankin	Terribile
White		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. CROMER spoke against the section.
Rep. CROMER spoke against the section.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. CROMER continued speaking.
Rep. HIOTT spoke upon the section.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke upon the section.
Rep. WHITE spoke upon the section.

Rep. HART spoke in favor of the section.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 94; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

Section 48 was adopted.

Rep. BANNISTER moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 4025--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Part IA:

H. 4025--THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PART IA

SECTION 49--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\prt funding deletions.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 49, DEPT. OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 138, by deleting lines 31-32.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 49, DEPT. OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 139, by deleting lines 1-2.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 49, DEPT. OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 139, by deleting line 4.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 49, DEPT. OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 140, by deleting lines 16-22.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 92; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan

Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 94 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\prt operating decrease.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 49, DEPT. OF

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 138, line 10, opposite /Other Operating Expenses/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
0.10	0.10

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. KILMARTIN explained the amendment.

Rep. KILMARTIN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.
Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.
Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Rule 3.6 Point of Order that Rep. CASKEY's comments were not relevant to the subject of Amendment No. 94.

Rep. CASKEY argued contra.

The SPEAKER overruled the Point of Order and stated that the scope of discussion had been expanded by prior members speaking on the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Duncan

Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Magnuson	May	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 49 was adopted.

SECTION 50--ADOPTED

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\locate sc recurring .docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 143, line 8, opposite /LOCATESC/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
11,500,000	11,500,000

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. HARRIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 93; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--17

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn

Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Terribile	White	

Total--14

Section 50 was adopted.

SECTION 70--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 113 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\human affairs commission.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 70, HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, page 185, by deleting Section 70.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. CRAWFORD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CRAWFORD moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 88; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery

J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan

Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--13

Section 70 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1A, Section 70. I should have abstained.

Rep. Gil Gatch

SECTION 71--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Harris	May

Total--3

Section 71 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 71, Part 1A. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Section.

Rep. Beach

SECTION 80--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 114 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\dca decrease.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 197, lines 22-23, opposite /New Positions – Program Assistant/ by decreasing the amounts in Column 3 by:

	Column 3	Column 4
	45,000	
	(1.00)	(0.00)

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. WILLIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 87; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers

Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Hager	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 75; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bowers
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
May	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--10

Section 80 was adopted.

SECTION 98--ADOPTED

Rep. BAUER proposed the following Amendment No. 111 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\state treasurer salary.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 98, STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, page 232, line 2, opposite /State Treasurer/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
163,999	163,999

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WHITE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WHITE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam

Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bauer

Total--1

Section 98 was adopted.

PART IB

SECTION 1--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 156 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\interscholastic athletic association dues.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 287, paragraph 1.49, lines 1-4, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (5) a uniform system applicable to all member schools *at the varsity, sub-varsity, junior varsity, and middle school levels,* establishing fines for the cancellation of a scheduled ~~game~~ *contest* regardless of if the ~~game~~ *contest* is in or out of region*, including a member school refusing to schedule a mandatory region contest with another member school within the same region*. At a minimum, the school canceling the scheduled ~~game~~ *contest* must be fined an amount equal to the cost incurred for officials, tickets, and concessions *or $1,000, whichever is greater*. If the ~~game~~ *contest* is rescheduled or cancelled for a documented health or safety reason, the school shall not be fined; and /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HAYES raised the Rule 5.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 156 was not germane to the Annual General Appropriations Bill.

The SPEAKER overruled the Point of Order. He stated that Rep. HAYES had raised an issue of first impression for the Speaker. He stated further that the amendment sought to amend a proviso that already existed in the current fiscal year's budget, concerned the same subject matter as the proviso it sought to amend, and was not held to the same standard of appropriating or raising revenue as an amendment that sought to create a new proviso. Therefore, he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

Rep. YOW spoke upon the amendment.

So, the amendment was adopted by a division vote of 62 to 43.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 57 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\charter school .docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 304, paragraph 1.117, lines 25 - 34, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. PEDALINO proposed the following Amendment No. 56 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\assessments and final grades.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SDE: Assessments and Final Grade Determination) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, no school district receiving funds pursuant to Section 1 of the Appropriations Act may assign a weight to any standardized benchmark assessment when calculating a student's final grade in any course or subject unless the assessment exclusively measures content that has been explicitly taught in the course. Standardized benchmark assessments may be used for instructional purposes but shall not factor into a student's final grade unless the assessment is developed or directly approved by the course instructor. Any school district found in violation of this provision may be subject to corrective action, including a reduction in state funding allocations as determined by the department.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PEDALINO explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 89 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name

h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\10 commandments.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2025-26, the department may design, produce, and distribute posters depicting the Ten Commandments in a clear and legible format. These posters shall be made available, upon request, to public school teachers for voluntary display in their classrooms. Teachers receiving such posters shall not be required to display them, and no penalty or incentive shall be imposed based on their decision to display or not display the posters.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 89 was not germane and did not have the principal effect of being directly germane to the appropriation of funds or affecting revenue. She stated that the use of words such as "of the funds appropriated" did not make it germane.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. TERRIBILE proposed the following Amendment No. 108 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\parental notification and consent requirements.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Parental Notice/Consent Requirements) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the following provisions shall apply:*

(A) Parental Notification and Consent Requirements

(1) No state funds may be used by any public school or healthcare provider to administer health services, screenings, or questionnaires to minors without the express written consent of a parent or legal guardian, except in cases of medical

emergencies.

(2) No state funds may be used to withhold important information relating to their child from his or her parents, either inadvertently or purposefully. This is to include information relating to the child's health, well being, and education while the child is in the custody of the school district./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BAUER raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 108 was not germane under Rule 5.3

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HUFF proposed the following Amendment No. 110 to to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\school district millage.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Millage Increases) A school district millage increase shall not be enacted unless it has received both the approval of the respective school district's governing board and the county council in which the school district is located.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Rule 5.3.B.4 Point of Order that Amendment No. 110 was out of order because it temporarily amended permanent tax law.

Rep. HUFF argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. TERRIBILE proposed the following Amendment No. 147 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\flag displays.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an

appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SDE: Flag Displays in Classrooms) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for Fiscal Year 2025-26, the following provisions shall apply:*

(A) Regulation of Flag Displays in Public School Classrooms

(1) No state funds may be used to purchase, display, or otherwise promote any flag within public school classrooms other than the following:

(a) the flag of the United States of America;

(b) the flag of the State of South Carolina;

(c) the officially adopted flag of the respective school district or school, if applicable.

(2) Any school district receiving state funding must ensure compliance with this policy and report any unauthorized flag displays to the Department of Education.

(B) Administrative Exceptions

(1) The school district superintendent or an authorized administrator may grant exceptions to the flag display policy on a case-by-case basis under the following conditions:

(a) the flag is directly related to an educational purpose, such as historical or cultural studies, and is displayed on a temporary basis;

(b) the request for an exemption is submitted, in writing, by a teacher, school official, or parent and includes justification for its educational relevance;

(c) the display does not endorse, promote, or discourage any political movement, social ideology, or individual belief system in violation of school neutrality policies; and

(d) the flag display does not interfere with the educational environment or disrupt school operations.

(2) A written record of all granted exceptions must be maintained and made available upon request by the school board or state education authorities.

(C) Enforcement and Compliance

(1) Each school district shall develop and implement guidelines to ensure compliance with this provision including, but not limited to:

(a) procedures for handling flag display exemption requests;

(b) processes for reporting and addressing violations;

(c) training for school administrators and faculty on the policy's application and intent.

(2) Any school found in violation of this provision may be

subject to corrective measures as determined by the State Board of Education, including mandatory training or administrative review.

(3) Schools shall not discipline students for personal expression of flags on their clothing, personal belongings, or non-disruptive individual speech, provided such expression adheres to existing school policies on student conduct and dress code.

(D) The Department of Education shall provide a report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026, detailing all expenditures and enforcement actions related to this provision. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BAUER raised the Point of Order under Rule 5.3 that Amendment No. 147 did not have the principal effect of appropriating funds or affecting revenue.

Rep. TERRIBILE argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. TERRIBILE proposed the following Amendment No. 148 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\school food programs.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. TERRIBILE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KING raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 148 was not germane.

Rep. TERRIBILE argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order. He stated that the amendments principal affect did not directly relate to the appropriation of funds or effect revenue.

Rep. WHITMIRE proposed the following Amendment No. 158 to

H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\surplus school safety .docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 293, paragraph 1.77, line 7, by inserting after / other technology/:

/*; and (f) ballistic proof doors.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WHITMIRE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 1, as amended, was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 1, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SECTION 8--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 101 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\etv recurring funds.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 8, EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION, page 341, after line 15, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(ETV: Expenditure of Funds on Government Activities) In the current fiscal year, the commission shall expend all appropriated or*

authorized recurring funds on the sole purpose of streaming or broadcasting government activities. Government activities may include Legislative Committees, House and Senate Sessions, Governor's cabinet meetings or Commanders Briefing, Public Service Commission, South Carolina Supreme Court, South Carolina Court of Appeals, South Carolina Fiscal Accountability Authority, South Carolina Transportation Infrastructure Bank, State of the State Address, and WaterSC./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 101 was not germane.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the amendment's principal effect was to direct ETV to concentrate its streaming activities to specific government activities. He sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Gilreath

Total--2

Section 8 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 8, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

SECTION 11--ADOPTED

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 88 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C011.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, page 348, by striking paragraph 11.23 and inserting:

/ *11.23. (CHE: Review of Tuition Mitigation Calculations) The Commission on Higher Education shall review the calculation of tuition mitigation funding to public institutions of higher education, including consideration of using the Higher Education Price Index in making the calculation. The commission shall collaborate with representatives from each of South Carolina's public research institutions, four-year public institutions, and systems of higher education and report on suggested recommendations to the General Assembly no later than October 1, 2025./*

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HART raised the Rule 5.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 88 did not appropriate or reduce more than one million dollars and also was not germane to the bill.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order. He stated that the amendment did not affect more than one million dollars and was not required to identify the source. He stated further that the amendment sought to amend a proviso already in the committee bill.

Rep. WHITE continued speaking.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 11 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber during the vote on Section 11, Part 1B of H. 4025. Had I been present, I would have voted to adopt Section 11.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

SECTION 27--ADOPTED

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 90 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\aid counties libraries allotment.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 27, STATE LIBRARY, page 354, paragraph 27.1, line 31, by inserting:

/*In order to receive these funds, each county library must recertify this information quarterly, and the State Library shall confirm receipt of this recertification before it disburses funds to a county library.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Rule 5.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 90 was not germane to the bill.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the amendment sought to amend a proviso that was already in the budget, and he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. BEACH spoke in favor of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HART raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 90 violated Rule 5.3.B.3.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. BEACH continued speaking.

Rep. COLLINS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 87; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Terribile	White
Whitmire		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 77 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\county library staff qualifications.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 27, STATE LIBRARY, page 355, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(LIB: County Library Staff Qualifications) From funds appropriated to the State Library, Aid to County Libraries for the current fiscal year, each county library shall employ a library director who shall be responsible to the county library board for the administration of the program and the selection of library staff members required to carry out the functions of the library system. A county library board may not require or express a preference that a library director or library employee: (1) be certified by the American Library Association, or its successor organization; or (2) have a master's degree from a program certified by the American Library Association, or its successor organization./*

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 77 violated Rule 5.3.B.

Rep. CROMER argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the phrase "from the funds appropriated" was not dispositive. He stated he had to look at the principal effect of the amendment and cited a precedent from May 8, 2024. He stated that the amendment's principal effect was to require the hiring of a county library director and was not germane. He sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 4

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore

T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Gilreath	Harris
Kilmartin		

Total--4

Section 27 was adopted.

SECTION 28--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Oremus	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

Section 28 was adopted.

SECTION 30--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:
J. Moore

Total--1

Section 30 was adopted.

SECTION 31--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. HEWITT proposed the following Amendment No. 137 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C019.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 363, beginning on line 13, by striking proviso 31.31 and inserting:

/ ~~31.31. (DPH: Abortion Clinic Certification) Prior to January 31, 2017, a facility other than a hospital that is licensed and certified by the department to perform abortions must file a report with the department that provides the number of physicians that performed an abortion at the facility between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, who did not have admitting privileges at a local certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on staff physicians at the certified hospital and the percentage of these physician in relation to the overall number of physicians who performed abortions at the facility. The report must include a summation of any abortion that resulted in an outcome which required a level of aftercare that exceeds what is customarily provided by physicians in such cases in accordance with accepted medical practice and indicate whether or not the abortion was performed by a physician with admitting privileges at a local certified hospital and staff privileges to replace on staff physicians at the certified hospital. Any summation of any abortion must not divulge any information that is privileged or required to be maintained as confidential by any provision of law. An applicable facility must remit a twenty-five dollar filing fee to the department for the report required by this provision.~~ /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HEWITT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 31, as amended, was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 31. I should have abstained.

Rep. JA Moore

SECTION 33--ADOPTED

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 62 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dhhs residency and voter.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, page 375, after line 28, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DHHS: Residency Requirement) No funds will be appropriated to the department to offer Medicaid services, including voter registration declination forms, to anyone who is not a legal resident of South Carolina or anyone who does not meet residency status criteria. The department must require an adult to produce one of the following valid and current/unexpired forms of identification of the adult:*

(a) South Carolina driver's license;

(b) other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles;

(c) United States passport;

(d) military identification containing a photograph issued by the United States government; or

(e) South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter pursuant to Section 7-5-675. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Rule 5.3.B that Amendment No. 62 was not germane in that the principal effect did not appropriate funds or affect revenue.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* concurred with Rep. WETMORE and stated that the principal effect of the amendment was to ensure that persons receiving Medicaid were South Carolina citizens. He sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. OREMUS and MCCRAVY proposed the following Amendment No. 87 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dhhs chemical abortion.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, page 375, after line 28, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DHHS: Chemical Abortion Health Risks) Of the funds appropriated for operating expenses, the department shall promulgate information disclosing the health risks of chemical abortion medications, including mifepristone and misoprostol, and make it available in all Medicaid clinics. This information shall also state that if after taking the first pill a pregnant woman regrets her decision to abort her child, she has the option within the first 24 hours to consult a physician or healthcare provider to determine if there is a course of action available to continue her pregnancy, and medication is available by prescription to help restore progesterone and potentially strengthen the pregnancy.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 87 violated Rule 5.3.B and was not germane.

Rep. OREMUS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 105 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dhhs family planning.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, page 375, after line 28, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

//*(DHHS: Defunding Planned Parenthood) The Department of Health and Human Services may not accept federal funds for family planning. None of the state funds appropriated for family planning may*

be expended to directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services or procedures or administrative functions and none of the funds appropriated herein may be paid or granted to an organization that provides abortion services. An otherwise qualified organization may not be disqualified from receipt of these funds because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides abortion services is independent of the qualified organization. An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds. An organization that provides abortion services where the life of the mother is at risk and the termination of the pregnancy is incidental to the lifesaving intervention is excepted from the above restriction on state family planning funds and may receive state family planning funds, provided that the physician shall act in accordance with the standard of care to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of the pre-born child./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Rivers
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 33 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Luke S. Rankin

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

SECTION 38--ADOPTED

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dss tanf immunization

certificates.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 382, paragraph 38.9, lines 32 - 35, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 70; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Weeks	Wetmore

Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Rankin
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 38 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 38. I should have abstained.

Rep. David Weeks

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 38. I should have abstained.

Rep. James Teeple

SECTION 44--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 44 was adopted.

SECTION 48--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 4

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Gilreath	Harris
Terribile		

Total--4

Section 48 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 48, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Tiffany Spann-Wilder

SECTION 49--ADOPTED

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\electric vehicle charging .docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 49, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 399, after line 16, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(PRT: Electric Vehicle Charging) In the current fiscal year, no general funds shall be used by the department to pay for charging of non-government fleet electric vehicles in state parks.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 15 was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Edgerton	Harris
Magnuson	Pace	

Total--5

Section 49 was adopted.

SECTION 50--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 49 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\economic dev coordinating council.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 399, paragraph 50.2, line 22-26, by amending the proviso to read:

/ 50.2. (CMRC: Economic Dev. Coordinating Council - Set Aside Fund) From the amount set aside in Section 12-28-2910, the council is authorized to use up to ten percent of such amount for actual operating expenses in support of administrative program costs and business recruitment and retention and up to $60,000 to support the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program, as approved by council. Any balance on June thirtieth of the prior fiscal year ~~may be carried forward and expended for the same purposes in the current fiscal year~~ *must be designated as additional funding for Section 86 – County Transportation Funds to be appropriated using the current CTC distribution model*. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 90; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. BANNISTER moved that the House recede until 7:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding, the pending question being consideration of Part 1B, Section 50.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 7:30 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 4025--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Part 1B, Section 50:

H. 4025--THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PART IB

SECTION 50--ADOPTED

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\incentive money and abortions.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 403, after line 33, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(CMRC: Incentive Regulation) In the current fiscal year, the department shall not use state-appropriated funds to provide economic incentives to companies that offer employee benefits that include elective abortions and/or travel for abortions.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 60 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\010\FUNDS ESG PRACTICES.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 403, after line 33, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(CMRC: prohibition of funds to companies with esg practices) For the current fiscal year, no funds shall be dispersed on behalf of the Department of Commerce as a grant to, and/or to contract with, any company that engages in ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) practices that discriminate on the basis of political viewpoints, unless there is a formal plan to discontinue those activities within 2 years. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall review all proposed contracts and shall have authority to determine that a company is in violation of*

this provision, and upon such a determination, must direct the Treasurer to withhold the funding and inform the Department of Commerce that the company is ineligible to contract with the state./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 60 was not germane.

Rep. MAGNUSON argued contra.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery

T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Gilreath
Harris	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
White		

Total--10

Section 50 was adopted.

SECTION 55--ADOPTED

Rep. GOVAN proposed the following Amendment No. 159 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C020.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 409, after line 20, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(DES: Dams Study Committee) (A) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Environmental Services, there is created a study committee to examine and review all prior reports and studies conducted since 2015 which pertain to the regulation, inspection, maintenance, and improvement of public and private dams. The committee must review the current classification of dams to determine if improvements could be made to this organizational system. The committee also must determine whether there is a need for a permanent infrastructure bank related to the regulation, inspection, maintenance, and improvement of public and*

private dams and how it may be adequately funded.

(B) The study committee is composed of:

(1) the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, or his designee;

(2) the Chairman of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, or his designee;

(3) the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, or his designee;

(4) the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, or his designee;

(5) the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, or his designee;

(6) the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, or his designee;

(7) the Chief Resilience Officer of the Office of Resilience, or his designee;

(8) the director of the Emergency Management Division, or his designee;

(9) the director of the dams safety and stormwater permitting engineer division of the S.C. Department of Environmental Services, or his designee;

(10) two civil engineers experienced in evaluating the structural soundness of dams, appointed by the Governor; and

(11) two members of the general public who own property upon which exists a private dam, appointed by the governor.

(C) Members of the study committee serve without compensation, but are allowed the mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions, to be paid equally from approved accounts of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(D) The study committee must choose its officers and must be provided with clerical, administrative, and research services by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(E) The study committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by June 30, 2026, at which time the study committee terminates. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 159 was not germane.

Rep. GOVAN argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 55 was adopted.

SECTION 57--ADOPTED

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 81 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\magistrate training.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 410, paragraph 57.13, line 25, by striking:/ (4) sensitivity to gender bias and cultural, racial, and sexual issues; /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. CROMER spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 87; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon

Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gibson
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Williams Willis Wooten
Yow

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 57 was adopted.

SECTION 60--ADOPTED

Reps. MCDANIEL, GILLIARD and KING proposed the following Amendment No. 144 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C032. CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 60, PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION, page 416, after line 20, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(PCC: Additional Fines) (A)(1) In the current fiscal year, there is imposed an additional fine of up to ten thousand dollars on any person who commits a violent crime as defined in Section 16-1-60 of the SC Code or commits assault by mob in the second degree as defined in Section 16-3-210(C) of the SC Code, and who the trier of fact determines beyond a reasonable doubt that the offense was committed against a victim who was intentionally selected, in whole or in part, because of the person's belief or perception regarding the victim's race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, whether or not the perception is correct. Any additional fines paid pursuant to this proviso must be remitted to the Commission to be to the Office of Solicitors to cover costs associated with the conviction and finding.*

(2) A person subjecto the additional fine pursuant to item (1) is also subject to an additional term of imprisonment of up to five years.

(B) In cases involving the additional fines and penalties set forth in subsection (A), The court shall permit the prosecuting agency and the defense to present evidence relevant to the determination of whether the defendant intentionally selected the person against whom the offense is committed, in whole or in part, because of the person's belief or perception regarding one or more of the factors provided in subsection (A), whether or not the perception is correct. The court with competent

jurisdiction over the underlying offense shall instruct the trier of fact to find a special verdict as to whether the defendant is subjec to the additional fines and penalties. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. LOWE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 60 was adopted.

SECTION 65--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 65 was adopted.

SECTION 70--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 70 was adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SECTION 71--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:
Cromer

Total--1

Section 71 was adopted.

SECTION 78--ADOPTED

Rep. J. MOORE proposed the following Amendment No. 152 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\doi study.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 78, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, page 441, after line 28, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/(INS: Director Study Committee) (A) *For the current fiscal year, there is created a study committee to conduct a thorough review of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Director of the Department of Insurance in order to identify potential areas for improvement, enhance efficiency, and ensure that the director's role aligns with the needs of the public and the insurance industry. The study committee shall be created to examine and evaluate the powers and duties of the Director and recommend strategies for streamlining responsibilities, eliminating redundancies, and improving overall effectiveness.*

(B) The committee shall consist of five members appointed as follows:

(1) one member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) the Governor, or his designee, who shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member; and

(4) two subject matter experts on insurance law, administrative law, or government efficiency, to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate.

(C) The committee shall have the authority to request information from the Department of Insurance, other state agencies, and any entity necessary to fulfill its duties.

(E) The study committee shall prepare a report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The report shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2026./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. J. MOORE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 78 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 78 of H. 4025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Stephen Frank

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 4025, Part 1B, Section 78 of H. 4025. I should have abstained.

Rep. James Teeple

SECTION 80--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 80 was adopted.

SECTION 84--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 84 was adopted.

SECTION 87--ADOPTED

Rep. GILREATH proposed the following Amendment No. 140 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\cloud seeding.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 87, DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS, page 452, after line 6, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AERO: Weather Manipulation Report) Of the funds appropriated*

to the Division of Aeronautics for the fiscal year 2025-2026 the following provisions shall apply.

(A) Regulation of runways, hangers, or acquired but not limited to where aircraft is stored lands, departs, or repairs on state funded airports or purchased from the DOD Surplus Equipment Programs or the Federal Asset Transfer programs, to be used for stratospheric aerosol injection, geoengineering climate control, cloud seeding. No state funds can be used to give in any way support planes to land, store, repair, or purchase if planes are injecting and applying stratospheric injection, geoengineering climate control, or cloud seeding.

(B) Any airports that are state funded must ensure compliance with this policy and report of any unauthorized aircraft that lands, stores, repairs, or departs. Any airport in violation of these provisions is subject to lose all state funding.

(C) Exceptions for mosquito control and crop management.

(D) The proviso shall remain in effect for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and must be reviewed for renewal or amendment in the next appropriation cycle. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GILREATH explained the amendment.

Rep. GILREATH moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 87 was adopted.

SECTION 91--ADOPTED

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 145 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name

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Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 91, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, page 456, paragraph 91.13, lines 13-14, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (LEG: In-District Compensation) All members of the General Assembly shall receive an in-district compensation of ~~$1,000~~ *$2,500* per month. *$1,500 of this compensation shall be funded by Part 1A, Section 91B Leg Dept – House of Representatives, other operating expenses.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment, which was not agreed to by a division vote of 45 to 51.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Yeas 15; Nays 91

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Dillard	Gilliard	Grant
Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Reese	Rivers
Spann-Wilder	Wetmore	Williams

Total--15

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Calhoon	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

So, the amendment was rejected.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved to reconsider the vote whereby Amendment No. 145 was rejected.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion to reconsider, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
King

Total--1

Section 91 was adopted.

SECTION 102--ADOPTED

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 82 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\no eric funding.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 474, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(ELECT: ERIC Funding) For the current fiscal year, The State Election Commission shall not provide any authorized funds to the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 82 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order. He stated the principal effect was to prevent use of the ERIC system and not appropriation of funds or affecting revenue.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 84 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\voter list copies.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 474, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(ELECT: Precinct Lists Copies) For the current fiscal year, Section 7-3-20(D)(13), relating to the collection of funds for the provision of precinct lists, is suspended. Without requiring funds, the State Election Commission shall provide a complete voter registration master file,*

including ballot requestors, by county and by precincts, otherwise known as precinct lists to any qualified elector requesting them./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 84 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 85 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\paper ballots.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 474, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(ELECT: Paper Ballots) (A) Of the funds provided in this Act, the State Election Commission shall not purchase any voting system that does not meet the following requirements:*

(1) allow a voter to mark by hand a paper ballot.

(2) Prevent the counting of paper ballots by hand.

(3) Require the use of tabulation equipment.

(B) Further, funds may only be used for the counting of paper ballots by hand without the use of tabulation equipment.

(C) Nothing in this provision may be construed as precluding the purchase of a voting system with features or components necessary to ensure compliance with other federal and state law requirements including, without limitation, at least one accessible voting system per polling place equipped for individuals with disabilities in accordance with 52 U.S.C. Section 21081 of the "Help America Vote Act of 2002."/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 85 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 89; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 102 was adopted.

SECTION 108--ADOPTED

Rep. POPE proposed the following Amendment No. 74 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\pors critical needs return to work.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 483, paragraph 108.14, after line 31 and before line 32, by inserting a new paragraph to read:

/ *(B) For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if compensation received by the retired member from the covered employer is for employment in a critical needs law enforcement position as determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council. For this provision to apply, the Law Enforcement Training Council must review and approve, from the documentation provided by the covered employer, that no qualified, nonretired member is available for employment in the position, and that the member selected for employment meets the requirements of this provision. No later than January 1st of the current fiscal year, the Law Enforcement Training Council must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the positions requested for inclusion in the earnings limitation exception under this provision. The earnings limitation exception in this provision only applies to those positions approved by action of the General Assembly for the fiscal year in response to the report submitted by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The Law Enforcement Training Council shall develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. POPE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KING raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 74 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus

Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 108 was adopted.

SECTION 109--ADOPTED

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 109 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 109, Part 1B. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SECTION 117--ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER proposed the following Amendment No. 160 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\legacy admissions.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Legacy Admissions) No funds appropriated in this act shall be expended by a public institution of higher learning to grant preferential admission to an applicant on the basis of legacy status. For the purposes of this proviso, a "legacy applicant" is defined as an individual who has a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or permanent legal guardian who previously attended the institution. Both undergraduate and graduate*

admissions decisions shall be made without regard to legacy status, and no legacy applicant shall receive preferential treatment over any other applicant based on such status./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. PACE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No.160 was not germane.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order. He stated that the amendment's principal effect did not directly relate to the appropriation of funds or raising of revenue.

Rep. HUFF proposed the following Amendment No. 146 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\carry forward.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 501, paragraph 117.23, end of line 3, by inserting:

/*HOWEVER, NO FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFED POSITIONS, OR ANY OTHER FUNDS BUDGETED FOR PAYROLL MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD, AND SHALL LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND*./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 90; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers

Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gibson
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
King	Magnuson	May
McCravy	Morgan	Pace
Reese	Terribile	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 54 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\k-12 proof of vax restriction.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 535, paragraph 117.137, line 3-7, by amending the proviso to read:

/ 117.137. (GP: COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Restriction – ~~Institutions~~) For the current fiscal year, state-supported institutions of higher learning *and public K-12 school districts and public charter school districts* that directly or indirectly receive funds appropriated or authorized through the general appropriations act shall be restricted from requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for any student as a condition of enrollment, attendance at on campus instruction, or residence on campus. In instances of off-campus learning events for which third party program providers require proof of vaccination, the third party requirements shall apply. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B.4 Point of Order that Amendment No. 54 improperly amended permanent law.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT stated that Rule 5.3.B.4 prohibited amendments to permanent tax law in the annual general appropriations bill. He stated that the amendment did not concern or amend tax law, and he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 85; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Ligon	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gibson	Gilreath	Harris

Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCravy	Morgan	Moss
Oremus	Pace	Rankin
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025, Section 117, Part 1B, Amendment No. 54. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of tabling the amendment.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\homestead exemption fund.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 542, paragraph 117.147, lines 4 - 5, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. GOVAN proposed the following Amendment No. 70 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C014.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553-554, lines 16-36, 1-14, by deleting proviso 117.195.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Rule 5.3.B.4 Point of Order that Proviso Section 117.147 amends permanent tax law and was out of order.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT stated Rule 5.3.B.4 prohibited a provision that temporarily or permanently adds, amends, repeals or alters a portion of the general permanent tax laws of South Carolina. The Acting Speaker stated further that the rule went on to state that "nothing in this paragraph prohibits the temporary suspension of any permanent law." He stated further that Proviso 117.147 expressly suspended permanent law and did not violate Rule 5.3.B.4. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. GOVAN explained the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MOSS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 81; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Govan	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--24

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\business with abortion providers .docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Business With Abortion Providers) In the current fiscal year, state agencies shall not obligate or contract state dollars to companies that do business with abortion providers.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 21 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\annual report from ag and pcc.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Annual violations) of the funds appropriated to the attorney general's office and commission on prosecution coordination, both offices shall produce an annual report of any violations of title 44, chapter 41 related to abortions. the report shall be submitted to the house ways and means committee, senate finance committee, and the governor by june 30 of the current fiscal year.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. LOWE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 21 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 58 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\h1b visa employees.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: H1-B Visa Program) For the current fiscal year, no state agency shall utilize or participate in the H-1B visa program under the U.S. Department of Labor for the hiring of employees.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 58 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. TEEPLE proposed the following Amendment No. 93 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\oath of office.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Oath of Office) (A) For the current fiscal year, all state funds shall be withheld from an individual, including salary and supplementation, who has entered into the duties of their respective position and not taken the Oath of Office as set forth in Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of this State.*

(B) If an individual receives no state funds for their duties, then the governing body, which has the authority to remove the individual, shall have state funds withheld from any source in this act until such time as the individual has taken the Oath of Office or been removed from their office.

(C) For purposes of this provision, "Individual" includes all members of any state board or commission, or any board or commission of any political subdivision of this State, including school districts.

(D) individuals who have not met the requirements of this provision must take the Oath of Office at the first scheduled meeting of their respective body after the effective date of this act./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ROSE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 93 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCDANIEL raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Section 117.195 was not germane to the appropriations bill and was out of order.

Rep. BANNISTER argued contra and stated that Section 1A of the budget contain tuition mitigation funds and proviso 117.195 tied directly

to those tuition mitigation funds and limited how the public colleges and universities can use those funds and cannot use those funds.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT stated that the Point of Order would be taken under advisement and that the Body would address it after continuing to proceed with other amendments pending in Section 117.

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 109 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C016.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Prohibition On The Use of State Funds for White Supremacy Programs) A state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions may not use state funds to establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of white supremacy.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 143 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc NameCOUNCIL\SA\4025C018.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 554, after line 21, by adding an appropriately

numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Prohibition On The Use of State Funds for Non-Merit Based Hiring) A state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions may not use state funds in hiring an employee for any non-merit based reason.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Ruling on Point of Order Concerning Section 117.195

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order. He stated that he had taken the Point of Order under advisement and that based upon prior precedents and the arguments presented he found that the proviso's principal effect was to eliminate DEI programs in all state agencies and higher education institutions. He stated that the proviso did not comply with the requirements of Rule 5.3.B.1 and was out of order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 117 was adopted.

SECTION 118--ADOPTED

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\sr homestead exemption.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, pages 585-586, paragraph 118.20, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HART raised the Rule 5.3.B.4 Point of Order that Amendment No. 1 amended permanent tax law and was out of order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order and started that the amendment did not amend or alter the permanent tax law.

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 83 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\strike statewide voting system upgrade.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 587, paragraph 118.22, line 28, by striking:/ (c) Statewide voting system upgrade $10,970,755;/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 100; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--13

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 4025 as introduced by Ways & Means (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\income tax relief trust fund.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 591, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SR: Income Tax Relief Trust Fund) For Fiscal Year 2025-26, the reduction of $1,000,000,000 in general fund appropriations to state agencies shall be transferred into an Income Tax Relief Trust Fund that shall be established and administered by the State Treasurer's Office. The State Treasurer shall maintain these funds in a separate, interest-bearing account, and no funds deposited may be expended or transferred without authorization by the General Assembly. Any interest accrued shall be retained by the fund for the purpose of income tax relief.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Magnuson	May	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

Section 118 was adopted.

STATEMENT BY REP. BANNISTER

Rep. BANNISTER gave notice of offering amendments on third reading if necessary, pursuant to Rule 9.2.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table all pending motions to reconsider, which was agreed to.

Rep. CROMER spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
Morgan	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--13

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING
H. 4025--General Appropriations Bill

In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Bruce Bannister

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Beth Bernstein

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
72 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
73 OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Phillip Bowers

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
8 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jeffrey Bradley

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
23 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
51 JOBS- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
85 INFASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
108 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY
112 DEBT SERVICE

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Gary Brewer Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
1A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas C. “Case” Brittain Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
60 PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION

62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
93 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Paula Calhoon

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
36 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

Rep. Micah Caskey

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
57	**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. William Clyburn

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
35	**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

37 DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
41 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
45 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY – PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
4 EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
26 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Neal Collins

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Brandon Cox

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
16	**COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER**
115	**TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Heather Crawford

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
9 GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES
25 STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
35 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
39 COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND
49 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. April Cromer

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Sarita Edgerton

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Shannon Erickson

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND

78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Stephen Frank

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other

entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
35 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
72 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

Rep. Gil Gatch

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
43	**FORESTRY COMMISSION**
44	**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
86	**COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas Lee Gilreath

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
49 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM
57 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Jerry Govan

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Hamilton Grant

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
79 STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENTOF MOTOR VEHICLES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an

individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas Duval "Val" Guest Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
35 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
92D OFFICE OF RESILIENCE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Patrick Haddon

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Chris Hart

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
53 SC CONSERVATION BANK
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:
a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**
Rep. Tom Hartnett Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND

78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Rosalyn D. Henderson-Myers

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
49 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Lee Hewitt

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
1A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
54 RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jeff Johnson

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

17 FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jay Jordan

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business

with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. John King

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
86	**COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Roger Kirby

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or

amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
32 DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Phillip Lowe

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
35 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
43 FORESTRY COMMISSION
44 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
63 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
92D OFFICE OF RESILIENCE
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jason Luck

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal**

Year 2025-2026, for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
16 COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
60 PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
63 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS-STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. David Martin

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. RJ May

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Ryan McCabe

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

18 LANDER UNIVERSITY
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. John R. McCravy III

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
100 OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Cody T. Mitchell

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
8 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
87 DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. JA Moore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
100 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Travis Moore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers
Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
57 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

58 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
85 INFRASTUCTURE BANK BOARD
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Chris Murphy

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
20 University of South Carolina-PART 1B ONLY
20A University of South Carolina
20E University of South Carolina - Lancaster Campus
23 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Brandon Newton

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS

102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS- STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business

with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Jordan Pace

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Fawn Pedalino

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION

75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

Rep. Tommy Pope

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Luke S. Rankin

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or

amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:
a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**
Rep. Robert Reese

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
41 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
47 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
87 DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
105 SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Robby Robbins

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Seth Rose

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
14 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY – EDUCATION & GENERAL
18 LANDER UNIVERSITY
20A UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
20B USC – AIKEN CAMPUS
20C USC – UPSTATE
20D USC – BEAUFORT CAMPUS
20E USC – LANCASTER CAMPUS
20F USC – SALKEHATCHIE CAMPUS
20G USC – SUMTER CAMPUS
20H USC – UNION CAMPUS
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
45 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY – PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES
53 SC CONSERVATION BANK
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Blake Sanders

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Carla Schuessler

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Heath Sessions

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or

amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
1	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
1A	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY
17	FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY
23	MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
25	STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION
31	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
32	DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
33	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
35	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
38	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
40	OFFICE ON AGING
42	HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55	DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59	ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61	COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
62	STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
65	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66	DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67	DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70	HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
72	PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
73	OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF
74	WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75	STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78	DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80	DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81	DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83	DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102	ELECTION COMMISSION
104	STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
108	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY
109	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110	STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Mark Smith

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

3 LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
20F USC-SALKEHATCHIE CAMPUS
23 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
32 DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
35 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
36 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
49 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, & TOURISM
58 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
79 STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
88 STATE PORTS AUTHORITY-ONLY IN PART 1B
101 DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S AFFAIRS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

Rep. Tiffany Spann-Wilder

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
1A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY
23 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER
115 TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND, PART IA ONLY

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Leon Stavrinakis

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or

commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. James E. Teeple

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. David Weeks

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Elizabeth “Spencer” Wetmore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER**

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Rep. Richie Yow

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H. 4026--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:
Cromer

Total--1

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

Rep. BANNISTER moved that the House do now adjourn to next meet at 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4133 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope,

Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CRISIS RECOVERY NETWORK COORDINATED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD, TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NETWORK, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE NETWORK AS A TRUSTED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE TO KNOW THEY MAY CALL UPON IT IF THE NEED ARISES.

H. 4156 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WEST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

H. 4157 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DIVISION FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 11, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolution were ratified:

(R. 7, S. 157) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER, AND PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY RETAINED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

(R. 8, S. 363) -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

(R. 9, H. 3952) -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:37 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, adjourned in memory of "Pool Bar Jim" Lisenby, to meet at 12:01 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:01 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your hand on our lives, our State, and on our communities. Father, give us the wisdom and the discernment we need to represent our people properly and to work together with one another. Father, please keep us safe tonight when we go our separate ways. Watch over our families, protect us, and bring us back safely to You. Help us to do all things to Your glory. All these things we say in Jesus' name. Amen

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. GARVIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Angie Stone, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Ms. Angie Stone

Mr. Speaker and Members,

I would like to adjourn in memory of Columbia native, Angie Stone. A graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, she was raised singing gospel music at the First Nazareth Baptist Church.

The Grammy-nominated R&B singer was a member of the all-female hip-hop trio The Sequence before launching a solo career. The Sequence, the first female rap group, created the 1980's top charting hit, Funk You Up, which was later sampled by artists such as Bruno Mars and Dr. Dre.

Ms. Stone tragically passed on March 1, 2025, when the Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van she was traveling in overturned on Interstate 65 before being hit by a 2021 Freightliner Cascadia truck in Alabama. The van's driver and seven others were taken to a hospital for treatment. She was traveling from one performance to another.

The singer-songwriter created hits like "No More Rain (In This Cloud)" which reached No. 1 for 10 weeks on Billboard's Adult R&B airplay chart, "Baby" with legendary soul singer Betty Wright, another No. 1 hit "Wish I Didn't Miss You," and "Brotha." Her 2001 album *Mahagony Soul* reached No. 22 on the Billboard 200, while 2007's *The Art of Love & War* peaked at No. 11.

Ms. Stone's funeral will be this Saturday, March 15 at 2pm at First Nazareth Baptist. We are incredibly proud of our South Carolina native daughter and ask that you continue to pray for her family and many friends.

I would ask that my remarks be entered into the journal.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4177 -- Reps. Whitmire, Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE WALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2025 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON A SUPERB SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4178 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASON HOWLE, A SENIOR WRESTLER FOR GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR A SPECTACULAR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4179 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby,

Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY SUZANNE "ZAN" CHAPPELL EDMUNDS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4180 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2024-2025 YEAR, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY

HAVE DEMONSTRATED, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AS "4-H DAY" AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4181 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HATTIE ANN DUBOSE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 62ND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4182 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam,

Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MIKE CALLAHAN FOR HIS FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO DUKE ENERGY AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CORPORATION'S SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PRESIDENT AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF DUKE ENERGY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4183 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ORA LEIGH BEATY ELVIS OF HORRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. KIRBY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED

FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

STATEMENT BY REP. BANNISTER

Rep. BANNISTER made a statement relative to the passage of the General Appropriation Bill.

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns that it next meet in regular statewide session on Tuesday, March 25, at 12:00 noon. Provided, the Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 6.1.B, may authorize a perfunctory session for the sole purpose of the introduction and referral of bills and resolutions prior to that date, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:21 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GARVIN, adjourned in memory of Angie Stone, to meet at 12:00 noon Tuesday, March 25.

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Thursday, March 20, 2025
(Statewide Perfunctory Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m. in Statewide Perfunctory Session, pursuant to House Rule 6.1.B.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER as follows:

Our thought for today is from Genesis 5:1: "In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God."

Let us pray. Almighty God, You have made us in Your own image. Enable us to remember whose we are and who You are. Keep these Representatives and Staff steadfast and faithful to You, that they may be able to do the good work of the people of South Carolina. Bless those who lead us in our Nation and State: our President, Governor, Staff, and those who advise them. Protect our first responders and those who defend us at home and abroad. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 12, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 8-13-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
State Ethics Commission
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025
Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

F. Xavier Starkes, Esquire
Post Office Box 1497
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the House Ethics Committee

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 7, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Judge M. Anderson Griffith as Aiken County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Griffith qualified and the Aiken County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Aiken County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: June 30, 2025
Term Expiring: June 30, 2031

Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

The Honorable M. Anderson Griffith
1397 Woodbine Road
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Ordered placed on the Calendar.

APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

1st Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
State House, First Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
401 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia SC 29201

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
213 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

March 12, 2025

RE: Approval of appointment of Mr. T. J. Johnson to the SCDOT Commission from the 1st Congressional District

Dear Governor McMaster, Secretary Hammond, Mr. Gossett, and Mr. Reid:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et. seq., members of the General Assembly representing the 1st Congressional District met on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of the State House to consider the below referenced gubernatorial appointment. The meeting was publicly posted and members of the Senate and House of Representatives met jointly.

As Chairman of the 1st District Legislative Delegation, I certify that Mr. T.J. Johnson received a majority of the weighted vote of only the senators in the delegation and a majority of the weighted vote of only the members of the House of Representatives in the delegation. Appointment details are below.

Mr. Thomas J. Johnson
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

S.C. Department of Transportation Commission
1st Congressional District
Term Commencing: February 15, 2024
Term Expiring: February 15, 2028
Vice: Self

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Larry Grooms

Received as information.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5353
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 41-16-140 and 41-18-120
Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5327
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-6-10 et seq., 48-39-10 et seq., and 2023 Act No. 60, effective July 1, 2024
Bureau of Coastal Management, Chapter 30
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5336
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-35-60
South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

REGULATION RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5370
Agency: Clemson University
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-37-20 Honey Bees
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
March 11, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration March 15, 2026

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 13, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's reappointment of:

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Aiken County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: June 30, 2025
Term Expiring: June 30, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

The Honorable M. Anderson Griffith
1397 Woodbine Road
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Very Respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO

TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3305 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3556 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210,

RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3842 -- Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4067 -- Reps. Davis and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4069 -- Reps. Sessions and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest,

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4184 -- Rep. Teeple: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INDIGO HILL ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 174 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARK ROAD "GENO MIDDLETON ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 400 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF US-76 AND STATE ROAD S-30-

46 (US 76) IN LAURENS COUNTY "NATHANIEL HUNTER SIPES MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4185 -- Reps. Wooten and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-56-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-1, RELATING TO POLICIES AND PURPOSES CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS, SO AS TO RESTATE PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS OF POLICIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORAGE, PURCHASE, SUPPLY, AND SALE OF PYROTECHNICS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REVISE BOARD COMPOSITION AND MEETING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-35, RELATING TO LICENSES REQUIRED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR STORAGE OF FIREWORKS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED FOR THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, DEALING, DISTRIBUTING, OR STORING OF PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS, AND TO REVISE RELATED LICENSING AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-70, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE THE DUTIES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATION RESULTS AND SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS, TO

PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED POWERS NECESSARY FOR THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION OVER ACTIONS OF ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS, IN ADDITION TO LICENSEES AND FORMER LICENSEES, FOUND TO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 56, TITLE 40; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-120, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY GROUNDS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE BOARD, SO AS TO EXPAND THE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE REPRIMANDS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINAL ORDERS WITH FINDINGS OF VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-130, RELATING TO LICENSE DENIAL BY THE BOARD BASED ON THE ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE LICENSES OR PERMITS IN SUCH SITUATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-140, RELATING TO LICENSE DENIAL BY THE BOARD BASED ON FINDINGS OF A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DENIALS OF PERMITS UPON SUCH A FINDING; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-150, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PYROTECHNICS BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOLDERS OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-220, RELATING TO FACILITIES THAT MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS DO NOT WAIVE CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO INCLUDE FIREWORKS DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZED AGENTS OF THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF THESE FACILITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-230, RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR RETAIL FIREWORKS SALES LICENSES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH INSURANCE COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF HAVING A WHOLESALE LICENSE ISSUED

BY THE BOARD TO STORE DISPLAY FIREWORKS, SO AS TO ADD PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STORING ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC, TO PROVIDE HOLDERS OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR LICENSES ISSUED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY OBTAIN A DISPLAY MAGAZINE PERMIT FROM THE BOARD FOR THE STORAGE OF DISPLAY FIREWORKS AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE DISPLAY SITE WITHOUT OBTAINING A WHOLESALE LICENSE FROM THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE ONLY LICENSED WHOLESALERS MAY DISTRIBUTE FIREWORKS FOR DISPLAYS, AND TO REVISE STORAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY FIREWORKS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-250, RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO REMOVE OR CORRECT HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A THIRTY-DAY LIMIT FOR COMPLIANCE, TO ADD CERTAIN PENALTIES, AND TO REMOVE REMAINING PENALTIES AND PROCESSES FOR VIOLATIONS TO CONFORM TO THE ADDITION OF OTHER PENALTIES AND PROCESSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-260, RELATING TO REPORTS OF FIRES OR EXPLOSIONS TO THE BOARD BY REGULATED PARTIES, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND INSTEAD PROVIDE THAT LICENSEES AND PERMITTEES MUST REPORT IN WRITING ANY UNAUTHORIZED INCIDENT OF EXPLOSION OR FIRE INVOLVING FIREWORKS TO THE BOARD WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE OCCURRENCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4186 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-365 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PORTABLE COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN, OR NAIL TECHNICIAN OPERATIONS BY CERTAIN PERSONS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTING AND OPERATING SUCH PORTABLE OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PERSONS AND PRACTICES REGULATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO ADD A NECESSARY DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PORTABLE OPERATIONS

AND PERSONS PROVIDING EXPRESS STYLING SERVICES BUT NO SERVICES REQUIRING LICENSURE BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PERSONS AND PRACTICES REGULATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RESTRICTION OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING MAKEUP ARTISTRY OR PERSONS PROVIDING EXPRESS STYLING SERVICES BUT NO SERVICES REQUIRING LICENSURE BY THE BOARD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-230, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ESTHETICIAN, SO AS TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CLASS HOURS IN SKIN CARE AND TO EXEMPT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ESTHETICIAN PROGRAMS BEFORE JULY 1, 2024 FROM THIS INCREASED REQUIREMENT.

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

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Referred to Lexington Delegation

H. 4188 -- Reps. Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES BY CORONERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNCLAIMED REMAINS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, AND TO AUTHORIZE CORONERS TO RELEASE REMAINS TO FAMILY MEMBERS, RATHER THAN THE NEXT OF KIN, WHEN THE NEXT OF KIN IS CHARGED IN

CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OR OTHERWISE UNCOOPERATIVE IN CLAIMING REMAINS.

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

H. 4189 -- Reps. Davis and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-

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122-50, 44-125-20, 44-128-20, 44-128-50, 44-130-20, 44-130-70, 44-139-40, 44-139-50, 45-4-30, 45-4-70, 46-1-130, 46-1-140, 46-3-240, 46-7-100, 46-7-110, 46-9-120, 46-13-110, 46-13-150, 46-45-10, 46-45-60, 46-45-80, 46-49-60, 46-51-20, 46-57-20, 46-57-50, 47-1-80, 47-3-420, 47-4-150, 47-5-20, 47-9-60, 47-17-40, 47-17-120, 47-17-130, 47-17-140, 47-17-320, 47-19-35, 47-20-165, 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-110, 48-1-280, 48-2-20, 48-2-60, 48-2-70, 48-2-80, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-3-10, 48-3-140, 48-5-20, 48-6-50, 48-6-60, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-34-40, 48-39-10, 48-39-35, 48-39-45, 48-39-50, 48-39-250, 48-39-270, 48-39-280, 48-39-290, 48-39-320, 48-39-345, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 48-40-50, 48-40-60, 48-40-70, 48-43-10, 48-43-30, 48-43-40, 48-43-50, 48-43-60, 48-43-100, 48-43-390, 48-43-510, 48-43-520, 48-43-570, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 48-62-30, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-60, 49-4-20, 49-4-80, 49-4-170, 49-5-30, 49-5-60, 49-6-10, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, 49-11-170, 49-11-260, 49-23-60, 50-5-35, 50-5-360, 50-5-910, 50-5-955, 50-5-965, 50-5-997, 50-11-90, 50-15-430, 50-16-30, 50-19-1935, 50-21-30, 54-6-10, 55-1-100, 56-1-221, 56-3-9800, 56-5-170, 56-5-2720, 56-35-50, 56-35-60, 56-35-80, 58-27-255, 58-33-140, 59-1-380, 59-1-450, 59-31-330, 59-32-10, 59-32-30, 59-36-20, 59-47-10, 59-63-75, 59-63-95, 59-111-720, 59-123-125, 59-152-60, 61-4-220, 61-4-1515, 61-4-1750, 61-6-1610, 61-6-2410, 62-1-302, 63-1-50, 63-7-1210, 63-9-730, 63-9-910, 63-11-1720, 63-11-1930, 63-11-2240, 63-11-2290, 63-13-80, 63-13-180, AND 63-17-70, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RESTRUCTURING PROVIDED BY ACT 60 OF 2023; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-3-110, 44-3-120, 44-3-130, 44-3-140, 44-7-310, 44-11-30, 44-11-40, 44-55-1320, 44-55-1330, 44-55-1350, 44-55-1360, 59-111-510, 59-111-520, 59-111-530, 59-111-540, 59-111-550, 59-111-560, 59-111-570, AND 59-111-580 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT

INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO

COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 170 -- Senators Hembree, Kimbrell, Stubbs, Matthews, Garrett, Adams, Graham and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-387 SO AS TO REQUIRE A LICENSED FACILITY TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO PREVENT EXPOSURE TO SURGICAL SMOKE BY REQURING THE USE OF A SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM.

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

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, SO AS TO CORRECT A CROSS REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIONS OF "ATTEST," "PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING," AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS FOR ISSUANCE OF REPORT BY A PERSON OTHER THAN A CPA OR PA, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA TAGS AMONG THE ITEMS THAT MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE TITLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ABBREVIATIONS CPA AND PA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, REVISE WHAT AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE ON RECORD WITH THE BOARD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, REVISE CERTAIN TIME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE CPA EXAM, AND REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO THE GRANTING

OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PERFORMS COMPILATION SERVICES MUST HOLD A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-40 AND PROVIDE THAT OWNERSHIP MAY ALSO BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO LICENSING OF PERSONS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REVISE HOW PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES CAN BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-2-20(18), SECTION 40-2-35(H), AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) OF THE S.C. CODE.

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

S. 337 -- Senator Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DAILY LIMIT OF SEVENTY-FIVE BLUE CATFISH IN STATE WATERWAYS OTHER THAN IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT

CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 380 -- Transportation Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, RELATING TO SPECIFIC INFORMATION SERVICE SIGNING, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5358, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4119 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2025 AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURY IN THE STATE AND NATIONALLY, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BRAIN INJURIES.

H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:09 a.m. the House, in accordance with the Rule 6.1.B, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 25.

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Tuesday, March 25, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Acts 5:29: “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”

Let us pray. Loving and gracious God, we give You our thanks and appreciation for the work You have done and thanks for the Representatives and Staff who spent many hours in doing the work on the budget. Continue to bless these Representatives and Staff as they continue to provide services to the State of South Carolina. Guard and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Care for and protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, March 20, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LOWE moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former Representative Woodrow M. "Woody" McKay, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Ron Henegan, husband of former Representative Henegan.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Teeple's daughter, Kinsey Grace.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Woodrow M. "Woody" McKay.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

I rise to recognize Corey Jones, a familiar face leaving us. When Rep. Sessions and I started our podcast, many pages, including Corey from Greenville, reached out with questions. Serving Rep. Rutherford, Corey graduated high school, completed an evangelical mission in Denver, and earned an associate's degree from Greenville Tech before studying political science at USC. Eager to serve, he sought out Rep. Rutherford, who hadn't yet assigned a page, and applied. While here, Corey married his wonderful wife, Amy, who joins him today. Next week, he begins Air Force Basic Training, marking a new chapter. After his military service, he plans to attend law school. I suspect we'll see Corey back in this chamber someday. Please join me in thanking Corey for his service and wishing him well in his future endeavors. Thank you, Corey.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

INVITATIONS

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

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Beer Wholesalers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., at 1114 College Street.

Sincerely,
Candice Spencer
Director of Operations

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Home Builders Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Seawells, 1125 Rosewood Drive.

Sincerely,
Mark Nix
Executive Director

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
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Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of HCA Healthcare, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jona Lee
Coordinator, Government Affairs

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Douglas OFlaherty
Chief Operating Officer

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of AARP South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely
Nikki Hutchison
AARP South Carolina

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Office located at 724 Knox Abbott Drive.

Sincerely,
Michael Wright
South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Convenience and Petroleum Marketers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Michael Fields
Executive Director

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Citadel Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in the Goodman Building, State Fair Grounds.

Sincerely,
Sara A. Roth
Citadel Alumni Association

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Office of the State Treasurer, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Dayle DeLong
Staff Associate for Affiliate Services
Office of the State Treasurer

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Manufacturers Council, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Andi Rawl
Executive Director of Industry Councils

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Goodwill Industries of Upstate/Midlands SC, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building

Sincerely,
Monique McDaniels
VP of Community and Workforce Development

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC EMS Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Henry Lewis
Executive Director

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Future Makers and the SC Manufacturers Alliance, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Elisabeth Kovacs
Executive Director, SC Future Makers

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA), the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,

Brandon Ellis
President, SC Emergency Management Association

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Palmetto Family Council, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Steve Pettit
President, Palmetto Family Council

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Insurance Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jeff Thordahl
SC Insurance Association

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association of Council on Aging Directors, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House grounds.

Sincerely
Jay W. Ragley
SC Association of Council on Aging

March 17, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association for Justice, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
Callvin K. Hastie Jr.
Chief Operations Officer

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5330
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-1910 and 50-11-1920
Deer Processors and Donated Deer Processing Fee Recovery
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4190 -- Reps. Wooten, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KENNETH HARRISON "KEN" LESTER SR. OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4191 -- Reps. Burns, Gilreath, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan,

Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN EMBLER ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4192 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SARAH WITHERSPOON NASH WILSON OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4193 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARSHA CLAYMAN GARRETT, FOUNDER OF THE LOWCOUNTRY SENIOR NETWORK, FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4194 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey,

Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL DAZZLERS DANCE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DANCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, AMONG OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4195 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PEE DEE ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL

TEAM ON ITS 2025 WIN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY GOLDEN EAGLES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE OVERALL RECORD OF FOUR STATE TITLE WINS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4196 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIVERBANKS BOTANICAL GARDEN ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4197 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR STATE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES AND ITS LEADERS AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4198 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers,

Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE RAGIN PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY ON WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4199 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4200 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4201 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR COACH ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4202 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4203 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4204 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4205 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4206 -- Rep. Bauer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENVILLE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY AVAILABLE COMMITTEE HEARING ROOMS IN THE BLATT BUILDING FOR ITS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4207 -- Rep. B. Newton: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4208 -- Rep. B. Newton: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DANNY HYATT, A PARAMEDIC WITH THE LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4209 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOYCE CAROLYN CALIFF WILDER OF MANNING AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4217 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4218 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO

CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4219 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4220 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE HEATHWOOD HALL SHOTGUN TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION/SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR SPORTING CLAYS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4221 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THADEUS GERSTENACKER OF CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL'S WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA/A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4222 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OFFICER WADE EADDY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JOHNSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS NINETEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4223 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Teeple, Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN TONATTE MITCHELL FOR APPROACHING HER FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY SERVING AS CAPTAIN OF CHARLESTON'S POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4210 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy,

McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FORTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM IN THE ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM COMPETITION FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, SPONSORED BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENTS' SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4211 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANTS TO THE STATE'S

ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPE, AGRICULTURE, HISTORY, AND ECONOMY, AND TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO USE NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING, EROSION CONTROL, AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE VIABILITY OF MIGRATORY AND NONMIGRATORY POLLINATORS AND TO HELP TO PRESERVE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4212 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ANDERSON DISTRICT ONE AND DISTRICT TWO CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER CULINARY TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 21ST ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA PROSTART INVITATIONAL TITLE.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4214 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR CHRISTINA C. HARRIS, USAF, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4224 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS "DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH" THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS TO PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND PLEDGE TO DRIVE DISTRACTION FREE.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4216 -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, Gibson, McCravy, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Rankin, Forrest, Neese, Pedalino, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, Oremus, Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Chapman, Bowers, Gilliam, Hardee, Teeple, Sanders, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Haddon, Hartz, Hixon and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE TO A FLAT 3.99 PERCENT AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION

EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett, Graham and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. HOWARD, CLYBURN and ALEXANDER signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Wednesday, March 12.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KILMARTIN a temporary leave of absence to attend a funeral.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jennifer Hanke of Oconee County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	M. M. SMITH and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3258
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	HART, HENDERSON-MYERS, ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3578
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	MCDANIEL and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3778
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	SANDERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3863
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	CHAPMAN and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4067
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	FORREST and HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4069
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	BUSTOS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4145
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4146
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4164
Date:	ADD:
03/25/25	SANDERS

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

The Legislative Committee on House Ethics
Columbia, S.C., March 20, 2025

Statewide Appointment

The Committee respectfully reports that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommends that the same do pass.

Commission Members, State Ethics Commission

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
F. Xavier Starkes
State Ethics Commission
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025
Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Jay Jordan
Chairman of the House Ethics Committee

Rep. JORDAN submitted a favorable report on the Ethics Commission appointment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Haddon	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Bruce Bannister

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Thomas C. Brittain Jr.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Micah Caskey

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Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Gil Gatch

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Chris Hart

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Jeffrey Johnson

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Sincerely,
Rep. Jason Luck

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Sincerely,
Rep. RJ May

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Sincerely,
Rep. John R. McCravy III

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Tommy Pope

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Seth Rose

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Todd Rutherford

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because

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Sincerely,
Rep. Tiffany Spann-Wilder

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 25, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the State Ethics Commission, F. Xavier Starkes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Spencer Wetmore

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of F. Xavier Starkes to the State Ethics Commission on March 25, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. John R. McCravy III

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Judge M. Anderson Griffith as Aiken County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Griffith qualified and the Aiken County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Aiken County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: June 30, 2025
Term Expiring: June 30, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

The Honorable M. Anderson Griffith
1397 Woodbine Road
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath

Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4014--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF

TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO

CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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

H. 3045--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL

REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3387--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3305--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3305 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3305 (LC-3305.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 15-3-930(A), (C), (D), (E), and (F) and inserting:

(A) Except as otherwise provided in subsections ~~(C)~~(D) through ~~(F)~~(G), on the filing of a motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920:

(1) all other proceedings between the moving party and responding party, including discovery and a pending hearing or motion, are stayed; and

(2) on motion by the moving party, the court may stay a hearing or motion involving another party, or discovery by another party, if the hearing or ruling on the motion would adjudicate, or the discovery would relate to, an issue material to the motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920.

(B) A stay pursuant to subsection (A) remains in effect until entry of an order ruling on the motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920.

(C) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (E), (F), and (G), if a party appeals from an order ruling on a motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920, all proceedings between all parties in the action are stayed. The stay shall remain in effect until the conclusion of the appeal.

~~(C)~~(D)During a stay pursuant to subsection (A), the court may allow limited discovery if a party shows that specific information is necessary to establish whether a party has satisfied or failed to satisfy a

burden pursuant to Section 15-3-960(A) and the information is not reasonably available unless discovery is allowed.

~~(D)~~(E)A motion pursuant to Section 15-3-980 for costs, attorney's fees, and expenses is not subject to a stay pursuant to this section.

~~(E)~~(F) A stay pursuant to this section does not affect a party's ability to voluntarily dismiss a cause of action or part of a cause of action or move to sever a cause of action.

~~(F)~~(G) During a stay pursuant to this section, the court for good cause may hear and rule on:

(1) a motion unrelated to the motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920; and

(2) a motion seeking a special or preliminary injunction to protect against an imminent threat to public health or safety.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 15-3-940(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) to allow discovery pursuant to Section 15-3-930~~(C)~~(D); or

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 15 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 15-3-985. A moving party may appeal as a matter of right from an order denying, in whole or in part, a motion pursuant to Section 15-3-920. The appeal must be filed not later than thirty days after written notice of entry of the order.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3305. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Phillip Bowers

H. 3556--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3556 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title

have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3557--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 74--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3276--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 3842--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3842 -- Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3842 (LC-3842.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-45-285 and inserting:

Section 40-45-285. A physical therapist may certify that an individual is handicapped and declare that the handicap is temporary ~~or permanent~~ for purposes of the individual's application for a handicapped placard.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber during the vote on H. 3842 on contituent business. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Lee Gilreath

H. 4067--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4067 -- Reps. Davis, Sessions, Forrest and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total—115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4069--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4069 -- Reps. Sessions, Magnuson and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4069 (LC-4069.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-7-327(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) "Healthcare facility" means ~~the same as defined in Section 44-7-130.~~:

(a) acute care hospitals;

(b) psychiatric hospitals;

(c) alcohol and other substance use disorder hospitals;

(d) ambulatory surgical facilities;

(e) hospice facilities;

(f) radiation therapy facilities;

(g) rehabilitation facilities;

(h) residential treatment facilities for child and adolescents;

(i) intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities; or

(j) narcotic treatment programs.

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 44-7-327(B)(1), by striking the undesignated sentence at the end of subsection (B)(1).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-7-327(B)(2)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(2)(a) The healthcare facility must notify the patient in clear and conspicuous language ~~on the primary page of the bill~~, electronically or in writing, of the availability of obtaining an itemized copy electronically or in writing pursuant to ~~item~~subsection (B)(1) and must offer the patient the ability to indicate the preferred form of the itemized bill ~~by checking an appropriate box on the primary page of the patient bill near the indication of the amount owed~~.

(b) A patient may waive the right to receive an itemized bill ~~by marking and initialing at a specified location subsequent to the language notifying the patient of the right to an itemized bill on the primary page~~electronically or in writing. An initial waiver of the right to an itemized bill does not prevent the patient from later receiving an itemized bill upon request.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-7-327(B)(3)(b) and (c) and inserting:

(b) the amount the healthcare facility alleges is due from the patient ~~for each service and supply provided to the patient~~; and

(c) if the healthcare facility sought or is seeking reimbursement from a third party, any billing code submitted to the third party, and the

patient's responsibility amount due to the healthcare facility pursuant the third party insurer's explanation of benefits. ~~The third party insurer's explanation of benefits shall set forth a specific explanation of the patient's responsibility amount including, but not limited to, whether the amount is a deductible, coinsurance, or noncovered charges.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-7-327(B)(5) and inserting:

(5) A healthcare facility may not pursue debt collection against a patient for a provided healthcare service or supply unless the healthcare facility has ~~complied with this section~~provided an itemized bill to the patient or the patient has waived the right to receive an itemized bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart

Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3927--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED, PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee,

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

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

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

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

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

Reps. B. NEWTON, LAWSON, BOWERS, T. MOORE, EDGERTON, GUFFEY, BEACH, MAGNUSON, FRANK, HIXON, TAYLOR, HUFF, HEWITT, J. MOORE, REESE, GILREATH, CROMER, GILLIARD, KIRBY, BAMBERG, ERICKSON, WHITMIRE, HENDERSON-MYERS, MCDANIEL, HOSEY, CLYBURN, HAGER, WILLIAMS, GOVAN, KING, BRADLEY, RANKIN, GILLIAM, GARVIN, SPANN-WILDER, RIVERS, ALEXANDER, COBB-HUNTER, MITCHELL, YOW, GRANT, J. L. JOHNSON, BRITTAIN, MCGINNIS, J. E. JOHNSON, GUEST, WEEKS, JONES, DILLARD, HART, CASKEY, WOOTEN, MONTGOMERY, CHAPMAN, BALLENTINE and MARTIN requested debate on the Bill.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. HIXON asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4168 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. KING objected.

H. 3247--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3247 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Rivers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA (FFA) ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:27 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. LOWE, adjourned in memory of Woodrow M. "Woody" McKay, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 58:8: "Then shall your light break forth like the dawn and the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard."

Let us pray. May God's light shine through us as we continue to do the work for the people of South Carolina. We are assured Your light will guard us in all we do in this place for the right reason. Bless and keep safe our defenders of freedom and first responders. We are sure You, O Lord, will protect us during this day. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Heal the wounds of our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. YOW moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ron Henegan, husband of former Representative Henegan, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Ron Henegan, husband of former Representative Henegan.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Senator Garrett.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM

ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3731 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4225 -- Reps. Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE DENMARK-OLAR BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOYS BASKETBALL AND TO HONOR THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4226 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4227 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE QUINTON GERSTENACKER OF THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH

SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA/A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4228 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND KEN DILL, CHAPLAIN EMERITUS FOR SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM AS HE RETIRES AFTER DECADES OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4229 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAN YARBOROUGH, WREN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA REGION AAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4230 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRAN CAMPBELL,

WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4231 -- Rep. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD TO PROVIDENCE ROAD "LEONARD L. PRICE MEMORIAL LANE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 483 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF CYNTHIA HELEN JORDAN WATSON OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

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

Total Present--118

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. KILMARTIN and CRAWFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, March 25.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HADDON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIOTT a leave of absence for the day due to the fires in the upstate.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Rodney Alan of Florence County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

ACTING SPEAKER W. NEWTON IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Highlanders" 4-A SCISA Sporting Clay Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Highlanders" 4-A, Region 1 SCISA Middle School Boys Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Highlanders" 4-A Region 1 SCISA Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. DUNCAN presented to the House the West Oak High School "Warriors" AAA Wrestling Championship Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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03/26/25	TAYLOR, HIXON, SCHUESSLER and GUEST

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Bill Number:	H. 3631
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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3778
Date:	ADD:
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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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Date:	ADD:
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03/26/25	ALEXANDER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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03/26/25	LIGON and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4123
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03/26/25	GILREATH, HUFF, WHITE, TERRIBILE, BALLENTINE, YOW, MITCHELL, MCGINNIS, HARDEE, WILLIS, B. J. COX, HAGER, M. M. SMITH, CHUMLEY, LONG, LIGON, MOSS, LAWSON, BOWERS, FRANK, PACE, MCCRAVY, GIBSON, OREMUS and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4164
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CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3131
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03/26/25	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	REMOVE:
03/26/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3927
Date:	REMOVE:
03/26/25	CALHOON

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3305 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO

CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

H. 3842 -- Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

H. 4067 -- Reps. Davis, Sessions, Forrest and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

H. 4069 -- Reps. Sessions, Magnuson and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

H. 3046--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO

AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, FORREST, B. L. COX, MARTIN, LIGON, TAYLOR, WHITMIRE, YOW and HAGER requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3127--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR

VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, MARTIN, B. L. COX, COLLINS, BOWERS, JORDAN, GUEST, HAGER and WHITMIRE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3045--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

Reps. B. NEWTON, B. L. COX, FORREST, COLLINS, MARTIN, GUEST, HAGER and JORDAN requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3387--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO

AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

Reps. B. NEWTON, B. L. COX, MARTIN, CASKEY, LOWE, GUEST, KIRBY, COLLINS and WEEKS requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3556--AMENDED AND REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3556 -- Reps. B. Newton, Schuessler, Guest, Taylor and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING

SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3556 (LC-3556.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 7-17-560(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) The state executive committee must meet in Columbia at such place as may be designated by the chairman to hear and decide protests and contests that may arise in the case of federal officers, state officers, State Senate, State House of Representatives, ~~and~~ officers involving more than one county, partisan county officers, partisan less than county officers, and partisan municipal officers. Any protest or contest must be filed in writing with the chairman of the committee, together with a copy for each candidate in the race, not later than noon on Monday following the canvassing of the votes for these officers ~~by the committee~~. However, service upon the chairman may be perfected by depositing at the office of the Chief of the State Law Enforcement Division a copy of the protest, together with a copy for each candidate in the race. The chief must take immediate steps to deliver these copies to the chairman. The protest must contain each ground thereof stated separately and concisely. The chairman of the committee must forthwith serve upon each candidate in the protested race a copy of the protest and serve a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the committee for the purposes of hearing the protest.

(B) The state executive committee ~~may~~must, by resolution adopted prior to the conduct of a primary, require the filing of any protest or contest to be accompanied by a bond with surety as payment for the reasonable costs of hearing the protest in the event the election challenge is denied. However, the amount may not exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars. If a protestant or contestant's election challenge is granted, he shall receive a refund of the amount of the surety bond.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. EDGERTON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3556 (LC-3556.AHB0002H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 7 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 7-5-115. (A) Only an elector registered as a member of a certified political party may vote in a partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum of the certified political party with which that elector is registered, unless that political party has taken action to open its partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum to independent electors unaffiliated with a certified political party and has advised the State Election Commission, in writing, not more than one hundred eighty days and not less than sixty days in advance of the partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum of that action. In no event may an elector registered as a member of a certified political party vote in the partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum of a certified political party with which that elector is not registered.

(B) The State Election Commission shall assist the county entities charged by law with registering electors with creating and maintaining a list of all electors registered by party affiliation. The State Election Commission shall indicate in the state voter file what selection an elector makes. To expedite the registration of electors, the county boards of voter registration and elections shall allow electors to register by party, if they wish, at all partisan primary elections conducted before June 1, 2026, by having an elector sign the following statement before an election official overseeing the conduct of the partisan primary election:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a resident of South Carolina and a registered voter in this precinct. I further swear (or affirm) that I hereby choose to: (a) register as a member of a certified political party, specifically the _____ Party; or (b) register as an independent voter, unaffiliated with a certified political party."

The form to be signed by the elector may specifically list all of the certified political parties from which the elector may choose and must contain the option for the elector to register as an independent voter unaffiliated with a certified political party. In an instance where an elector fails, for whatever reason, to select membership in one of the certified political parties, that elector must be deemed to have chosen to be registered as an independent voter unaffiliated with a certified political party.

(C) Prior to January 1, 2026, the county boards of voter registration and elections shall contact the qualified electors of that county, by

whatever method it determines to be appropriate, informing them of partisan primary voting procedures as provided in this section.

SECTION X. Section 7-5-110 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 7-5-110. (A) ~~No~~A person ~~shall be allowed to~~may not vote ~~at any~~in a partisan primary election or a partisan advisory referendum unless he ~~shall be~~is registered as ~~herein required~~being a member of that political party as required by the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The State Election Commission shall assist the county boards charged by law with registering electors with capturing the data and maintaining a list of all electors registered by party affiliation. To expedite the registration of electors, the county entities shall allow electors to register by party, if they wish, at all partisan primary elections conducted before June 1, 2026.

(C) After the first primary is conducted under the provisions of this section, the entity charged by law with registering qualified electors shall contact the qualified electors of that county, by whatever method it determines to be appropriate, informing them of partisan primary voting procedures as provided in this section.

(D) The State Election Commission shall provide a format for absentee voting registration to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION X. Section 7-5-170 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 7-5-170. ~~(1)~~(A) Written application required. A person may not be registered to vote except upon written application or electronic application pursuant to Section 7-5-185.~~, which shall become~~ That application becomes a part of the permanent records of the board to which it is presented and ~~which~~ must be open to public inspection. However, the social security number contained in the application must not be open to public inspection.

~~(2)~~(B) Form of application. - The application must be on a form prescribed and provided by the executive director and shall contain the following information: name, sex, race, social security number, date of birth, residence address, mailing address, telephone number of the applicant, political party affiliation, if any, and location of prior voter registration. The applicant ~~must~~shall affirm that he is not under a court order declaring him mentally incompetent, confined in any public prison, has never been convicted of a felony or offense against the election laws, or if previously convicted that he has served his entire sentence, including probation and parole time, or has received a pardon for the conviction. Additionally, the applicant must take the following oath: "I, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a citizen of the United States and that on the date of the next ensuing election, I will have attained the age

of eighteen years and am a resident of South Carolina, this county, and of my precinct. I further swear (or affirm) that the present residence address listed ~~herein~~on my application is my sole legal place of residence, that I claim no other place as my legal residence, and that, to my knowledge, I am neither registered nor intend to register to vote in another state or county. I further swear (or affirm) that I hereby choose to: (a) register as a member of a certified political party, specifically the _____ Party; or (b) register as an independent voter, unaffiliated with a certified political party."

(C) Fraudulent application. ~~Any~~An applicant convicted of fraudulently applying for registration is guilty of perjury and is subject to the penalty for that offense.

~~(3)~~(D) Date stamp voter registration applications. - The county board of voter registration and elections shall date stamp all voter registration applications delivered in person, electronically, or by mail as of the date received.

~~(4)~~(E) Failure to select a party. The form to be signed by the elector may specifically list all of the certified political parties from which the elector may choose and must contain the option for the elector to register as an independent voter, unaffiliated with a certified political party. In an instance where an elector fails, for whatever reason, to select membership in one of the certified political parties, that elector must be deemed to have chosen to be registered as an independent voter, unaffiliated with a certified political party.

(F) Administration of oaths. - Any member of the county board of voter registration and elections, deputy registrar, or any registration clerk must be qualified to administer oaths in connection with the application.

~~(5)~~(G) Decisions on applications. - ~~Any~~A member of the county board of voter registration and elections, deputy registrar, or registration clerk may pass on the qualifications of the prospective voter. In case of a question of an applicant being refused registration, at least one member of the board shall pass on the qualifications of the voter. A concise statement of the reasons for the refusal must be written on the application.

SECTION X. Section 7-9-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 7-9-20. (A) ~~The qualifications~~To qualify for membership in a certified political party and ~~for voting at a party primary election include the following: the applicant for membership, or voter, must be at least eighteen years of age or become so before the succeeding general election, and must be a registered elector and a citizen of the United States and of this State. A person may not vote in a primary unless he is~~

~~a registered elector. The state convention of any political party, organization, or association in this State may add by party rules to the qualifications for membership in the party, organization, or association and for voting at the primary elections if the qualifications do not conflict with the provisions of this section or with the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.~~ to meet the criteria for voting in a party's partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum, unless a certified political party has taken action to open its partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum to independent electors unaffiliated with a certified political party pursuant to the requirements of Section 7-5-115, the applicant for membership, or voter, must be:

(1) at least eighteen years of age or become so before the succeeding general election;

(2) a registered elector, a citizen of the United States and of this State; and

(3) registered as a member of the certified political party.

(B) A person may not belong to a party club or vote in a partisan primary election unless he is a registered elector and a member of that party. The state convention of a political party, organization, or association in this State may add by party rules to the qualifications for membership in the party, organization, or association and for voting at the primary elections if the qualifications do not conflict with the provisions of this section or with the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

(C) The county boards of voter registration and elections charged by law with conducting a primary shall allow an elector to change his political party affiliation by executing an affidavit not later than thirty days before the primary. During that time, an elector may execute an affidavit declaring that he desires not to be affiliated with a political party. The choice to affiliate with a political party or remain independent and unaffiliated with a certified political party is valid until changed by the qualified elector pursuant to the provisions of this section. In an instance where an elector fails, for whatever reason, to select membership in one of the certified political parties, that elector must be deemed to have chosen to be registered as an independent voter, unaffiliated with a certified political party.

(D) When a qualified elector presents himself at a polling place to vote in a partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum, the entity charged by law with conducting the election or its representative shall require the qualified elector to sign an affidavit affirming that he is a member of the party conducting the primary, or that he is an

independent elector unaffiliated with a certified political party who meets the criteria established by that political party to vote in that particular partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum pursuant to the requirements of Section 7-5-115. If the qualified elector does not sign this affidavit, he may not vote in the partisan primary election or partisan advisory referendum.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 5 and inserting:

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. However, notwithstanding the provisions of this act, in all primaries conducted before June 1, 2026, an elector is permitted to vote if he has not signed the affidavit required by this act. After May 31, 2026, all political party primaries must be conducted pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. EDGERTON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KIRBY raised the Point of Order pursuant to Rule 9.3 that Amendment No. 2 was not germane to H. 3556.

Rep. EDGERTON spoke against the Point of Order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that he must look at the substantial effect and impact of the amendment and the bill. He stated that the bill impacted appeals from elections and the process for appealing elections. He stated that the amendment impacted the operations of political primary elections and did not involve the process for appealing an election. He stated the amendment went beyond the scope of the bill, and he sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. PACE, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, FRANK, WHITE, BEACH, CROMER, HUFF, GILREATH, TERRIBILE, MORGAN, JORDAN, B. NEWTON, LOWE, LIGON, CASKEY and OREMUS requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3557--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING

TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3557 (LC-3557.HDB0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 7-11-15(A) and inserting:

(A) In order to qualify as a candidate to run in the general election, all candidates seeking nomination by political party primary or political party convention must file a statement of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees between noon on March sixteenth and noon on March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth as provided in this section. If March sixteenth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing begins the next regular business day. If March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing extends to the next regular business day. For purposes of this section and Section 7-13-45, "next regular business day" means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning July 1, 2026, all candidates from each political party in this State shall pay a filing fee, including candidates from parties that choose not to conduct a primary election. In addition to the filing fee required pursuant to this subsection, political parties may also charge a certification fee not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars to all candidates seeking nomination by political party primary or political party convention.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, candidates seeking nomination for a statewide, congressional, or district office that includes more than one county must file their statements of intention of candidacy, and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission.

(2) Candidates seeking nomination for the State Senate or House of Representatives must file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission or county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence. The state executive committees must certify

candidates pursuant to Section 7-13-40.

(3) Candidates seeking nomination for a countywide or less than countywide office shall file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Reps. MAGNUSON, BEACH, PACE, FRANK, WHITE, CROMER, GILREATH, LIGON, TERRIBILE, B. NEWTON, JORDAN and GUEST requested debate on the Bill.

S. 74--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, JORDAN, LIGON, B. L. COX, MARTIN, GIBSON, LAWSON, GUFFEY, HOLMAN, GUEST and MITCHELL requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3276--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Bradley and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING

ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 27, which was agreed to.

H. 4168--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs:

H. 4168 -- Reps. Forrest, Hartz and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-31-1610 AND 5-31-1620 SO AS TO EXEMPT PROPERTY FROM CONNECTING TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS IF THE SYSTEM LACKS CAPACITY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY LIMITS TO INSTALL A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IF IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER THAN CONNECTING TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a temporary leave of absence.

H. 3927--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

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

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0002H):

Amend the bill, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Public institution of higher learning” means any state-supported, postsecondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions.

(2) “Quasi-state agency” means an entity that is a legally separate organization over which the State has no direct control but for which the State is accountable for purposes of financial reporting.

(B) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

(C) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement.

(D) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not give preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation to an applicant for employment and shall comply with the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that all rules, policies, employment practices, use of state funds, and all other official actions treat people equally.

(E) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not promote differential treatment, which is the intentional act of treating individuals or groups differently based on a protected characteristic, or provide special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Nor shall any entity discriminate against any individual because of his or her race, color, sex or national origin, or classify or refer for employment any individual on the basis of his race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(F) All state agencies or quasi-state agencies, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall adhere to and comply with the Equal Protection Clauses of the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States.

(G) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall, not require an individual to participate in a program that encourages preferential or differential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

(H) For purposes of an institution of higher learning:

(1) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues.

(2) A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee.

(3) If a public institution of higher learning receives a promise or declaration describing a commitment to any political ideology or movement, including a political promise or declaration regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues, it may not promote or engage in differential treatment, grant or deny admission or benefits to a student, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, based on the opinions expressed in the promise or declaration.

(4) A public institution of higher learning shall not require a faculty member or employee of the institution to complete or participate in mandatory training or other educational program regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. A public institution of higher learning shall not take an adverse employment action against a faculty member or employee of the institution for the faculty member's or employee's failure or refusal to participate in such training or program.

(5) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's right to free speech provided by the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination.

(6) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a public institution of higher learning from complying with federal law or applicable court order, or acting against a student, faculty member, or employee for violations of federal or state law or requiring a student, faculty member, or employee to comply with federal or state law, including antidiscrimination laws.

(7) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit or prohibit an institution of higher learning or an employee or faculty member from:

(a) applying for a grant;

(b) complying with the terms of accreditation by an accrediting agency;

(c) submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations; or

(d) certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws.

(8) Each public institution of higher learning shall provide each student, employee, and faculty member with an electronic copy of the language contained in this section.

(I) This section does not prevent any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from engaging in speech protected by the Constitution of this State or the Constitution of the United States.

(J) The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to do so.

(K) Every state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity regarding a violation of the provisions of this section and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this subsection requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

(L) An individual making a report pursuant to this section is protected by the provisions set forth in Chapter 27, Title 8.

(M) Nothing in this section prohibits any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from complying with state or federal law.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act,

and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the title but before the enacting words.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCGINNIS explained the amendment.

Rep. WEEKS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, April 2, which was not agreed to.

Rep. WEEKS moved to continue the Bill.

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

Yeas 34; Nays 77

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Huff	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

So, the House refused to continue the Bill.

Rep. WEEKS moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the House refused to recommit the Bill.

Rep. HOWARD moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 35; Nays 76

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sessions
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin

May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that the House recede for fifteen minutes.

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

Yeas 32; Nays 76

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos

Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Huff	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

So, the House refused to recede for fifteen minutes.

Rep. KING spoke against the amendment.
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Rep. MCGINNIS moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m.

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

Yeas 71; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Chapman

Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--71

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	May
J. Moore	Morgan	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the motion to recede was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 1.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 3927--DEBATE ADJOURNED

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 1:

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

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0002H):

Amend the bill, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Public institution of higher learning" means any state-supported, postsecondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions.

(2) "Quasi-state agency" means an entity that is a legally separate organization over which the State has no direct control but for which the State is accountable for purposes of financial reporting.

(B) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

(C) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement.

(D) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not give preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation to an applicant for employment and shall comply with the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that all rules, policies, employment practices, use of state funds, and all other official actions treat people equally.

(E) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not promote differential treatment, which is the intentional act of treating individuals or groups differently based on a protected characteristic, or provide special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Nor shall any entity discriminate against any individual because of his or her race, color, sex or national origin, or classify or refer for

employment any individual on the basis of his race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(F) All state agencies or quasi-state agencies, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall adhere to and comply with the Equal Protection Clauses of the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States.

(G) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall, not require an individual to participate in a program that encourages preferential or differential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

(H) For purposes of an institution of higher learning:

(1) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues.

(2) A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee.

(3) If a public institution of higher learning receives a promise or declaration describing a commitment to any political ideology or movement, including a political promise or declaration regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues, it may not promote or engage in differential treatment, grant or deny admission or benefits to a student, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, based on the opinions expressed in the promise or declaration.

(4) A public institution of higher learning shall not require a faculty member or employee of the institution to complete or participate in mandatory training or other educational program regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. A public institution of higher learning shall not take an adverse employment action against a faculty member or employee of the institution for the faculty member's or employee's failure or refusal to participate in such training or program.

(5) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's right to free speech provided

by the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination.

(6) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a public institution of higher learning from complying with federal law or applicable court order, or acting against a student, faculty member, or employee for violations of federal or state law or requiring a student, faculty member, or employee to comply with federal or state law, including antidiscrimination laws.

(7) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit or prohibit an institution of higher learning or an employee or faculty member from:

(a) applying for a grant;

(b) complying with the terms of accreditation by an accrediting agency;

(c) submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations; or

(d) certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws.

(8) Each public institution of higher learning shall provide each student, employee, and faculty member with an electronic copy of the language contained in this section.

(I) This section does not prevent any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from engaging in speech protected by the Constitution of this State or the Constitution of the United States.

(J) The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to do so.

(K) Every state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity regarding a violation of the provisions of this section and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this subsection requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who

made the complaint.

(L) An individual making a report pursuant to this section is protected by the provisions set forth in Chapter 27, Title 8.

(M) Nothing in this section prohibits any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from complying with state or federal law.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the title but before the enacting words.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. REESE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. REESE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GILLIARD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GILLIARD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 1, which was agreed to by a division vote of 73 to 22.

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS

APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR

VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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

H. 3045--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

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

H. 3387--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

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

H. 3556--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3556 -- Reps. B. Newton, Schuessler, Guest, Taylor and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-

17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 91; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	Whitmire

Total--15

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

H. 3557--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3557 (LC-3557.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 7-11-15(A) and inserting:

(A) In order to qualify as a candidate to run in the general election, all candidates seeking nomination by political party primary or political party convention must file a statement of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees between noon on March sixteenth and noon on March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth as provided in this section. If March sixteenth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing begins the next regular business day. If March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing extends to the next regular business day. For purposes of this section and Section 7-13-45, "next

regular business day" means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning July 1, 2026, all candidates from each political party in this State shall pay a filing fee, including candidates from parties that choose not to conduct a primary election. In addition to the filing fee required pursuant to this subsection, political parties may also charge a certification fee not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars to all candidates seeking nomination by political party primary or political party convention.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, candidates seeking nomination for a statewide, congressional, or district office that includes more than one county must file their statements of intention of candidacy, and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission.

(2) Candidates seeking nomination for the State Senate or House of Representatives must file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission or county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence. The state executive committees must certify candidates pursuant to Section 7-13-40.

(3) Candidates seeking nomination for a countywide or less than countywide office shall file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WHITE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3557 (LC-3557.AHB0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 7-11-15(A) and inserting:

(A) In order to qualify as a candidate to run in the general election, all candidates seeking nomination by political party open primary or political party convention must file a statement of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees between noon on March sixteenth and noon on March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth as provided in this section. If March sixteenth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing begins the next regular business day. If March ~~thirtieth~~ twenty-fifth is on a Saturday or Sunday, the time for filing extends to the next regular

business day. For purposes of this section and Section 7-13-45, "next regular business day" means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. Notwithstanding another provision of law, beginning July 1, 2026, all candidates from each political party in this State shall pay a filing fee, including candidates from parties that choose not to conduct a primary election. In addition to the filing fee required pursuant to this subsection, political parties may also charge a certification fee not to exceed the sum of one hundred dollars to all candidates seeking nomination by political party open primary or political party convention.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, candidates seeking nomination for a statewide, congressional, or district office that includes more than one county must file their statements of intention of candidacy, and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission.

(2) Candidates seeking nomination for the State Senate or House of Representatives must file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the State Election Commission or county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence. The state executive committees must certify candidates pursuant to Section 7-13-40.

(3) Candidates seeking nomination for a countywide or less than countywide office shall file their statements of intention of candidacy and party pledge and submit any filing fees with the county board of voter registration and elections in the county of their residence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers

Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hixon	Holman
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McGinnis	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Terribile	White
Wickensimer	Willis	

Total--23

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 87; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton

Frank	Gilreath	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	Whitmire

Total--18

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3557. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:21 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. YOW, adjourned in memory of Ron Henegan, husband of former Representative Henegan, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, March 27, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 51:2: "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!"

Let us pray. Thank You, loving Father, for the gift that serving You has given us. Guide us continually with Your power. We are grateful for your continual care for each of us. We pray also for our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Care for our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HARTNETT moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Gedney M. Howe III, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Gedney M. Howe III

Born November 16, 1946, Gedney M. Howe III passed peacefully the afternoon of March 21, 2025.

"A study in contrast, GIII was truly larger than life. Cutting the figure of a well-heeled, sharp-witted attorney with a short temper. Behind closed doors, he was a man of immense generosity; we will never know how many people he helped, putting people through college, showing up at the right time to make sure ends meet, sitting bedside when friends were suffering, almost always on the condition of anonymity. The values instilled in him by his parents never wavered.

Gedney III represented people, businesses, schools, even the state of South Carolina and the Senate. He also aggressively pursued businesses,

the FBI, the Coast Guard, the State, and countless others. The bane and darling of judges and juries alike, he faced the old adage, "Is it better to be feared or loved?" and decided he would be both."
(* Quote from Gedney M. Howe, IV)
Rep. Thomas Hartnett Jr.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Gedney M. Howe III.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

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

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2026
Term Expiring: 02/15/2030
Seat: At-Large
Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Rhodes
5145 Lakeshore Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Ordered placed on the Calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4232 -- Reps. Yow, Luck, Mitchell, Hayes, Lowe, Williams, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4233 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND A.L. BRACKETT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, TO CELEBRATE HIS SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4234 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4235 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARYANN C. RILEY OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4236 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ANNA MARY FURTICK RIVERS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4237 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GLORIA GARDNER MCEWEN OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4238 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND HONOR WALTER P. RAWL & SONS, INC., A RECOGNIZED SOUTH CAROLINA LEADER IN THE PRODUCTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMPANY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4239 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COURTNEY A. TKACS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4240 -- Reps. McCravy and Gibson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GREATER GREENWOOD UNITED MINISTRY AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO THANK THIS FINE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS THREE DECADES OF WORTHY SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING IN SERVING THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4241 -- Reps. McCravy and Gibson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MT. LEBANON METHODIST CHURCH OF GREENWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4242 -- Rep. Chumley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE ENOREE RIVER TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "OLD ANTIOCH CHURCH WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4243 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4244 -- Rep. Bernstein: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEDIATRICIANS, PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALISTS, AND PEDIATRIC TRAINEES AND TO DECLARE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PEDIATRICIANS DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4245 -- Reps. Jones, Gilliard and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT AND TAXPAYER REINVESTMENT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 43 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO TRANSITION FROM GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT AND TO INCENTIVIZE BUSINESSES THAT HIRE AND RETAIN THESE INDIVIDUALS, REINFORCING A FREE-MARKET APPROACH TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND REDUCING LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT DEPENDENCE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4246 -- Reps. Holman and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-35-30, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS' AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE POWERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT ENTITIES MAY CREATE CERTAIN DISTRICTS WHICH INCLUDE A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

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

H. 4247 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED

ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4248 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE HAVE A LABEL NOTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE SHRIMP.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4250 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FROM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR CERTAIN CANDIDATES PER ELECTION CYCLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4251 -- Reps. T. Moore, B. J. Cox, Long, Guest, Lawson and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 35-11-240 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FEES MUST BE ASSESSED AGAINST CERTAIN MONEY TRANSFERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE FEES TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-80, RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

ENFORCEMENT UNIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND MUST BE USED TO FUND THE UNIT'S OPERATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4252 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES," SO AS TO ADD VEHICLES TRANSPORTING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES WHERE THE OCCUPANTS BELONG TO AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO THE LIST OF VEHICLES COVERED BY THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4253 -- Reps. T. Moore and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-530, RELATING TO JURISDICTION IN DOMESTIC MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY COURT HAS EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ACTIONS FOR ASSISTED REPRODUCTION PARENTAL RIGHTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-10, RELATING TO PATERNITY DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS TO ADDRESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTION PARENTAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING TO A COURT'S JURISDICTION OVER A PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFORMING LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-40, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY PATERNITY AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4254 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-59-120, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS OF ACTIVITIES OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND CAREER SPECIALISTS TO EXCLUDE PERFORMING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, DETERMINES THAT A DISTRICT IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY WITHHOLD UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE

DISTRICT'S AID TO CLASSROOM APPROPRIATION FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4255 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE NAME OF THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH THE REMEDY OF DISGORGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE TO CERTAIN MATERIALS PREPARED OR DRAFTED BY OR FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4256 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STRATEGIC DIGITAL ASSETS RESERVE ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST IN CERTAIN DIGITAL ASSETS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN POLICIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4257 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER

COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4258 -- Reps. Gilreath, Cromer, Frank, Pace, Edgerton, Magnuson and Huff: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-35 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4259 -- Reps. Teeple, Rivers, Gibson, Bauer, Oremus, Cromer, Gilreath, Hartz, Davis, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Calhoon, Caskey, Guffey, Martin, Terribile, T. Moore, Williams, Clyburn, Neese, Chapman, Ligon, Hager, Wooten, Guest, Bradley, Erickson, Mitchell, Vaughan, Hartnett, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Yow, Hosey, Rankin, Gilliam, Sessions, McGinnis, Brittain, B. J. Cox, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Hardee, McCabe, Luck, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Collins, Gagnon, Hayes, Hixon, Holman, Jordan, Montgomery, Moss, Stavrinakis, Taylor and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL MEMBERS OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF BOTH THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, TO TAKE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE TAKING OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4260 -- Reps. Taylor, Robbins, Hartnett, Bowers, Whitmire, Chapman, Hager, Forrest, T. Moore, Lawson, Long, Mitchell, Magnuson, Chumley, Frank, Bustos, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon, Oremus and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 10-1-165, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS THAT MAY NOT BE RELOCATED, REMOVED, OR DISTURBED, TO WITHHOLD DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS, TO

PROVIDE STANDING TO CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION OR TO PREVENT SUCH VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDERNEATH MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS OR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN, ACCESS, OR VIEW MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

On motion of Rep. G. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4262 -- Reps. Magnuson, Rankin, Edgerton, Duncan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, Burns, Chumley, Gilreath, Willis, Morgan, Beach, Frank, Gilliam, Terribile, White and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-175 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN SYNTHETIC MRNA-BASED GENE THERAPIES BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS; TO REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO REPORT VIOLATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 4263 -- Reps. Terribile, Cromer, Kilmartin, White, Magnuson, Gilreath, Frank, Edgerton and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-755 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN DYES IN MEALS OR SNACKS SERVED TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO FOOD ACQUIRED FOR STUDENT MEALS AND SNACKS BY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED AFTER JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO EXTEND THIS PROHIBITION TO FOOD

BROUGHT TO BE SHARED AT CERTAIN CELEBRATIONS OR EVENTS WITH TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4264 -- Reps. McCabe, Pedalino, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, King, Govan, Clyburn, Alexander, Rose, Stavrinakis, Anderson, Kirby, Weeks, Dillard, Hardee, Bauer, Hosey, Spann-Wilder, Luck, Henderson-Myers, Rivers, Gilliard, Atkinson, Grant, Hart, Hayes, Howard, Rutherford and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENHANCED LIFE ESTATE DEED ACT" BY ADDING PART 5 TO ARTICLE 6, TITLE 62, SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ENHANCED LIFE ESTATE DEED AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO SUCH LIFE ESTATE DEED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4265 -- Reps. McGinnis, Hager, Bradley, Bauer, Mitchell, Yow, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler, Crawford, Hardee, Hartnett, Gibson, Brittain, Guest, Neese, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Caskey, Gilliam, Atkinson, Bowers, Forrest, Gagnon, Hartz and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FIRES ON CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 35, TITLE 48; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-35-55 RELATING TO FIRE REGULATION EXEMPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4266 -- Reps. Hewitt and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-9-6 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-55, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF COUNCIL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 6; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-63, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNCIL TO GRANT MODIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6-9-105; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-105, RELATING TO VARIATIONS BASED ON PHYSICAL OR

CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL MODIFICATION MUST BE GRANTED WHEN CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4267 -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 279 -- Senators Massey and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-29-20, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, AND COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-29-35, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-27-710, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A PERSON MAY NOT BE APPOINTED UNLESS THE COMMITTEE FINDS THE APPOINTEE QUALIFIED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-27-720, RELATING TO DUTIES OF COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE THREE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 336 -- Senators Alexander, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO SET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH FOR THE ELECTIONS OF JUDGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

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

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--109

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. LIGON a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. REESE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HADDON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a leave of absence for the day due to family reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a temporary leave of absence.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WEEKS presented to the House the Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy 1-A Varsity Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BOWERS presented to the House the D. W. Daniel High School "Lions" Marching Band State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. W. NEWTON presented to the House the Cross Schools "Stingrays"1-A/2-A SCISA Championship JV Cheerleading Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WEEKS presented to the House the Thomas Sumter Academy "Generals" 2-A/3-A SCISA Varsity Competitive Cheer Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WEEKS presented to the House the Thomas Sumter Academy "Generals" 3-A/4-A SCISA Junior Varsity Gameday Cheer Championship Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	GILLIARD, RIVERS and ANDERSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	GILLIARD, ANDERSON and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	MONTGOMERY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	GILLIARD, ANDERSON, RIVERS and SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3285
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3524
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	GILLIARD, ANDERSON and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3525
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	GILLIARD, ANDERSON and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3728
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4005
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4123
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	CASKEY, WOOTEN and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4160
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4216
Date:	ADD:
03/27/25	DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	REMOVE:
03/27/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	REMOVE:
03/27/25	ROSE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4163
Date:	REMOVE:
03/27/25	MCGINNIS and WILLIS

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 3276--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.CM0003H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and (c) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended~~, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record;~~

~~(c) if the violation causes great bodily injury, must be fined one thousand dollars and sentenced to not more than five years. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent~~

~~disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or~~

~~(d) if the violation causes death, is convicted of a felony and must be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years~~.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(2) and (3) and inserting:

~~(2) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted of violations in subsections (D)(1)(c) and (d).~~

~~(3)~~(2) ~~Excluding violations in subsections (D)(1)(c) and (d), only~~ Only those offenses which occurred within three years, including and immediately preceding the date of the last offense, shall constitute prior offenses within the meaning of this subsection~~. No court costs, assessments, or surcharges may be assessed against a person who violates a provision of this section. A person must not be fined more than fifty dollars for any one incident of one or more violations of the provisions of this section. A custodial arrest for a violation of this section must not be made, except upon a warrant issued for failure to appear in court when summoned or for failure to pay an imposed fine. A violation of this section does not constitute a criminal offense. Notwithstanding Section 56-1-640, a violation of this section must not be:~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(E)(1) and inserting:

(1) stop a person for a violation of this section except when the officer has probable cause ~~reasonable suspicion~~ that a violation has occurred ~~based on the officer's clear and unobstructed view of a person who is using a wireless electronic communication device to compose, send, or read a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this State~~;

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 3.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 8 and inserting:

SECTION 8. This act takes effect ~~ninety days~~ one year after approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

Reps. KING, LONG, GIBSON, FRANK, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, KILMARTIN, WHITE, TERRIBILE, CHUMLEY,

CROMER, GILREATH, HUFF, WILLIAMS, MCDANIEL, GRANT, GARVIN, SPANN-WILDER, STAVRINAKIS, ROSE, KIRBY, HOSEY and TAYLOR requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3524--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

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

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3525--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO

COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3731--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3731 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3731--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3731 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 156--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Reps. B. NEWTON, GUEST, WEEKS, JORDAN, SPANN-WILDER, GARVIN, HOSEY, WILLIAMS, MARTIN and KING requested debate on the Bill.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3556 -- Reps. B. Newton, Schuessler, Guest, Taylor and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY

OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.

H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Gilliard, Anderson and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO

DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR

VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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

H. 3045--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers, Taylor, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

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

H. 3387--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

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

S. 74--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

H. 3276--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-

3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. LONG moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 53; Nays 39

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	B. L. Cox
Davis	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gilliam	Guest
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Lowe	Martin	McCabe
McGinnis	Montgomery	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--53

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Beach	Caskey
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Cromer
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Long
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	T. Moore
Pace	Rankin	Rivers
Rose	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Weeks	White	Williams

Total--39

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.CM0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and (c) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended~~, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record;~~

~~(c) if the violation causes great bodily injury, must be fined one thousand dollars and sentenced to not more than five years. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or~~

~~(d) if the violation causes death, is convicted of a felony and must be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years~~.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(2) and (3) and inserting:

~~(2) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted of violations in subsections (D)(1)(c) and (d).~~

~~(3)~~(2) ~~Excluding violations in subsections (D)(1)(c) and (d), only~~ Only those offenses which occurred within three years, including and immediately preceding the date of the last offense, shall constitute prior offenses within the meaning of this subsection~~. No court costs, assessments, or surcharges may be assessed against a person who violates a provision of this section. A person must not be fined more than fifty dollars for any one incident of one or more violations of the provisions of this section. A custodial arrest for a violation of this section must not be made, except upon a warrant issued for failure to appear in court when summoned or for failure to pay an imposed fine. A violation of this section does not constitute a criminal offense. Notwithstanding Section 56-1-640, a violation of this section must not be:~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(E)(1) and inserting:

(1) stop a person for a violation of this section except when the officer has probable cause ~~reasonable suspicion~~ that a violation has occurred ~~based on the officer's clear and unobstructed view of a person who is using a wireless electronic communication device to compose, send, or read a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this State~~;

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 3.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 8 and inserting:

SECTION 8. This act takes effect ~~ninety days~~ one year after approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Yeas 70; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis

Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bradley	Calhoon
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Dillard	Erickson	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guffey
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	Oremus
Pope	Rivers	Taylor
Weeks	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.CM0010H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section

56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record;.

(c) if the violation causes great bodily injury, must be fined one thousand dollars and sentenced to not more than five years. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or

(d) if the violation causes death, is convicted of a felony and must be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR explained the amendment.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4268 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope,

Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2025 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND SOTERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN ASSISTING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO REENTER SOCIETY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4269 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CONGRESSMAN RAÃŠL M. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 4270 -- Reps. Schuessler, B. J. Cox, McGinnis, Yow, Jones, Vaughan, Kirby and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 60-2-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4210 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FORTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM IN THE ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM COMPETITION FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, SPONSORED BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE STUDENTS'

SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

H. 4212 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ANDERSON DISTRICT ONE AND DISTRICT TWO CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER CULINARY TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 21ST ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA PROSTART INVITATIONAL TITLE.

H. 4214 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple,

Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR CHRISTINA C. HARRIS, USAF, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

H. 3790 -- Rep. Moss: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DESIGNATE THE PORTION OF WEST MAIN STREET (S-42-227) LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF PACOLET IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY AS "JAMES 'PEE WEE' LAMBERT JR. ROAD," TO ENSURE HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PACOLET ARE REMEMBERED AND CELEBRATED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:37 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HARTNETT, adjourned in memory of Gedney M. Howe III, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 16:7: "I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me."

Let us pray. When we listen or read God's word at the end of the day, our hearts and minds are filled with good things that carry us through the night. Even as we sleep, God's spirit is at work leading us. Grant Your spirit as we remember our first responders and defenders of freedom. Continue to keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Care for our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3731 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 1.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

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

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

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

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

In Memory of Ms. Mary Elizabeth Mullikin

Mr. Speaker,

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

I, along with others, am still in utter shock of Mary Elizabeth's passing this past Sunday, March 30, 2025. Mary Elizabeth was an attorney and lobbyist with Blue Cross and Blue Shield known for her keen intellect and quick wit, who could walk into any room and light it up. More

importantly, Mary Elizabeth was a great friend to all who knew and loved her. We keep her parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, co-workers, and friends in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

SILENT PRAYER

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

SILENT PRAYER

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

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

April 1, 2025
Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk
South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

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

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

Sincerely,
Mark Hammond
Secretary of State

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

April 1, 2025
The Honorable Mark Hammond

Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary,

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

Candidate	Votes
Courtney Waters	389
Write-in Totals	8

Sincerely,
Howard M. Knapp
Executive Director

MEMBER-ELECT SWORN IN

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

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

April 1, 2025
The Honorable Courtney Waters
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Courtney:

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

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

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House
Received as information.

INVITATION

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

March 27, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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

Sincerely,
Conner Barker
Senior Coordinator, Southeastern States
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4271 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4272 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST K. JEANETTE OF DARLINGTON, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE RECENT RELEASE OF HER NEW SINGLE, "SHINE," AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4275 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE W. J. KEENAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

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

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

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

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3524
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3525
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	WILLIAMS and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3603
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	DILLARD and KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3753
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	GUFFEY and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3831
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3832
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3863
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4123
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	RANKIN, BEACH, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, SANDERS, MCCABE and HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4134
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	DILLARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4145
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	J. MOORE, BUSTOS and LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4215
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	CROMER, WHITE, KILMARTIN, GILREATH and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4260
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	BURNS, W. NEWTON, LANDING and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4261
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	J. MOORE, RIVERS and ANDERSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4270
Date:	ADD:
04/01/25	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3046
Date:	REMOVE:
04/01/25	RIVERS, ANDERSON and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	REMOVE:
04/01/25	HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4216
Date:	REMOVE:
04/01/25	GIBSON, MCCRAVY and DUNCAN

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 57-1-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 02/15/2026
Term Expiring: 02/15/2030
Seat: At-Large
Vice: Self

Mr. Thomas Rhodes
5145 Lakeshore Drive
Columbia, South Carolina 29206

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Morgan	Moss
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic

interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Bamberg

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Bannister

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Brittain

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas

Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Caskey

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Edgerton

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Garvin

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's

Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Gilreath

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Hart

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Henderson-Myers

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Jordan

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Kirby

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Martin

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. McCabe

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. McCravy

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Travis Moore

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on the Governor's Appointment to the Department of Transportation Commission, Thomas Rhodes, because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for April 1, 2025.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Pope

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Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.

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Rep. Spann-Wilder

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Stavrinakis

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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Rep. Wetmore

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Seth Rose

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on the vote for the confirmation of the Governor's appointment of Thomas Rhodes to the Department of Transportation Commission on April 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Cody T. Mitchell

H. 3524--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3525--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Williams and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES

AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3525 (LC-3525.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4.C., by striking Section 16-3-1430(14) and inserting:

(14) three representatives appointed by the ~~State Office of Victim Assistance~~~~chair of the Victim Services Coordinating Council~~Department of Crime Victim Compensation for a term of two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified for each of the following categories:

(a) one representative of university or campus services;

(b) one representative of a statewide child advocacy organization; and

(c) one crime victim; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4261--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4261 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 118; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--118

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4186 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. KING objected.

S. 392--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 392 -- Senator Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA AS A TECHNOLOGY FIRST STATE, COMMITTED TO THE EXPLORATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ENABLING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS THAT MAY ALLOW ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENT AND FULFILLING LIVES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 4120--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME

THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4121--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4121 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Calhoon, Kilmartin, White and Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS FROM THE 220TH BLOCK TO THE 460TH BLOCK OF CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEDICATED IN THE HONOR OF THE VETERANS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY."

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4150--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 FROM MILE MARKER 41 TO MILE MARKER 42 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4158--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME

OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4215--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4215 -- Reps. Collins, Bowers, Hiott, Cromer, White, Kilmartin, Gilreath and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE OVER TWELVE MILE RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 IN PICKENS COUNTY "GENERAL ANDREW PICKENS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3927--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

H. 3046--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE

TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

Rep. HOWARD moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 3, which was not agreed to.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz

Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Clyburn
Dillard	Gilliard	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Waters
Williams		

Total--19

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3927--RECONSIDERED

Rep. HEWITT moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest,

Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

H. 3927--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL

OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

Rep. HEWITT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by adjournment, the pending question being consideration of H. 3927.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4213 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT WORK DONE TO COMBAT THE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM OF CHILD MALTREATMENT, ABUSE, AND NEGLECT AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025, AS CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:07 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 35:4: “Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.’”

Let us pray. Almighty God, help us to rely on You above all things that our lives may find hope and peace. Almighty God, fill our hearts and lives with Your joy and healing. We beseech You to keep our men and women in Your love and care. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless our men and women in our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Myra Irene Mance, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4011 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-70, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY DRIVERS' PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVING CERTIFICATE," AND TO PROVIDE

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF

FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3801 -- Reps. Erickson, Willis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS

TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31,

TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos,

Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4280 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Weeks and Williams: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE BETA CHI SIGMA ALUMNI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INC. FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE ON APRIL 9, 2025, AND TO DECLARE THE DATE "SIGMA ADVOCACY DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 502 -- Senator Graham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE STRETCH OF KNIGHTS HILL ROAD FROM SPRINGDALE DRIVE TO CARTER STREET IN KERSHAW COUNTY "STEEPLECHASE THOROUGHFARE OF AMERICA" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4281 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-480, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER, SURRENDER, AND

ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, LICENSE PLATES, REGISTRATION CARDS, AND MANUFACTURERS' SERIAL PLATES OF VEHICLES SOLD AS SALVAGED, ABANDONED, SCRAPPED, OR DESTROYED, SO AS TO PROVIDE IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE OWNERS OF REBUILT, SALVAGE, SALVAGE FLOOD, OR SALVAGE FIRE VEHICLES MAY NOT BE ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE UNLESS THE VEHICLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN SAFETY FEATURES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4282 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING A CRIMINAL LAW OF THIS STATE WHO IS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED TO BE UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO ALLOW FOR DEPORTATION IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF PERSONS ARRESTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 150 -- Senators Blackmon and Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RENTAL KART AGE ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-30, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE A RENTAL KART IF THEY ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLD A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-40, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT PARK RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 233 -- Senators Leber, Kennedy and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE "SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT," SO AS TO REDEFINE "LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 235 -- Senators Kimbrell, Leber and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-90, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT PROSTITUTION BY A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-100, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO A PERSON WHO SOLICITS CUSTOMERS FOR A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-110, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS FOR PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM SOLICITING A PROTITUTED PERSON.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FRANK a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Vincent Degenhart of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BALLENTINE presented to the House the Chapin High School "Eagles" AAAAA Championship Varsity Competitive Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" AAAAA Boys Cross Country State Champions, the Wrestling State Champion, Div. 1 Individual Medalist Boys Golf State Champion, Boys Volleyball State Champions, Girls Golf State Champions, and Girls Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	WILLIS and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3093
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	SCHUESSLER and J. E. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3542
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3801
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	WILLIS and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	LUCK, WEEKS, ALEXANDER, BAUER and BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4123
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	BURNS and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4164
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	JONES and DILLARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4257
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	BRITTAIN, JORDAN, B. NEWTON, CASKEY, GILLIAM, RANKIN, SCHUESSLER, HAYES, GUEST, CRAWFORD, GAGNON, MCCABE, PEDALINO and HIOTT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4260
Date:	ADD:
04/02/25	HERBKERSMAN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3045
Date:	REMOVE:
04/02/25	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4216
Date:	REMOVE:
04/02/25	OREMUS, RANKIN and HADDON

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 3927--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Public institution of higher learning” means any state-supported, postsecondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions.

(2) “Quasi-state agency” means an entity that is a legally separate organization over which the State has no direct control but for which the State is accountable for purposes of financial reporting.

(B) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

(C) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement.

(D) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions

of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not give preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation to an applicant for employment and shall comply with the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that all rules, policies, employment practices, use of state funds, and all other official actions treat people equally.

(E) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not promote differential treatment, which is the intentional act of treating individuals or groups differently based on a protected characteristic, or provide special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. Nor shall any entity discriminate against any individual because of his or her race, color, sex or national origin, or classify or refer for employment any individual on the basis of his race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(F) All state agencies or quasi-state agencies, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall adhere to and comply with the Equal Protection Clauses of the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States.

(G) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall, not require an individual to participate in a program that encourages preferential or differential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

(H) For purposes of an institution of higher learning:

(1) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues.

(2) A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee.

(3) If a public institution of higher learning receives a promise

or declaration describing a commitment to any political ideology or movement, including a political promise or declaration regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues, it may not promote or engage in differential treatment, grant or deny admission or benefits to a student, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, based on the opinions expressed in the promise or declaration.

(4) A public institution of higher learning shall not require a faculty member or employee of the institution to complete or participate in mandatory training or other educational program regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. A public institution of higher learning shall not take an adverse employment action against a faculty member or employee of the institution for the faculty member's or employee's failure or refusal to participate in such training or program.

(5) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's right to free speech provided by the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination.

(6) Nothing in this subsection prohibits a public institution of higher learning from complying with federal law or applicable court order, or acting against a student, faculty member, or employee for violations of federal or state law or requiring a student, faculty member, or employee to comply with federal or state law, including antidiscrimination laws.

(7) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit or prohibit an institution of higher learning or an employee or faculty member from:

(a) applying for a grant;

(b) complying with the terms of accreditation by an accrediting agency;

(c) submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations; or

(d) certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws.

(8) Each public institution of higher learning shall provide each student, employee, and faculty member with an electronic copy of the language contained in this section.

(I) This section does not prevent any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from engaging

in speech protected by the Constitution of this State or the Constitution of the United States.

(J) The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to do so.

(K) Every state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity regarding a violation of the provisions of this section and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this subsection requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

(L) An individual making a report pursuant to this section is protected by the provisions set forth in Chapter 27, Title 8.

(M) Nothing in this section prohibits any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State from complying with state or federal law.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the title but before the enacting words.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no public institution of higher education in South Carolina shall be restricted from engaging in academic discussions, research, or initiatives that include the study, discussion, or promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of its core mission as a marketplace of ideas. Furthermore, no state agency, public university, or school district shall be prohibited from considering diversity, equity, and inclusion-related perspectives in hiring, curriculum development, or student support services, in accordance with First Amendment protections of the United States Constitution against government-compelled speech and viewpoint discrimination.

(2) If any provision of this section is determined to violate the United States Constitution, including the First Amendment's protections of free speech and academic freedom, that provision shall be deemed null and void.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. HART spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HART spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

RULE 3.9 INVOKED

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that Rule 3.9 be invoked.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered an attendance roll call.

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--106

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* announced that a quorum was present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BEACH a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. RIVERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. RIVERS continued speaking.
Rep. RIVERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. PACE a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. RIVERS continued speaking.
Rep. GRANT spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GRANT spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. J. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. SPANN-WILDER continued speaking.
Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. HOWARD spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. HOWARD spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. KIRBY spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. KIRBY spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. WEEKS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT moved cloture on the entire matter.

Rep. WEEKS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins

B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, cloture was ordered.

Rep. DILLARD spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0004H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall implement policies that result in the discriminatory exclusion or disproportionate harm of any group based on race, ethnicity, gender, or other protected characteristics under the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause of the United State Constitution. If hiring preferences for veterans or other groups are permitted, such preferences shall not selectively prohibit programs aimed at addressing historical barriers for minority groups, women, or LGBTQ+ individuals.

(2) If any provision of this section is found to violate the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution due to its selective prohibition of diversity-related programs while allowing other preferences, that provision shall be deemed null and void.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. JONES demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N)(1) No provision of this act shall be applied retroactively to nullify, void, or otherwise impair any existing contract entered into by state agencies or quasi-state agencies, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State prior to the enactment of this section. Any attempt to interfere with existing contractual obligations related to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives shall be considered a violation of the Contract Clause of Article I, Section 10 of the United States Constitution and shall be deemed unenforceable.

(2) If any provision of this section is found to unlawfully impair contractual agreements entered into in good faith, that provision shall be deemed null and void to the extent of its unconstitutional interference.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. KING demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. REESE proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0004H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(H)(7)(c) and (d) and inserting:

(c) submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations; ~~or~~

(d) certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws~~.~~; or

(e) creating initiatives that seek to ensure that undergraduate premedical programs enroll a student population that is representative of the population of South Carolina.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. REESE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. GARVIN proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0007H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(K) and inserting:

(K) Every state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity regarding a violation of the provisions of this section and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October first of each year summarizing this information. ~~Nothing in this subsection requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.~~ All reporting must include information on the source of the complaint and detailed descriptions of how the alleged actions may violate this subsection. However, identifying information of the subject of the complaint must be removed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GARVIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GARVIN demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff

J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pedalino
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. GARVIN proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(H)(7)(a), (b), (c), and (d) and inserting:

(a) applying for a grant, or seeking private donations, federal funding, scholarships, charitable funds and endowments, or research and

creative works;

(b) engaging in efforts to recruit and hire staff reflecting the demographics of the populations they serve;

~~(b)~~(c) complying with the terms of accreditation by an accrediting agency;

~~(c)~~(d) submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations; or

~~(d)~~(e) certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GARVIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. KING demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan

Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. GARVIN proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(J) and inserting:

(J) ~~The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction to do so.~~ An administrative body consisting of educational leaders, students, and community members to review complaints and enforce this the provisions of this section must be created by the Department of Administration. An informal hearing with due process procedures will be conducted by the administrative body to determine if any state agency or quasi-state agency, including

institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, is in violation of this provision and proper procedures will be set up to allow appeal of any administrative decision.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GARVIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 12 to H. 3927. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Robby Robbins

Reps. SPANN-WILDER, MCDANIEL, HENDERSON-MYERS, RIVERS, GOVAN, HOWARD, GILLIARD, GARVIN, GRANT, CLYBURN, J.L. JOHNSON, HOSEY, LUCK, KING and J. MOORE proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by adding:

Section 1-1-1920. (A) For purposes of this section, the term:

(1) "Family member" means any person related by blood, marriage, or adoption. This includes, but is not limited to, spouses, domestic partners, parents, children, stepchildren, siblings, half-siblings,

grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins, and any other relatives by consanguinity or affinity.

(2) "Nepotism" means the practice of favoring family members in employment decisions, including hiring, promotion, or assignment, regardless of qualifications or competitive merit.

(B) No state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall engage in any form of nepotism. Specifically, no person shall be hired, promoted, or otherwise employed based solely or in part on the basis of a familial relationship by blood, marriage, or adoption with an incumbent, decision-maker, or any individual in a position to influence employment decisions. All hiring, promotion, and appointment processes conducted by a state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State must be based on merit and competitive, open procedures, with full disclosure of any potential familial relationships that could influence the process. All family members including, but not limited to, current employees in management positions, applicants for employment, employees receiving a promotion, and elected state and local officials must disclose family member relationships to the appropriate employing agency to ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in hiring, employment, and promotion decisions.

(C) The prohibition provided in subsection (B) does not apply when:

(1) the family member in question independently meets the qualifications for the position through an open and competitive process without any preferential treatment; and

(2) there is full disclosure of the relationship, and the hiring decision is subject to an independent review to ensure fairness and compliance with merit-based standards.

Any exception granted under the provisions of this subsection must be documented and justified in writing by the agency responsible for the hiring decision.

(D) All state agencies or quasi-state agencies, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall establish and maintain procedures to ensure compliance with this section. Violations of the provisions of this section are subject to administrative review and corrective action, which may include rescission of the hiring decision and other disciplinary measures as deemed appropriate.

(E) Each state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall annually report to both the House and Senate Oversight Committees the number of hires and promotions, including any exceptions approved under subsection (C), along with a summary of the measures taken to ensure compliance with this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor

Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER proposed the following Amendment No. 14 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0011H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1920(A), by adding an item to read:

(3) "Legacy" means an applicant for admission to a public institution of higher learning who has a parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt, uncle, or permanent guardian who previously attended the institution to which the applicant seeks admission.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by adding:

Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 1-1-1980. When determining admissions, a public institution of higher learning may not grant preferential treatment to an applicant based on legacy status. Both undergraduate and graduate

admissions decisions must be made without regard to legacy status, and no applicant with legacy status may receive preferential treatment over any other applicant based on legacy status.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. HART demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. KIRBY proposed the following Amendment No. 17 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0011H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(G) and inserting:

(G) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State ~~shall,~~may offer for voluntary participation, but may not require, an individual to participate in a program that encourages preferential or differential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(H)(4) and inserting:

(4) A public institution of higher learning ~~shall~~may offer for voluntary participation, but may not require, a faculty member or employee of the institution to complete or participate in mandatory training or other educational program regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. A public institution of higher learning shall not take an adverse employment action against a faculty member or employee of the

institution for the faculty member's or employee's failure or refusal to participate in such training or program.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KIRBY spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS proposed the following Amendment No. 18 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0013H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910(A), by adding an item to read:

(3) "STEM programs" means academic programs focused on the education of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, including programs with K-12 schools that promote educational opportunities in these fields.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N) All K-12 public school districts statewide shall develop and implement a comprehensive merit-based plan to give all public school students equal access to STEM programs. These programs must be designed to foster interest and develop the talent of students in STEM areas to make South Carolina public school graduates more competitive and in-demand.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS proposed the following Amendment No. 19 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0012H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910(A), by adding an item to read:

(3) "STEM programs" means academic programs focused on the education of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, including programs within public institutions of higher education that promote educational opportunities in these fields.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N) All public institutions of higher education shall develop and implement a comprehensive program to:

(1) recognize the diverse pathways through which women and men may enter STEM fields, including the consideration of non-traditional academic experiences, community-based learning, and career technical education;

(2) create STEM career development programs to include leadership training, mentorship programs, and work-life balance initiatives to encourage all female and male students in STEM fields; and

(3) foster the development of all female and male students in an environment that minimizes bias and harassment and encourages the merit-based development of all women and men.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 20 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0010H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910(H), by adding an item to read:

(9) No public institution of higher learning or K-12 public or

charter school may expend any funds to recruit a non-caucasian student to participate in athletic programs.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS proposed the following Amendment No. 21 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0014H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N) Nothing in this section may interfere with or otherwise have any negative economic impact on any current or future contractual obligations with any international country or organization.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose

Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 22 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.AHB0014H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, before the enacting words by adding:

Whereas, the General Assembly asserts that systematic and systemic inequalities do not exist in South Carolina.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. KIRBY demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 39

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell

Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Dillard	Edgerton
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	J. Moore	Morgan
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Total--39

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 23 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0009H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Nothing in this act may be construed so as to interfere with rights afforded by the South Carolina Constitution, the United States Constitution, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Discrimination in Employment Act, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, or any other federal laws.

Further, nothing in this act may be construed so as to prohibit programs, initiatives, or funding related to maternal health, reproductive healthcare education, domestic violence prevention, or other public health initiatives designed to address disparities affecting women.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I inadvertently voted against tabling Amendment No. 23. I intended to vote in favor of the tabling motion.

Rep. Carla Schuessler

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(B) and inserting:

(B) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, ~~shall not~~may establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion if the endeavors of that office, unit, or division do not mandate diversity, equity, and inclusion requirements using state funds.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.SA0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(B) and inserting:

(B) Except as required by state and federal law, any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not establish or support any office, unit or division within that agency that is established or exists in whole or in part, for the promotion of ~~diversity, equity, and inclusion~~white supremacy.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(E) and inserting:

(E) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not promote ~~differential treatment, which is the intentional act of treating individuals or groups differently based on a protected characteristic, or provide special benefits to individuals on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation~~white supremacy. Nor shall any entity discriminate against any individual because of his or her race, color, sex or national origin, or classify or refer for employment any individual on the basis of his race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(G) and inserting:

(G) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall, not require an individual to participate in a program that encourages ~~preferential or differential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation~~white supremacy.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. KING demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 73; Nays 36

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--73

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--36

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0011H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-1-1910(D) and inserting:

(D) Any state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State, shall not:

(1) give preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation to an applicant for employment and shall comply with the Constitution of this State and the Constitution of the United States by ensuring that all rules, policies, employment practices, use of state funds, and all other official actions treat people equally.; and

(2) include any question intended to identify the race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation of an applicant for employment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(L) Every state agency or quasi-state agency, including institutions of higher education, school districts, charter schools, and all political subdivisions of this State shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number of decisions or other actions taken in carrying out the provisions of this article including, but not limited to, the termination or denial of positions, services, student groups, instructional programs, and student activities. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this subsection requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 16 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.WAB0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 1-1-1910, by adding a subsection to read:

(N) Nothing in this section prohibits any state agency or quasi-agency, including institutions of higher education and political subdivisions of the State that provide healthcare, from making distinctions in research, treatment, or communications about healthcare issues that disproportionately affect a segment of the population based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 71; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson

Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Jordan	Kilmartin
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--71

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HIOTT proposed the following Amendment No. 24 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0011H):

Amend the bill, by striking all after the title but before the enacting

words and inserting:

Whereas, longstanding state and federal civil rights laws protect individual South Carolinians from discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. These civil rights protections serve as a bedrock supporting equality of opportunity for all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds it necessary to ensure that these laws are enforced for the benefit of all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that roughly sixty years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, critical and influential institutions of American society, including the federal government, major corporations, financial institutions, the medical industry, large commercial airlines, and institutions of higher education have adopted and actively used dangerous, demeaning, and immoral discriminatory preferences under the guise of so-called "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (DEI) that can violate the civil rights laws of this State and Nation; and

Whereas, illegal DEI policies not only violate the text and spirit of our longstanding state and federal civil rights laws, they also undermine our national unity, as they deny, discredit, and undermine the traditional American values of hard work, excellence, and individual achievement in favor of an unlawful, corrosive, and pernicious identity-based spoils system. Hardworking South Carolinians who deserve a shot at the American Dream should not be stigmatized, demeaned, or shut out of opportunities because of unlawful discrimination; and

Whereas, these illegal DEI policies also threaten the safety of men, women, and children across South Carolina by diminishing the importance of individual merit, aptitude, hard work, and determination when selecting people for jobs and services in key sectors of American society, including all levels of government, and the medical and aviation communities. Yet in case after tragic case, South Carolinians have witnessed on the national landscape the disastrous consequences of illegal, pernicious discrimination that has prioritized how people were born instead of what they were capable of doing; and

Whereas, the Trump Administration issued Executive Order 14173, titled "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity," to ensure that employment and educational opportunities within the federal government are based on merit rather than unlawful discrimination; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of South Carolina to uphold these same principles by applying similar standards to state and

local governments, as well as educational institutions of this state, thereby ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and given equal opportunities based on their qualifications and abilities; and

Whereas, following the leadership of the President in prioritizing merit-based policies will strengthen public trust in government institutions and reinforce South Carolina's commitment to fairness, equality, and the rule of law. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) The State of South Carolina is charged with enforcing our civil-rights laws. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that it does so by ending illegal preferences and discrimination.

(B) It is the policy of the State of South Carolina to protect the civil rights of all citizens of South Carolina and to promote individual initiative, excellence, and hard work. Accordingly, all public entities of this State, including all public institutions of higher learning, all of its political subdivisions, and public school districts and public charter schools, must:

(1) terminate all discriminatory and illegal preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, and requirements; and

(2) enforce the state's longstanding civil rights laws to combat illegal private-sector DEI mandates, policies, programs, and activities.

Section 1-1-1920. (A)For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Public Entity" means any agency, office, division, or other unit by any name of every agency, office, or department of this State, and all of its political subdivisions, including all institutions of higher learning and public school districts and public charter schools.

(2) "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" means any preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or requirements implemented by a public entity that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section 1-1-1930. Except as required by federal law, a public entity shall not:

(1) implement, maintain, or promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, including but not limited to influencing employment practices

or admissions on the basis of diversity, equity, or inclusion;

(2) give preferential treatment on the basis of diversity, equity, and inclusion;

(3) compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement.

(4) establish or support any office, unit or division within that public entity that is established or exists, in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion; or

(5) require an individual to participate in a diversity, equity, and inclusion program or training.

Section 1-1-1940. (A) Before any public entity may enter into any contract or award any grant, the applicable contractor or grant recipient must certify that it does not operate any unlawful programs or hiring practices that violate state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(B) Before any public entity may make a contribution, disbursement, transfer, or distribution of any funds, regardless of source and including lottery scholarship funding, to an organization, the organization must certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI in violation of any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(C) The head of each public entity shall include in every contract, grant, or incentives award:

(1) a term requiring the contractual counterparty or grant or incentives recipient to agree that its compliance in all respects with all applicable state and federal antidiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to award such contract, grant, or incentive; and

(2) a term requiring such counterparty or recipient to certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

Section 1-1-1950. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accrediting agency" means an agency or association that accredits institutions of higher learning.

(2) "Accreditation cycle" means the period of time during which a constituent institution is accredited.

(B) An institution of higher learning shall pursue accreditation with an accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency if its current accrediting agency requires the institution of higher learning to maintain a DEI program that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(C) If the institution is not granted candidacy status by any regional accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency at least three years prior to the expiration of its current accreditation, the institution may remain with its current accrediting agency for an additional accreditation cycle.

Section 1-1-1960. (A)(1) This article does not apply to lawful state or private sector employment and contracting preferences for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces or persons protected by the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107, et seq.

(2) This article does not prevent state or local governments, contractors, or federally funded state and local educational agencies or institutions of higher education from engaging in First Amendment-protected speech.

(B)(1) This article is not intended to and does not create any private right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(2) The Inspector General may investigate and address or enforce any allegations of violations of this article. The Inspector General shall develop a process and platform whereby complaints may be filed regarding potential violations of this article. An individual making a report pursuant to this article is protected by the provisions set forth in Chapter 27, Title 8.

(3) Every public entity shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity in the previous year regarding a violation of the provisions of this article and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Inspector General, and the Attorney General by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this item requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

(4) The Attorney General may enforce the provisions of this article and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 1-1-1970. (A) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to infringe upon, diminish, or otherwise take away any rights, protections, or privileges afforded to individuals with disabilities under the laws of this State or the United States, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(C) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to limit any person's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise allowed by law.

SECTION 2. Section 1-13-110 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and School Year 2025-2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 25 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Nothing in this act may be construed so as to prohibit implicit bias training.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WATERS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers

Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 26 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0007H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Nothing in this act may be construed so as to prohibit the organization of, or activities of, fraternities and sororities that are members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 39

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Duncan	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--39

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 27 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.HDB0008H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Nothing in this act may be construed so as to prohibit institutions of higher education from teaching African American history or the 1619 Project.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WILLIAMS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HIOTT proposed the following Amendment No. 24 to H. 3927 (LC-3927.DG0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, by striking all after the title but before the enacting words and inserting:

Whereas, longstanding state and federal civil rights laws protect individual South Carolinians from discrimination based on race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability. These civil rights protections serve as a bedrock supporting equality of opportunity for all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds it necessary to ensure that these laws are enforced for the benefit of all South Carolinians; and

Whereas, the General Assembly finds that roughly sixty years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, critical and influential institutions of American society, including the federal government, major corporations, financial institutions, the medical industry, large commercial airlines, and institutions of higher education have adopted and actively used dangerous, demeaning, and immoral discriminatory preferences under the guise of so-called "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (DEI) that can violate the civil rights laws of this State and Nation; and

Whereas, illegal DEI policies not only violate the text and spirit of our longstanding state and federal civil rights laws, they also undermine our national unity, as they deny, discredit, and undermine the traditional American values of hard work, excellence, and individual achievement in favor of an unlawful, corrosive, and pernicious identity-based spoils

system. Hardworking South Carolinians who deserve a shot at the American Dream should not be stigmatized, demeaned, or shut out of opportunities because of unlawful discrimination; and

Whereas, these illegal DEI policies also threaten the safety of men, women, and children across South Carolina by diminishing the importance of individual merit, aptitude, hard work, and determination when selecting people for jobs and services in key sectors of American society, including all levels of government, and the medical and aviation communities. Yet in case after tragic case, South Carolinians have witnessed on the national landscape the disastrous consequences of illegal, pernicious discrimination that has prioritized how people were born instead of what they were capable of doing; and

Whereas, the Trump Administration issued Executive Order 14173, titled "Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity," to ensure that employment and educational opportunities within the federal government are based on merit rather than unlawful discrimination; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the State of South Carolina to uphold these same principles by applying similar standards to state and local governments, as well as educational institutions of this state, thereby ensuring that all individuals are treated fairly and given equal opportunities based on their qualifications and abilities; and

Whereas, following the leadership of the President in prioritizing merit-based policies will strengthen public trust in government institutions and reinforce South Carolina's commitment to fairness, equality, and the rule of law. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) The State of South Carolina is charged with enforcing our civil-rights laws. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that it does so by ending illegal preferences and discrimination.

(B) It is the policy of the State of South Carolina to protect the civil rights of all citizens of South Carolina and to promote individual initiative, excellence, and hard work. Accordingly, all public entities of this State, including all public institutions of higher learning, all of its political subdivisions, and public school districts and public charter schools, must:

(1) terminate all discriminatory and illegal preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, and requirements; and

(2) enforce the state's longstanding civil rights laws to combat illegal private-sector DEI mandates, policies, programs, and activities.

Section 1-1-1920. (A)For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Public Entity" means any agency, office, division, or other unit by any name of every agency, office, or department of this State, and all of its political subdivisions, including all institutions of higher learning and public school districts and public charter schools.

(2) "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" means any preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or requirements implemented by a public entity that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section 1-1-1930. Except as required by federal law, a public entity shall not:

(1) implement, maintain, or promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, including but not limited to influencing employment practices or admissions on the basis of diversity, equity, or inclusion;

(2) give preferential treatment on the basis of diversity, equity, and inclusion;

(3) compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement.

(4) establish or support any office, unit or division within that public entity that is established or exists, in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion; or

(5) require an individual to participate in a diversity, equity, and inclusion program or training.

Section 1-1-1940. (A) Before any public entity may enter into any contract or award any grant, the applicable contractor or grant recipient must certify that it does not operate any unlawful programs or hiring practices that violate state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(B) Before any public entity may make a contribution, disbursement, transfer, or distribution of any funds, regardless of source and including lottery scholarship funding, to an organization, the organization must certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI in violation of any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(C) The head of each public entity shall include in every contract, grant, or incentives award:

(1) a term requiring the contractual counterparty or grant or incentives recipient to agree that its compliance in all respects with all applicable state and federal antidiscrimination laws is material to the government's decision to award such contract, grant, or incentive; and

(2) a term requiring such counterparty or recipient to certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

Section 1-1-1950. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accrediting agency" means an agency or association that accredits institutions of higher learning.

(2) "Accreditation cycle" means the period of time during which a constituent institution is accredited.

(B) An institution of higher learning shall pursue accreditation with an accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency if its current accrediting agency requires the institution of higher learning to maintain a DEI program that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(C) If the institution is not granted candidacy status by any regional accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency at least three years prior to the expiration of its current accreditation, the institution may remain with its current accrediting agency for an additional accreditation cycle.

Section 1-1-1960. (A)(1) This article does not apply to lawful state or private sector employment and contracting preferences for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces or persons protected by the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107, et seq.

(2) This article does not prevent state or local governments, contractors, or federally funded state and local educational agencies or institutions of higher education from engaging in First Amendment-protected speech.

(B)(1) This article is not intended to and does not create any private right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(2) The Inspector General may investigate and address or enforce any allegations of violations of this article. The Inspector General shall develop a process and platform whereby complaints may be filed regarding potential violations of this article. An individual making a report pursuant to this article is protected by the provisions set forth in

Chapter 27, Title 8.

(3) Every public entity shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity in the previous year regarding a violation of the provisions of this article and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Inspector General, and the Attorney General by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this item requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

(4) The Attorney General may enforce the provisions of this article and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 1-1-1970. (A) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to infringe upon, diminish, or otherwise take away any rights, protections, or privileges afforded to individuals with disabilities under the laws of this State or the United States, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(C) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to limit any person's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise allowed by law.

SECTION 2. Section 1-13-110 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and School Year 2025-2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KIRBY raised the Rule 5.13 Point of Order that Amendment No. 24 did not have a fiscal impact statement.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that Rule 5.13 did not require a fiscal impact statement on amendments offered from the floor. He stated further that a fiscal impact statement was required under Rule 5.13 on specific bills and joint resolutions and specific committee amendments, but the rule did not require a fiscal impact on floor amendments offered by individual representatives. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. HART spoke against the amendment.

Rep. KING moved to table the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 35; Nays 81

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 35

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--35

So, the amendment was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 24 to H. 3927. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the amendment.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

Rep. JONES spoke against the Bill.
Rep. KING spoke against the Bill.
Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke against the Bill.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. GRANT spoke against the Bill.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. MCDANIEL continued speaking.

Rep. KING moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the motion.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey

Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Rivers
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

So, the motion to recommit the Bill was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCDANIEL raised the Point of Order that H. 3927, as amended, violates the doctrine of Home Rule and the provisions of Article VIII of the South Carolina Constitution.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that a question of violating Home Rule was a substantive question of law and not a procedural question. He stated further that the Speaker could not rule upon substantive questions of law and that it was the responsibility of the judiciary to address substantive questions of constitutional law. He stated that Point of Order was out of order, and he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. RIVERS spoke against the Bill.
Rep. CROMER spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. ALEXANDER spoke against the Bill.
Rep. GARVIN spoke against the Bill.
Rep. WATERS spoke against the Bill.
Rep. HOWARD spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. HOLMAN spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of H. 3927, also referred to as the "DEI Bill." I wish the record to show that I intended to vote against the bill.

Rep. Terry Alexander

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to a prior scheduled event in Lexington, I am respectfully requesting leave. In the event of a vote on H. 3927, I would have voted in the affirmative.

Rep. Paula Calhoon

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3927. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Chris Hart

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3927. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Scott Montgomery

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Williams and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

H. 4261 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer, Gilreath, Schuessler, B. Newton, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, Taylor, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

H. 3938--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3938 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CHARLESTON ROAD IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PIANO ROAD TO THE DARLINGTON/FLORENCE COUNTY LINE "DR. MELVIN LEROY HOWARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3045--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers, Taylor, Gilliard, Anderson, Williams, Cromer, Gilreath, Hixon, Erickson, Bradley, Willis and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3045 (LC-3045.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(F) and inserting:

(F)(1) This section does not apply to an employee of a law enforcement agency, including the State Law Enforcement Division, a prosecuting agency, including the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, or the South Carolina Department of Corrections, who, while acting within the employee's official capacity in the course of an investigation or criminal proceeding, is in possession of material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation. An employee's official capacity in the course of such investigation or criminal proceeding includes making materials available for inspection to the defendant's counsel in response to discovery requests.

(2) This section does not apply to a provider of a telecommunications service or an information service, as those terms are defined in 47 U.S.C. § 153, for content provided by another person.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that the House do now adjourn.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 27; Nays 77

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Clyburn	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Wickensimer

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor

Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. T. MOORE continued speaking.
Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 49 to 48.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3045 (LC-3045.AHB0002H), which was adopted:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(B) and inserting:

(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, receives, or possesses with intent to distribute, a visual depiction or representation of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not ~~less than two years nor~~ more than ten years. ~~No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum sentence.~~

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WETMORE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep MAGNUSON raised the Point of Order 3.6 that Rep. MCDANIEL was not speaking on H. 3045 before the House.
The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. CASKEY moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 39; Nays 68

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Bradley	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Duncan
Forrest	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	Neese
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--39

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Edgerton
Erickson	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss

W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

So, the House refused to recommit the Bill.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House do now adjourn.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 29; Nays 74

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bamberg	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recede until 9:00 p.m.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 26; Nays 74

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bamberg	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Waters	Wetmore	

Total--26

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Yow	

Total--74

So, the House refused to recede.

Rep. MCDANIEL invoked Rule 5.21

The Reading Clerk began reading the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ROBBINS raised the Point of Order that Rep. MCDANIEL's request to read the bill was dilatory and out of order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that Rep. MCDANIEL had a constitutional right under Article III, Section 18, to have the Bill read, in its entirety, on second reading. He overruled the Point of Order.

The Reading Clerk continued reading the Bill.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. CASKEY proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3045 (LC-3045.AHB0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(B) and inserting:

(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, receives, or possesses with intent to distribute, a visual depiction or representation of any kind~~, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting~~ that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not less than two years nor more than ten years. No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum sentence.

Renumber sections to conform. Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recede until 8:00 p.m.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 20; Nays 80

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore

Reese	Rivers	Spann-Wilder
Waters	Williams	

Total--20

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

So, the House refused to recede.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. CASKEY and OREMUS proposed the following Amendment

No. 4 to H. 3045 (LC-3045.AHB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, receives, or possesses with intent to distribute, a visual depiction or representation ~~of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting~~ that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not less than two years nor more than ten years. No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum sentence.

(C) Any person who knowingly possesses a visual depiction or representation ~~of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting,~~ that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jones	King
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Waters	Williams	

Total--20

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. HIXON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4244 -- Rep. Bernstein: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEDIATRICIANS, PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALISTS, AND PEDIATRIC TRAINEES AND TO DECLARE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PEDIATRICIANS DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Myra Irene Mance, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, April 3, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 30:21: “Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

Let us pray. Gracious Lord, You have called us to be Your servants to serve the people of whom You have placed before us. Continue to be the One who carries out the message of power and might and love for all people. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Care for our men and women in our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CHAPMAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of A. B. "Buck" Roberts, which was agreed to.

In Memory of A.B. “Buck” Roberts

I move that we adjourn today in memory of A.B. “Buck” Roberts, who passed away on February 7, 2025.

Buck was a beloved Andersonian whose dedication to his community left an indelible mark. As a second-generation builder, he contributed significantly to the Home Builders Association at the local, state and national levels, earning a place in the South Carolina Housing Hall of Fame in 1996.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Buck for many years on the Anderson City Council, where he served with distinction for 18 years.

Buck will be missed by all who loved him, while his commitment and impact to the HBA and the Anderson community will be felt for many years.

I ask that we keep his wife, Carol, with whom he shared 65 years of marriage, and the entire Roberts family in our thoughts and prayers.

Lastly, I respectfully request that these words be added to the official Journal.

Thank you,

Rep. Don Chapman

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis, Murphy and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS

POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR FOR EACH OF THE COMPONENT OFFICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE DEFINITIONS TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-210, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-220, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL

DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-230, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-240, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-255, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CONFIRMED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-20, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CREATE THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDE FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-20, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES FROM THE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER TRANSFER THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-30, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-420, RELATING TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION

25-1-440, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO GIVE SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER TO AID AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORDERS DURING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN AGENCY NAMES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, PURSUANT TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS EXISTING POWERS UNDER SECTION 44-1-140, ANY SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED WHOSE REFUSAL OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR TESTING RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHETHER HE IS INFECTED WITH THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY VACCINATE OR TREAT PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE INFORMED CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS

DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HARD DEADLINE FOR A PETITION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF VACCINATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 44-9-40 RELATING TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4283 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO

CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4284 -- Reps. Davis, B. L. Cox, Holman, M. M. Smith, Pace, J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO COMMEND THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4285 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF BOOKER T. WILLIAMS AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDICAL FIELD IN SUMTER AND TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4286 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAUL S.

GOODWIN, A FOURTH-YEAR ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE WITH THE CHARLESTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2025 ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC) NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4287 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN, ESQUIRE, OF KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4288 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE EACH INDIVIDUAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT AND AWARE OF KIDNEY DISEASE AND APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE, TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM OR WITH ANCESTRY FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA TO CONSIDER GENETIC TESTING FOR APOL1 GENE MUTATIONS, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025, AS "APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4289 -- Reps. Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JAMES MONROE MISSION HOUSE IN FOUNTAIN INN FOR TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF GREENVILLE AND LAURENS COUNTIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4291 -- Reps. Gilliard, Waters, Jones and Dillard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY RESTORE ITS FINANCIAL AID AND HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN THROUGH OPERATION BREADBASKET.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4308 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF POLYCYSTIC OVARY SYNDROME (PCOS) ON THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE SEPTEMBER AS "PCOS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4290 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND THOMAS N. BRITTAIN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO

EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4292 -- Reps. Martin, Terribile, M. M. Smith, Robbins, B. L. Cox, Brewer, Holman, Duncan, Sanders, Bailey, Lawson, Pope, Ligon, Davis, W. Newton, Guffey, Gilreath, Long and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ROADWAY PROTECTION AND SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3910 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN, ORGANIZE, OR BE A SPECTATOR, AIDER, OR ABETTOR OF A STREET TAKEOVER, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4293 -- Reps. Martin, Terribile and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-815 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF CERTAIN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ZONING OFFICIALS DETERMINE THAT THE USE OF A PROPERTY IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER APPLICABLE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS, THEN ANY RELATED PERMITS ARE NO LONGER VALID AND ANY DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION ON THE PROPERTY MUST CEASE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4294 -- Reps. Schuessler, Lawson, Pedalino, Brewer, Wooten, Oremus and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GROSS INCOME DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED BY POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS,

OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS THROUGH A RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4295 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "GOLD STANDARD ELECTIONS ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE LISTS FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE, AND ARCHIVED VOTER REGISTRATIONS, TO UTILIZE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES' SAVE SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE NON-U.S. CITIZENS FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AND TO COMPARE THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL LISTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-160, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, REQUIRE VALID IDENTIFICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AND FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO ISSUE A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EACH REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO PERMIT ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT VOTING LOCATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-7-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM POPULATION OF EACH PRECINCT, REQUIRE A NEW PRECINCT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF POPULATION EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-72, RELATING TO MANAGERS OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FOUR ELECTION MANAGERS FOR EACH TWO HUNDRED FIFTY REGISTERED VOTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-700 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO COMPLY WITH ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-730, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY, MARKING, AND DEPOSIT OF BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INITIALS OF TWO POLL MANAGERS ON EACH BALLOT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPER BALLOTS AND THE HAND COUNT OF THOSE BALLOTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO

AS TO REQUIRE CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1110, RELATING TO COUNTING BALLOTS AND RESULT DECLARATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO VIEW THE BALLOT COUNT PROCESS PROVIDED THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1160, RELATING TO COUNTY REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO POST ITS ELECTION RESULTS BEFORE NOTIFICATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY U.S. CITIZENS WITH A CURRENT AND VALID VOTER REGISTRATION BE PERMITTED TO VOTE AND AMEND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY VOTE ABSENTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-330, RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF THE REQUESTOR AND A WITNESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420, RELATING TO RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE TRANSPORTED TO THE PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY, PERMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, AND RENDER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NULL AND VOID IF THE VOTER VOTED IN-PERSON FOR THAT ELECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE ELECTOR IN A FEDERAL ELECTION PROCESS FROM VOTING FOR ANY CANDIDATE AND OBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION PROCESS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ADD GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4296 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES

ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY

REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4297 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hart, Yow, Hardee, Beach, Pace, Mitchell, Taylor, Rankin, Oremus, T. Moore, Caskey, Chapman, Atkinson, B. L. Cox, Holman, Cromer, Bailey, May, Edgerton, McCravy, Morgan, Pope, Gibson, Burns, Bernstein, Sessions, Hayes, Long and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-60, RELATING TO USE OF STATE PARK FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMMEDIATE GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS MAY ENTER ANY STATE PARK WITHOUT CHARGE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4298 -- Rep. Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO REVISE PROTOCOLS BY REQUIRING CERTAIN CONCUSSION RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING, BY INCLUDING RETURN TO LEARN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, BY IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS ON STUDENT ATHLETES, AND BY IMPOSING RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS ON SCHOOLS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4299 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 11 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "INSURANCE SAVINGS PROGRAM," TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS TO SAVE PRIVATE FUNDS TO PAY INSURANCE POLICY DEDUCTIBLES ON REAL PROPERTY, AND TO MAKE RENOVATIONS TO REAL PROPERTY THAT MAKE THE PROPERTY MORE INSURABLE

SO AS TO REDUCE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUMS AND DEDUCTIBLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO DEDUCT AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE INSURANCE SAVINGS PROGRAM AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4300 -- Reps. Bannister, Jordan and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-50, RELATING TO SERVICE CREDIT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES ARE VESTED IN THE SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING EIGHT YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES' AND SOLICITORS' ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF JUDGES FROM SEVENTY-TWO TO SEVENTY-FOUR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4301 -- Reps. White, G. M. Smith and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2956 SO AS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4302 -- Rep. McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2355 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WHO ARE PLACED IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES BE ASSIGNED TO SEX-SPECIFIC FACILITIES BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ANATOMICAL SEX AT BIRTH AS RECOGNIZED ON THEIR ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4303 -- Reps. Gatch, Cobb-Hunter, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Brewer, Rutherford, Gagnon, Guest, Guffey and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON

PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLS ON EACH CIGARETTE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4304 -- Rep. Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2790 SO AS TO MAKE VEHICLE OWNERS OR OPERATORS LIABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR UNLAWFULLY OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL BUSES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-235 SO AS TO REQUIRE OPERATORS OF SCHOOL BUSES TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHEN VEHICLES DO NOT STOP WHEN THE DRIVERS HAVE AMBER SIGNALS ACTUATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1335, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR FAILURE TO PAY TOLLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SUSPEND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING JUDGMENTS FOR PASSING SCHOOL BUSES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4305 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS BY WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, REQUIRE REGISTRATION INCLUDING AN APPLICATION AND FEES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, EXEMPT BROKERS FROM REGISTERING, AND TO PROVIDE FINES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER WHEN REQUIRED.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4306 -- Reps. Pedalino, Oremus, Lawson, Gilreath, Pace, Terribile, Ligon, Weeks, McCabe, Teeple, Bustos, Rankin, Cromer, Hager, Holman, Hartnett, Calhoon, Guffey, Gilliam, Wickensimer, Davis, Schuessler, Herbkersman, Long, McGinnis, Moss and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM REQUIRING TEACHERS TO ASSIGN A

MINIMUM GRADE OR SCORE THAT EXCEEDS THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL PERFORMANCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4307 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 11 -- Senators Jackson and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-150(A), RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE."

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 190 -- Senators Adams, Tedder, Sutton and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT," SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT OF WHICH AN OBLIGATION MUST BE ISSUED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-88, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT FEES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF CLOSED OR REALIGNED FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70,

RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 244 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice, Turner, Climer, Williams, Bennett, Cromer, Grooms, Blackmon and Chaplin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JURY OR THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAULT OF THE CLAIMANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND OF ANY NONPARTY WHOSE ACT OR OMISSION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE CLAIMANT'S ALLEGED DAMAGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-20 RELATING TO RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-30 RELATING TO FACTORS DETERMINING PRO RATA LIABILITY OF TORTFEASORS; BY REPEALING SECTION

15-38-40 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED FROM RECOVERING DAMAGES IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY RIDES AS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS VISIBLY INTOXICATED OR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD BECOME INTOXICATED; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND JUDGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPON ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST A LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL LIABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-590, RELATING TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS AND DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-100 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SERVER AND MANAGER TRAINING; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PERMIT OR LICENSE; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THESE BEVERAGES TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON;

BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS ITS AGGREGATE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-3-670, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 15-3-640 THROUGH 15-3-660 ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS DEFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS CONSIDERED MATERIAL ONLY IF IT EXISTS WITHIN A COMPLETED BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A BUILDING OR ITS SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE; BY ADDING SECTION 15-7-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL ACTION TRIED AGAINST AN UNKNOWN DEFENDANT MUST BE TRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-150, RELATING TO UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-160, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES IN THE MANDATORY OFFER OF UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE OCCURRENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS FOR BAD FAITH INVOLVING A LIABILITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 307 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Williams and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 367 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-210 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-230 SO AS TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-240 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BONA FIDE PLANS OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES AND DISPOSES OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESPONSIBLE PARTY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-270 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSELS THAT HAVE SUNK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-280 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN VESSELS DETERMINED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD OR A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD; BY

ADDING SECTION 50-21-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 388 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

S. 389 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

S. 405 -- Senators Alexander and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 415 -- Senators Young, Elliott, Sutton, Ott, Devine, Reichenbach and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE TERM "LICENSED"; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-1110, RELATING TO ADOPTION BY A STEPPARENT OR RELATIVE, SO AS TO APPLY TO CHILDREN PLACED WITH RELATIVES OR FICTIVE KIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2320, RELATING TO THE KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PROGRAM, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF A KINSHIP FOSTER PARENT FROM TWENTY-ONE TO EIGHTEEN AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE DIFFERENT STANDARDS WHEN LICENSING RELATIVES AND FICTIVE KIN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2400, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME, SO AS TO REMOVE THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT LIMITATIONS FROM KINSHIP FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 425 -- Senators Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 487 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO DEER PROCESSORS AND DONATED DEER PROCESSING FEE RECOVERY, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5330, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE

1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ROBBINS a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mayes Dubose was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman "Cardinals" 2025 SCISA 4-A Wrestling State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LIGON presented to the House the Chester High School AA/A Wrestling State Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. B. NEWTON presented to the House the Lancaster High School AAAA Boys Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MITCHELL presented to the House the Andrew Jackson High School "Lady Volunteers" Girls Basketball Championship Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3052
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	VAUGHAN and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3093
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3201
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3285
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS and HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3387
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HEWITT, GILREATH, CROMER, OREMUS and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3533
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	VAUGHAN and CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3569
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3578
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3841
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3863
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3924
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	OREMUS and HARTZ

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3935
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	VAUGHAN and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4134
Date:	ADD:
04/03/25	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4216
Date:	REMOVE:
04/03/25	CHAPMAN, SANDERS and HARDEE

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARTNETT a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a temporary leave of absence due to medical reasons.

H. 4011--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4011 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-70, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY DRIVERS' PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVING CERTIFICATE," AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4011 (LC-4011.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-1-40(7) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(7) who is not a resident of South Carolina. For purposes of determining eligibility to obtain or renew a South Carolina driver's license, the term “resident of South Carolina” shall expressly include all persons authorized by the United States Department of Justice, the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, or the United States Department of State to live, work, or study in the United States on a temporary or permanent basis who present documents indicating their intent to live, work, or study in South Carolina. These persons and their dependents are eligible to obtain a motor vehicle driver's license, identification card, or have one renewed pursuant to this provision. A driver's license or identification card issued pursuant to this item to a person who is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States shall expire on the later of: (1) the expiration date of the driver's license applicant's authorized period of stay in the United States; or (2) the expiration date of the applicant's employment authorization document provided the driver’s license or identification card is valid for no more than eight years. Under this provision, a driver's license valid for not more than four years must be issued upon payment of a fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents. A driver's license that is valid for more than four years must be issued upon payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars. The

fee for an identification card is pursuant to Section 56-1-3350. In addition, a person pending adjustment of status who presents appropriate documentation to the Department of Motor Vehicles shall be granted a one-year extension of his driver's license or identification card which is renewable annually;

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. Section 56-1-40(7) as contained in this act takes effect on December 3, 2025. The remaining Sections contained in this act take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:
Alexander

Total--1

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in against H. 4011. I wish the record to show that I intended to vote in favor of the bill.

Rep. Terry Alexander

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4011. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4011. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Carl Anderson

H. 3856--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF

FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3768--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3801--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3801 -- Reps. Erickson, Willis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3863--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Rivers and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3201--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250

SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3578--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith, Schuessler and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3831--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3058--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT

EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3285--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Davis and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3569--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE

VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3930--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4160--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 126--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW

DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3924--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Robbins and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3927--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate by a division vote of 79 to 27.

H. 3045--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers, Taylor, Gilliard, Anderson, Williams, Cromer, Gilreath, Hixon, Erickson, Bradley, Willis and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.

Rep. HAYES demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach

Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Howard	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Garvin	Gilliard
Henderson-Myers	King	McDaniel
Reese		

Total--7

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3045. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Lee Gilreath

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3387--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson, Bradley, Williams, Hixon, Burns, Hewitt, Gilreath, Cromer, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF

TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3387 (LC-3387.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1.A., by striking Section 27-37-200(1), (2), and (3) and inserting:

(1) "Authorized enforcement official" means the county sheriff for the county in which the property is located or any county, city, or township constable, pursuant to Section 22-9-10, for the county, city, or township in which the property is located.

(2) "Petitioner" means the owner of property containing a residential dwelling who has filed a verified petition under the provisions of this article.

~~(2)~~(3) "Representative of the property owner" includes any authorized agent or personal representative of the property owner. If the property at issue is part of an estate being probated, "representative of the property owner" refers to the representative of the estate during probate proceedings.

(4) "Respondent" means the person or persons unlawfully occupying property containing a residential dwelling, against whom a verified petition has been filed.

~~(3)~~(5) "Unlawful occupant or occupants" means any person or persons who detain, occupy, or trespass on property containing a residential dwelling without the permission of the property owner, who otherwise have no legal right to occupy the property under state law, and who are not afforded any protections provided to a tenant under state law.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1.A., by striking Section 27-37-210 and inserting:

Section 27-37-210. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a property owner or ~~his or her authorized agent~~representative of the property owner may seek relief for the removal of a person or persons unlawfully occupying property containing a residential dwelling under this article by filing a verified petition with the clerk of court or chief magistrate of the county in which the property is located.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1.A., by striking Section 27-37-230(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) the petitioner is the property owner or ~~authorized agent~~a representative of the property owner;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1.A., by striking Sections 27-37-270, 27-37-280, and 27-37-290 and inserting:

Section 27-37-270. Once the court grants the order under this article, the ~~sheriff of the county in which the property is located~~authorized enforcement official shall enforce such order by removing the person or persons unlawfully occupying the property.

Section 27-37-280. If appropriate, the ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official may arrest any person found in the dwelling for trespass, outstanding warrants, or any other legal cause.

Section 27-37-290. The ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official is entitled to the same fee for the service of the ex parte order granted under this article as that provided for the execution of a warrant for the ejection of a trespasser pursuant to Section 15-67-630. After the ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official serves the order, the property owner or ~~authorized agent~~representative of the property owner may request that the ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official stand by to keep the peace while the property owner or ~~agent of the~~representative of the property owner changes the locks and removes the personal property of the occupants from the premises to or near the property line. When such a request is made, the ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official may charge a reasonable hourly rate, and the person requesting the ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official to stand by and keep the peace is responsible for paying the reasonable hourly rate set by the ~~sheriff~~authorized enforcement official. The ~~sheriff~~ authorized enforcement official is not liable to the unlawful occupant or occupants or to any other party for the loss, destruction, or damage of property. The property owner or ~~his or her authorized agent~~representative of the property owner is not liable to an unlawful occupant or any other party for the loss, destruction, or damage to the personal property unless the removal was wrongful.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 27-40-800 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 27-40-800. (a) Upon appeal to the circuit court, the case must be heard, in a manner consistent with other appeals from magistrates' court, as soon as is feasible after the appeal is docketed.

(b) ~~It is sufficient to~~No court shall stay an execution of a judgment for ejectment. ~~that~~ Upon appeal to the circuit court, the tenant ~~sign an undertaking that he will~~may file an affidavit with the circuit court or the magistrate having jurisdiction, in which the tenant promises to pay to the landlord the amount of rent, determined by the magistrate in accordance with § 27-40-780, as it becomes due periodically after the judgment was

entered, in exchange for a stay of the execution of a judgment for ejectment. Once the affidavit is accepted by the court, ~~Any~~any magistrate, clerk, or circuit court judge shall order a stay of execution upon the undertaking.

(c) The ~~undertaking~~ affidavit by the tenant and the order staying execution may be substantially in the following form:

Bond to Stay
Execution on Appeal
to Circuit Court

Now comes the tenant in the above entitled action and respectfully shows the court that a judgment of ejectment was issued against the tenant and for the landlord on the ____ day of _____ , ~~19~~20 _, by the magistrate. The ~~Tenant~~tenant also shows the court the tenant has ~~appealed~~filed an appeal of the judgment of ejectment to the circuit court on the ___ day of _____, 20__.

Pursuant to the findings of the magistrate, the tenant is obligated to pay rent in the amount of $ _____ per _____ , due on the ____ day of each _____ .

Tenant hereby ~~undertakes~~ promises to pay the periodic rent hereinafter due according to the aforesaid findings of the court and moves the circuit court to stay execution on the judgment for ejectment until this matter is heard on appeal and decided by the circuit court.

This the _____ day of _____ , ~~19~~20 ____

Tenant

Upon execution of the above bond, execution on the judgment of ejectment is hereby stayed until the action is heard on appeal and decided by the circuit court. If tenant fails to make any rental payment within five days of the due date under the agreed terms, upon application of the landlord to whichever court accepted the affidavit in exchange for the stay of ejectment following the initiation of the appeal, the stay of execution shall dissolve, the appeal by the tenant to the circuit court on issues dealing with possession must be dismissed and the sheriff may dispossess the tenant. If the application is submitted to the magistrate, the landlord shall be required to provide notice of the application to the circuit court having appellate jurisdiction prior to ejecting the tenant and to effectuate proper dismissal of the appeal.

This the _____ day of _____ , ~~19~~ 20____

Judge

(d) If either party disputes the amount of the payment or the due date in the ~~undertaking~~affidavit, the aggrieved party may move for modification of the terms of the ~~undertaking~~ affidavit before the circuit

court. Upon the motion and upon notice to all interested parties, the court shall hold a hearing as soon as is feasible after the filing of the motion and determine what modifications, if any, are appropriate. No judgment for ejectment may be executed pending a hearing on the motion, provided the tenant complied with the terms of the ~~undertaking~~affidavit prior to moving for modification. During the pendency of the motion, the tenant shall continue to pay rent in accordance with the terms of the affidavit, and at the discretion of the judge, make payments directly to the landlord or deposit the payments into an escrow account. Upon resolution of the motion, any difference between the total rent amount paid during the appeal and the total amount owed to the landlord, as modified by the court, shall be either refunded to the tenant or become an additional obligation of the tenant to be paid to the landlord.

(e) If the tenant fails to make a payment within five days of the due date according to the ~~undertaking~~affidavit and order staying execution, the clerk, upon application of the landlord to whichever court accepted the affidavit in exchange for the stay of ejectment following the initiation of the appeal, shall issue a warrant of ejectment to be executed pursuant to § 27-37-40 of the 1976 Code. If the application is submitted to a court not having appellate jurisdiction over the matter, the landlord shall be required to provide notice of the application to the court having appellate jurisdiction prior to ejecting the tenant.

(f)(1) Upon appeal to the Supreme Court or to the court of appeals, ~~it is sufficient to~~a court shall not stay an execution of a judgment for ejectment ~~that~~ unless the tenant ~~sign an undertaking that he will~~ files an affidavit with the proper appellate court, in which the tenant promises to pay to the landlord the amount of rent, determined by order of the judge of the circuit court, as it becomes due periodically after judgment was entered. ~~The~~ Once the affidavit is accepted by the court, the judge of the court having jurisdiction shall order stay of execution upon the undertaking.

(2) The tenant's failure to comply with the terms of the ~~undertaking~~ affidavit entitles the landlord to execution of the judgment for possession in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. CHUMLEY proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3387 (LC-3387.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 2, Title 45 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 45-2-65. (A)(1) The operator of any recreational vehicle park may remove or cause to be removed from such park, in the manner provided in this section, any transient guest of the park who, while on the premises of the park:

(a) illegally possesses or deals in a controlled substance as defined and covered by Chapter 53 of Title 44;

(b) disturbs the peace, quiet enjoyment, or comfort of other persons;

(c) causes harm to the physical park;

(d) violates the posted park rules and regulations; or

(e) fails to make payment of rent at the rental rate agreed upon and by the time agreed upon.

(2) The admission of a person to, or the removal of a person from, any recreational vehicle park may not be based upon race, color, national origin, sex, physical disability, or creed.

(B) The operator of any recreational vehicle park shall notify such guest that the park no longer desires to entertain the guest and shall request that the guest immediately depart from the park. Notice must be given in writing, as follows: “You are hereby notified that this recreational vehicle park no longer desires to entertain you as its guest, and you are requested to leave at once. To remain after receipt of this notice is a misdemeanor under the laws of this State.” If such guest has paid in advance, the park, at the time notice is given, shall tender to the guest the unused portion of the advance payment. Any guest who remains or attempts to remain in such park after being requested to leave commits a misdemeanor and must be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days.

(C) If a guest has accumulated an outstanding account in excess of an amount equivalent to three nights’ rent at a recreational vehicle park, the operator may disconnect all utilities of the recreational vehicle and

notify the guest that the action is for the purpose of requiring the guest to confront the operator or permittee and arrange for the payment of the guest's account. Such arrangement must be in writing, and a copy must be furnished to the guest. Upon entering into the agreement, the operator shall reconnect the utilities of the recreational vehicle.

(D) If any person is illegally on the premises of any recreational vehicle park, the operator of the park may call upon any law enforcement officer of this State for assistance. It is the duty of law enforcement officers, upon the request of an operator, to remove from the premises or place under arrest any guest who, according to the park operator, violated subsection (A) or (B). If a warrant has been issued by the proper judicial officer for the arrest of any guest who violates subsection (A) or (B), the officer shall serve the warrant, arrest the guest, and take the guest into custody. Upon removal or arrest, with or without warrant, the guest is considered to have abandoned or given up any right to occupancy of the premises of the recreational vehicle park; and the operator of the park shall employ all reasonable and proper means to care for any personal property left on the premises by the guest and shall refund any unused portion of moneys paid by the guest for the occupancy of such premises. If conditions do not allow for immediate removal of the guest's property, he may arrange a reasonable time, not to exceed forty-eight hours, with the operator to come remove the property, accompanied by a law enforcement officer.

(E) In addition to the grounds for ejection established by law, grounds for ejection may be established in a written lease agreement between a recreational vehicle park operator or permittee and a recreational vehicle park guest.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3387--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. T. MOORE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3387 be read the third time tomorrow.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CHAPMAN, adjourned in memory of A. B. "Buck" Roberts, to meet at 10:00 tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 35:4: “Say to those who are of a fearful heart, ‘Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.’”

Let us pray. Almighty God, help us to rely on You above all things that our lives may find hope and peace. Almighty God, fill our hearts and lives with Your joy and healing. We beseech You to keep our men and women in Your love and care. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson, Bradley, Williams, Hixon, Burns, Hewitt, Gilreath, Cromer, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF

TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 8.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from 2 Timothy 1:7: “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and self-control.”

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, You have provided all good things for these Members and Staff. Continue to provide these things. Bless and keep our defenders and first responders in Your love and care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and look in favor on our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BOWERS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ernest "Dude" McAbee, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Teeple's family and St. Jude Research Hospital.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer

Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WOOTEN a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CRAWFORD a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MARTIN a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Phyllis MacGilvray of Greenville was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its

prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3089
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3101
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3202
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3217
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3285
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	WATERS, RIVERS and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3333
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3369
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3569
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	ERICKSON, RIVERS and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3578
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	GILLIARD, WATERS, GARVIN, WILLIAMS and REESE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3602
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3632
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3728
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3831
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3863
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	WATERS and POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	POPE, FORREST, MITCHELL, YOW, HIXON, TAYLOR, W. NEWTON, TEEPLE and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	MONTGOMERY, HUFF and MOSS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3935
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	HARTNETT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	GOVAN and WICKENSIMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3974
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4000
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	BAUER and DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4160
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4176
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	GRANT, KIRBY, ALEXANDER and GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4259
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4260
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4262
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4292
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4293
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	WHITE, KILMARTIN, EDGERTON and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4300
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	YOW and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4301
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4306
Date:	ADD:
04/08/25	EDGERTON

S. 384--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 384. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 384. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4011 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-70, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY DRIVERS' PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVING CERTIFICATE," AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

H. 3856--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMI TRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY

BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3856 (LC-3856.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, by striking Section 56-37-30(B)(6) and (7) and inserting:

(6) incorrect name and address of the person a vehicle was acquired from or transferred to; ~~or~~

(7) inability to provide an account for a dealer, transporter, or wholesale auto auction plate; or~~.~~

(8) issuance of a second temporary plate to a purchaser without prior authorization by the department.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, by striking Section 56-37-30(C)(4) and inserting:

~~(4) issuance of any temporary license plate to a person not authorized to have the plate~~;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, Section 56-37-30, by striking 56-37-30(C)(5) and inserting:

(4) misuse of dealer, transporter, or wholesale auto auction plate; and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, by striking Section 56-37-30(D)(8), (9), (10), and ~~(11)~~ and inserting:

(8) failure to remit any state-owed fees within the time period

prescribed by law to the department; and

~~(9) conviction by the licensee involving acquisition or transfer of a title to a vehicle ;~~

~~(10)~~(9) ~~conviction by the licensee of a criminal offense or judgment in a civil case in which there is fraud connected to the sale or transfer of a vehicle;~~ issuance of any temporary license plate to a person not authorized to have the plate. ~~and~~

~~(11) use of fraudulent methods or practices.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10, by striking Section 56-37-70(C) and inserting:

(C) The department must suspend the license of any dealer for three years upon the third accumulation of twelve points within a three-year period. Dealers may not reapply for any kind of dealer license for three years after the last issued points. Should the provisions of this subsection apply, then the department may deny applications for any type of dealer license when the applicant is a member of the immediate family of the suspended dealer. The department shall notify the licensee or applicant by certified~~normal~~ mail or certified mail with electronic tracking at the mailing address provided in his application of its intention to suspend his license at least thirty days in advance and shall provide the licensee an opportunity for a contested case hearing before the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings pursuant to its rules of procedure and the Administrative Procedures Act of this State. A licensee desiring a contested case hearing must request the hearing in writing within thirty days of receiving notice of the proposed suspension of his dealer's or wholesaler's license. Should the dealer not request a contested case hearing from the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings within thirty days of receiving notice of the proposed suspension, then the suspension of the dealer license must go into effect. If the dealer requests a contested case hearing from the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings within thirty days of receiving notice of the proposed suspension, then the dealer may continue to operate until the Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings makes a final ruling in the contested case. Upon the suspension of a license, the licensee shall immediately return to the department the license and all dealer license plates.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-3-1010(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) "Fleet" means fifty or more marked private passenger motor vehicles or property carrying vehicles with empty weight of not more

than twenty-two thousand pounds and a gross vehicle weight of not more than twenty-six thousand pounds, owned or long-term leased by a corporation or other legal entity, and registered in this State pursuant to this article. A rental company as defined in Section 56-31-20 is not required to have marked vehicles as a part of the "Fleet" definition.

SECTION X. Section 56-1-15 (C), (D), and (E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

~~(C) The department must randomly test driver's license applicants who successfully complete the driver's license examination pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver's license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver's license examination.~~

~~(D)~~(C) If through testing or other review procedures, the department determines that a contractor is not conforming to the law and regulations applicable to licensing, it may:

(1) suspend the authority of a particular individual or entity operating under the contract to administer the tests;

(2) suspend the contract;

(3) cancel the contract.

~~(E) The department must test randomly a driver's license applicant only at the time the applicant is seeking his initial driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3856. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3768--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Rep. VAUGHAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3768. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3801--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3801 -- Reps. Erickson, Willis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

Rep. VAUGHAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 8, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3801 relating to amending S.C. Code Ann. Section 11-35-710 regarding exemptions from the State Procurement Code, so as to add planning for repairs to bridges, highways, boats, roads, and other improvements on the state's rights of way to the list of exemptions and to provide certain exceptions. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Roger Kirby
House District Number 101

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3801. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3863--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Rivers, Henderson-Myers, Waters and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3863 (LC-3863.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 13-1-2240(4) and inserting:

(4) ensure the development of a South Carolina STEM workforce with better access to competitive employment opportunities and recognize the diverse pathways through which women and men may enter STEM fields including the consideration of nontraditional academic experiences, community-based learning, and career technical education;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 13-1-2240(13), (14), (15), (16), (17), (18), and (19) and inserting:

(13) assist public school districts in developing and implementing a comprehensive merit-based plan to give all public school students equal access to STEM programs;

~~(13)~~(14) promote business and industry involvement in the actions and activities of the coalition;

~~(14)~~(15) develop and maintain a statewide database of STEM education assets;

~~(15)~~(16) perform gap analysis and assessments to identify industry and business needs and the resulting requirements for teacher professional development activities and initiatives;

~~(16)~~(17) support high quality professional learning focused on career readiness and talent development and provide other assistance for

educators and students;

~~(17)~~(18) engage business and industry in support of STEM activities for schools to enhance career readiness;

~~(18)~~(19) develop and maintain statewide, regional, and national partnerships with not-for-profit, STEM missioned entities to promote STEM learning and career opportunities in underserved communities; ~~and~~

(20) create STEM career development programs to include leadership training, mentorship programs, and work-life balance initiatives to encourage male and female students in STEM fields;

(21) foster the development of all female and male students in an environment that minimizes bias and harassment and encourages the merit-based development of all women and men; and

~~(19)~~(20) annually before July first report appropriate outcomes and measures of the impact of the coalition to these entities:

(a) the Office of the Governor through the Department of Employment and Workforce;

(b) the State Superintendent of Education;

(c) the General Assembly through the Senate Education Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee;

(d) the Education Oversight Committee; and

(e) the advisory council.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3863. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3201--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3578--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Waters, Garvin, Williams and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the

following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3578 (LC-3578.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-29-15(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) provide instruction in cursive writing beginning in ~~second~~third grade and continuing in ~~third grade,~~ fourth grade~~,~~ and fifth grade to ensure that students can create readable documents through legible cursive handwriting by the end of fifth grade; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson

May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3578. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3831--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE

PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3831 (LC-3831.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 59-17-155(E) and inserting:

~~(D)~~(E) The ~~Department of Administration~~State Fiscal Accountability Authority may establish a state contract for the purchase of ~~automated external defibrillators~~AED.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3831. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3285--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Waters, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3285. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3569--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3569 (LC-3569.SA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-40-350(D)(1) and inserting:

(1) may not require or force the protected tenant to vacate the residence before the expiration of the ~~thirty~~ sixty days authorized by this section, but may enter into an agreement with the protected tenant to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement earlier than what is required pursuant to this section; and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 27-40-350, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) A landlord or property owner who acts in good faith in reliance upon documentation provided by a protected tenant to establish a "qualifying incident" under Section 27-40-210(20), may not be held liable for terminating or modifying a lease under this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

Rep. BERNSTEIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3201--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR

THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3569--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3569 (LC-3569.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-40-350(D)(1) and inserting:

(1) may not require or force the protected tenant to vacate the residence before the expiration of the ~~thirty~~ sixty days authorized by this section, but may enter into an agreement with the protected tenant to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement earlier than what is required pursuant to this section; and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 27-40-350, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) A landlord or property owner who acts in good faith in reliance upon documentation provided by a protected tenant to establish a "qualifying incident" under Section 27-40-210(20), may not be held liable for terminating or modifying a lease under this section.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH spoke in favor of the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3569. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3930--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus, Hartz, Pope, Mitchell, Yow, Forrest, Hixon, Taylor, W. Newton, Teeple and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the Bill.

Reps. HART, BAMBERG, J. MOORE, HOWARD, ANDERSON, GRANT, GOVAN, MCDANIEL, CLYBURN, HOSEY, KING, GARVIN, HENDERSON-MYERS, RIVERS, SPANN-WILDER, JONES, GIBSON, JORDAN, FORREST, HIXON, LIGON, GILLIARD, WILLIAMS and HADDON requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4160--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4160 (LC-4160.AHB0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 14-5-610 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 14-5-610. (A) The State is divided into sixteen judicial circuits as follows:

(1) The first circuit is composed of the counties of Calhoun, Dorchester, and Orangeburg.

(2) The second circuit is composed of the counties of Aiken, Bamberg, and Barnwell.

(3) The third circuit is composed of the counties of Clarendon, Lee, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

(4) The fourth circuit is composed of the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington, Marlboro, and Dillon.

(5) The fifth circuit is composed of the counties of Kershaw and Richland.

(6) The sixth circuit is composed of the counties of Chester,

Lancaster, and Fairfield.

(7) The seventh circuit is composed of the counties of Cherokee and Spartanburg.

(8) The eighth circuit is composed of the counties of Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Newberry.

(9) The ninth circuit is composed of the counties of Charleston and Berkeley.

(10) The tenth circuit is composed of the counties of Anderson and Oconee.

(11) The eleventh circuit is composed of the counties of Lexington, McCormick, Saluda, and Edgefield.

(12) The twelfth circuit is composed of the counties of Florence and Marion.

(13) The thirteenth circuit is composed of the counties of Greenville and Pickens.

(14) The fourteenth circuit is composed of the counties of Allendale, Hampton, Colleton, Jasper, and Beaufort.

(15) The fifteenth circuit is composed of the counties of Georgetown and Horry.

(16) The sixteenth circuit is composed of the counties of York and Union.

(B) One judge must be elected from the sixth ~~and twelfth circuits~~circuit. Two judges must be elected from the ~~first,~~ second, ~~third,~~ fourth, ~~seventh,~~ eighth, tenth, ~~eleventh,~~ and sixteenth circuits. Three judges must be elected from the first, third, ~~fifth,~~ seventh, eleventh, twelfth, fourteenth, and fifteenth circuits. ~~Four judges must be elected from the ninth and thirteenth circuits.~~ Five judges must be elected from the fifth, ninth, and thirteenth circuits.

(C) In addition to the above judges authorized by this section, there must be ~~sixteen~~six additional circuit judges elected by the General Assembly from the State at large for terms of office of six years. These additional judges must be elected without regard to county or circuit of residence. Each office of the at-large judges is a separate office and is assigned numerical designations of Seat No. 1 through Seat No. ~~16~~6, respectively.

SECTION 2. (A) Upon the effective date of this act:

(1) At-large Circuit Court Seat 1 is converted to a resident seat and designated Third Circuit Court Seat 3;

(2) At-large Circuit Court Seat 4 is converted to a resident seat and designated Thirteen Circuit Court Seat 5;

(3) At-large Circuit Court Seats 6 and 12 are converted to resident

seats and designated Twelfth Circuit Court Seats 2 and 3, respectively;

(4) At-large Circuit Court Seats 8 and 10 are converted to resident seats and designated Fifth Circuit Court Seats 4 and 5, respectively;

(5) At-large Circuit Court Seat 9 is converted to a resident seat and designated Ninth Circuit Court Seat 5;

(6) At-large Circuit Court Seat 13 is converted to a resident seat and designated Eleventh Circuit Court Seat 3;

(7) At-large Circuit Court Seat 14 is converted to a resident seat and designated Seventh Circuit Seat 3;

(8) At-large Circuit Court Seat 15 is converted to a resident seat and designated First Circuit Court Seat 3.

(B) Nothing in this act may be construed to require a judge currently serving in an at-large circuit court seat which is converted to a resident circuit court seat pursuant to this act to undergo additional screening until the end of the term for which they were screened and duly elected to an at-large circuit court seat.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4160 (LC-4160.AHB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 14-5-610 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

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(7) The seventh circuit is composed of the counties of Cherokee and Spartanburg.

(8) The eighth circuit is composed of the counties of Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, and Newberry.

(9) The ninth circuit is composed of the counties of Charleston and Berkeley.

(10) The tenth circuit is composed of the counties of Anderson and Oconee.

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(5) At-large Circuit Court Seat 9 is converted to a resident seat and designated Ninth Circuit Court Seat 5;

(6) At-large Circuit Court Seat 13 is converted to a resident seat and designated Eleventh Circuit Court Seat 3; and

(7) At-large Circuit Court Seat 14 is converted to a resident seat and designated Seventh Circuit Seat 3.

(B) Nothing in this act may be construed to require a judge currently serving in an at-large circuit court seat which is converted to a resident circuit court seat pursuant to this act to undergo additional screening until the end of the term for which they were screened and duly elected to an at-large circuit court seat.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4160. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

S. 126--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO

CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. JORDAN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, April 9, which was agreed to.

H. 3924--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Henderson-Myers and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. J. E. JOHNSON, W. NEWTON, JORDAN, BAMBERG, MONTGOMERY, MAGNUSON, DUNCAN, M. M. SMITH, KIRBY, HEWITT, COBB-HUNTER, GRANT, HART, KING, HAGER, GARVIN, GILLIAM, RANKIN, GOVAN, MITCHELL, BRITTAIN, WEEKS, ANDERSON and GILLIARD requested debate on the Bill.

S. 291--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE

GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Yow

Total—105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 291. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Bruce Bannister

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 291. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Charles Hartz

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. COLLINS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3201--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE

EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3841--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis, Murphy and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton

W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3841. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. EDGERTON a temporary leave of absence.

H. 3869--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 78; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	McDaniel
Montgomery	J. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bowers
Cromer	Duncan	Forrest
Frank	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Morgan	Oremus	Pace

Rankin Terribile White
Whitmire

Total--25

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3869. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:56 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BOWERS, adjourned in memory of Ernest "Dude" McAbee, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 17:8: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."

Let us pray. You have shown Your love to these Representatives and Staff and led them in the right direction in doing the will of the people of South Carolina. Continue Your power over us as we seek to do Your will. Lord God, help us cast our anxieties on You, knowing You care for us. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders who keep us safe. Remember, O Lord, our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and look in favor upon our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Ernest Ward Avinger Jr.

Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., 57, of Holly Hill, South Carolina, husband of Alice West Avinger, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025, with his family by his side.

Ward was born in Charleston, South Carolina to Doris June Rickenbacker and Ernest W. "Buddy" Avinger. He was a 1986 graduate of Holly Hill Academy, a 1990 graduate of The Citadel, and a 1991 graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service. Ward was an active member of Holly Hill Methodist Church and a current board

member of Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina. He was the former owner and manager of Avinger Funeral Home.

Rep. Mark Smith

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

April 1, 2025
The Honorable Jackie E. “Coach” Hayes
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Jackie:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the House Rules Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House

Received as information.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5342
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.
Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5347
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.

Standards for Licensing Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4309 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025; HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, authorize the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTASC) to use the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives for its meeting on Friday, September 19, 2025; however, the chamber may not be used if the House of Representatives is in session or the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the State House security forces shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with previous procedures.

Be it further resolved that no charges may be made for the use of the House chamber by ABOTASC on these dates.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4310 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER, WRITER, AND RECORDING ARTIST RUDY CURRENCE, TO CONGRATULATE THIS ROCK HILL NATIVE ON HIS MANY PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4311 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCK HILL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4312 -- Reps. Hartnett, Brewer, Bustos, Gatch, Gilliard, Hewitt, Landing, J. Moore, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Waters, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEDNEY MAIN HOWE III OF CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4313 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING CHI ETA PHI SORORITY TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A SUCCESSFUL SEVENTY-FIRST SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 12-16, 2025, IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND, AND TO THANK THE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED NURSES WHO ATTENDED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO HUMANITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4314 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 11 - MAY 17, 2025, AS "POLICE WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LAW

ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4315 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY COED BOWLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ANOTHER REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4316 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley,

Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CARMELLA TRONCO MARTIN OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4317 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire,

Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM, ADVISORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR PURSUING RIGOROUS ACADEMIC TRAINING, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE DIVISION 1 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ACADEMICS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4318 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4319 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DEXTER EASLEY, PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BERKELEY COUNTY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4320 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND TO DECLARE AUGUST 1, 2025, AS "CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4321 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SADIE GAMBLE, ELLAFAIR DURANT, RAILYN JOYNER, AND KAYDEN CRISANTI, FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY, ON WINNING THE 2025 CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY BLACK WATER

ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4323 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY DEPUTY MATTHEW REDFEARN OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SCHUESSLER a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral out of state.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MAY a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Miles Scott of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 2-A 2024 SCISA Football State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2024 SCISA Girls Varsity Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2024 SCISA Softball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3095
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	RANKIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3108
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	MCDANIEL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3201
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	HARTNETT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3490
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	YOW and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3638
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	MOSS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3930
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3931
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3943
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	DAVIS, LAWSON, M. M. SMITH, HOLMAN, WILLIAMS, GILLIAM, NEESE, BREWER, KIRBY, RIVERS and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3974
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY and MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3996
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4123
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4260
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4292
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	MONTGOMERY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4303
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	HOSEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4306
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	MONTGOMERY and HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3276
Date:	REMOVE:
04/09/25	GILLIARD and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	REMOVE:
04/09/25	BURNS

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND

MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

H. 3801 -- Reps. Erickson, Willis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Rivers, Henderson-Myers, Waters and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM

OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Waters, Garvin, Williams and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Waters, Rivers and

Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis, Murphy and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

H. 3201--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

S. 126--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE

OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

H. 3333--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Terribile
White		

Total--16

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 9, 2025
The Honorable Speaker G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3333 by adding Chapter 56 to Title 46 by amending Section 31-12-30, relating to redevelopment of federal military installations definitions, so as to provide that a redevelopment project includes certain affordable housing projects; and by amending Section 31-12-210, relating to issuance of obligations for redevelopment project by municipality, so as to provide when certain obligations must be issued, among other things, out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace

H. 3910--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3910. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

S. 218--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

S. 2--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR FOR EACH OF THE

COMPONENT OFFICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE DEFINITIONS TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-210, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-220, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-230, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-240, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-255, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CONFIRMED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND CONFORM TO THE

CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-20, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CREATE THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDE FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-20, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES FROM THE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER TRANSFER THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-30, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-420, RELATING TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO GIVE SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER TO AID AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORDERS DURING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CERTAIN

DEFINITIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN AGENCY NAMES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, PURSUANT TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS EXISTING POWERS UNDER SECTION 44-1-140, ANY SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED WHOSE REFUSAL OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR TESTING RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHETHER HE IS INFECTED WITH THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY VACCINATE OR TREAT PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE INFORMED CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HARD DEADLINE FOR A PETITION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF VACCINATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 44-9-40 RELATING TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 2 (LC-2.VR0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 12

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Section 44-12-10. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Director" means the head of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(3) "Office" or "component office" means any one or more of the component offices or divisions that comprise the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(4) "Office director" means a person, appointed by the department director, to serve as the head of a component office. An office director shall answer directly to the oversight of the department director.

Section 44-12-20. There is created within the executive branch of the state government an agency to be known as the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The department shall be organized as provided in this chapter and shall have the duties, functions, and powers provided for in this chapter and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 44-12-30. The department shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The director may be removed from office as provided in Section 1-3-240(B).

Section 44-12-40. In performing his duties as authorized by this chapter, the director:

(1) shall develop and execute a cohesive and comprehensive plan for services provided by the component offices housed within the department;

(2) shall develop the budget for the department, including the component offices, to reflect the priorities of its comprehensive service plan;

(3) shall procure collaboration technology that enables coordination and accountability across the department and with local partners. At a minimum, the technology should have the capability for authorized users to:

(a) securely access relevant information regarding the needs and care journey of individuals served;

(b) communicate bidirectionally with referring organizations using a secure chat feature; and

(c) send referrals on behalf of the individual, track and store the outcome of that referral, and track and store the outcome of services delivered within a single client record using an unique identifier;

(4) shall, subject to applicable federal law, require data sharing to the fullest extent possible among the component offices and necessary state agencies;

(5) shall consolidate administrative services among the component offices that include, but are not limited to:

(a) financial and accounting support, such as accounts payable and receivable processing, procurement processing, journal entry processing, and financial reporting assistance;

(b) human resources administrative support, such as transaction processing and reporting, payroll processing, and human resources training;

(c) budget support, such as budget transaction processing and budget reporting assistance; and

(d) information technology;

(6) shall, with regard to information technology, ensure that the department and the component offices comply with all plans, policies, and directives of the Department of Administration;

(7) may employ such persons as he determines are necessary to carry out the department's duties, functions, and powers;

(8) may enter into contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, and private organizations or individuals that the director determines would be beneficial to carrying out the department's duties, functions, and powers; and

(9) shall, pursuant to Sections 1-1-810 and 1-1-820 of the S.C. Code, provide to the Governor and General Assembly, an annual accountability report containing the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met. Through the calendar year 2028, and to the extent permitted by applicable state and federal laws, the department's annual accountability report shall include a review of efforts to maximize efficiency and identify any duplicative services, develop a plan to consolidate or coordinate identified duplicative programs and to eliminate redundancy, while ensuring that the quality, accessibility, and specialization of services are preserved or

enhanced.

Section 44-12-50. (A) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall consist of the following component offices:

(1) the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;

(2) the Office of Mental Health; and

(3) the Office of Substance Use Services.

(B)(1) Each component office shall be headed by an office director who shall be appointed by the department's director. Office directors shall serve at the pleasure of the department director.

(2) The director may, to the extent authorized through the annual appropriations act or relevant permanent law, organize the administration of the department, including the assignment of personnel to the component offices, as is necessary to carry out the department's duties.

Section 44-12-60. The component offices shall carry out their duties, functions, and powers as provided in their respective enabling statutes and as otherwise provided by laws subject to the management decisions, policy development, and standards established of and by the department director as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 1-30-10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There are hereby created, within the executive branch of the state government, the following departments:

1. Department of Administration
2. Department of Agriculture
3. ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
4. Department of Commerce
5. Department of Corrections
~~6. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~
~~7.~~6. Department of Education
~~8.~~7 Department of Public Health
~~9.~~8 Department of Health and Human Services
~~10.~~9 Department of Insurance
~~11.~~10 Department of Juvenile Justice
~~12.~~11. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
~~13. Department of Mental Health~~
~~14.~~12. Department of Motor Vehicles
~~15.~~13. Department of Natural Resources

~~16.~~14. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
~~17.~~15. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
~~18.~~16. Department of Public Safety
~~19.~~17. Department of Revenue
~~20.~~18. Department of Social Services
~~21.~~19 Department of Transportation
~~22.~~20. Department of Employment and Workforce
~~23.~~21. Department on Aging
~~24.~~22. Department of Veterans' Affairs.
~~25.~~23. Department of Environmental Services

SECTION 3. Section 8-17-370 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(21) The Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and all the department's employees who report directly to the director or office director.

SECTION 4. Section 44-20-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-30. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have an intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one or more spinal cord injuries, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services ~~of~~ from the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~office.

(2) "Client" is a person who is determined by the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~office to have an intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, or spinal cord injury and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.

~~(3) "Commission" means the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, the policy-making and governing body of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(4)~~(3) "County disabilities and special needs boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services within a county or combination of counties for persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries and recognized by the department.

~~(5)~~(4) "Day programs" are programs provided to persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~office.

~~(6)~~(5) ~~"Department"~~ "Office" means the ~~South Carolina~~

~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

~~(7)~~(6) "~~Director~~Office director" means the head of the ~~South Carolina Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities~~, the chief executive director~~ appointed by the ~~commission~~Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

~~(8)~~(7) "Disabilities and special needs services" are activities designed to achieve the results specified in an individual client's plan.

~~(9)~~(8) "High risk infant" means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.

~~(10)~~(9) "Least restrictive environment" means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.

~~(11)~~(10) "Improvements" means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county boards of disabilities and special needs, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.

~~(12)~~(11) "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

~~(13)~~(12) "Obligations" means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the commission pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

~~(14)~~(13) "Regional residential center" is a ~~twenty-four hour~~twenty-four-hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.

~~(15)~~(14) "Related disability" is a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to an intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with an intellectual disability and must meet the following conditions:

(a) ~~It~~ it is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to an intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of

general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons.;

(b) It it is manifested before twenty-two years of age.;

(c) It it is likely to continue indefinitely.; and

(d) It it results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.

(16)(15) "Residential programs" are services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.

(17)(16) "Revenues" or "its revenues" means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.

(18)(17) "State capital improvement bonds" means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.

(19) "Department" shall mean the State Department of Administration as constituted pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 1.

SECTION 5. Section 44-20-210 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-210. There is created the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The commission consists of seven members. One member must be a resident of each congressional district appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate. They shall serve for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members of the commission are subject to removal by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240. A vacancy may be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.office shall be headed by an office director appointed by Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

SECTION 6. Section 44-20-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-220. The commission Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall determine the policy and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department office and the employment of professional staff and personnel. The members of the commission shall receive subsistence,

~~mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The commission shall appoint and in its discretion remove a South Carolina Director of Disabilities and Special Needs who is the chief executive officer of the department.~~ Subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the office director ~~The commission~~ may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of ~~its~~ the office's responsibilities. The ~~commission~~ office director may educate the public and state and local officials as to the need for the funding, development, and coordination of services for persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries and promote the best interest of persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. ~~The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries. In promulgating these regulations, the commission must consult with the advisory committee of the division for which the regulations shall apply.~~

SECTION 7. Section 44-20-230 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-230. Subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~commission~~, the office director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the ~~commission~~department's director. The office director may appoint ~~and in his discretion~~and, in his discretion, remove all other officers and employees of the ~~department~~ office subject to the approval of the ~~commission~~department's director.

SECTION 8. Section 44-20-240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-240. ~~There is created the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs which~~The office has authority over all of the state's services and programs for the treatment and training of persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. This authority does not include services delivered by other agencies of the State as prescribed by statute. The ~~department~~office must be comprised of, at a minimum, an Intellectual Disability Division, an Autism Division, and a Head and Spinal Cord Injuries Division. The ~~department~~office may be divided into additional divisions as may be determined by the office director and approved ~~and named~~ by the ~~commission~~department's director. Responsibility for all autistic services is transferred from the ~~Department~~Office of Mental Health to the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~Office of

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 9. Section 44-20-255 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-255. (A) Upon execution of the deed as provided in subsection (B) of this section, ownership of the tract of real property in Richland County described in Section 1 of Act 1645 of 1972 is confirmed in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs ~~as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation~~.

(B) The State Department of Administration shall cause to be executed and recorded an appropriate deed conveying the tract to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~.

(C) Proceeds of a subsequent sale of the tract that is the subject of this section may be retained by the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 10. Section 44-49-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-49-10. (A) There is established the ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse~~ Office of Substance Use Services. The ~~department~~ office shall be vested with all the functions, powers, and duties~~,~~ of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the successor to the South Carolina Commission on Alcoholism and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and shall have full authority for formulating, coordinating, and administering the state plans for controlling narcotics and controlled substances and alcohol abuse, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(B) All functions, powers, and duties of the commissioner of the narcotics and controlled substances section of the State Planning and Grants Division (Division of Administration in the Office of the Governor) ~~are hereby~~that were transferred to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services are hereby transferred to the Office of Substance Use Services ~~department~~, except those powers and duties related to the traffic of narcotics and controlled substances as defined in Section 44-53-130 which shall be vested in the State Law Enforcement Division.

(C) All rules and regulations promulgated by the ~~commissioner of narcotics and controlled substances~~predecessor agencies shall remain in effect until changed by the department.

(D) The department is authorized to establish a block grant

mechanism to provide such monies as may be appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose to each of the agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a). The distribution of these monies must be on a per capita basis according to the most recent United States Census. The agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a) must expend any funds received through this mechanism in accordance with the county plans required under Section 61-12-20(b).

(E) Subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the ~~The~~ department is authorized to develop such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter as it may find to be reasonably appropriate for the government of the county plans called for in Section 61-12-20(b), and the financial and programmatic accountability of funds provided under this section and all other funds provided by the department to agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a).

SECTION 11. Section 44-49-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-49-20. The ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~component office shall be headed by ~~a~~an office director appointed by the ~~Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate. The director is subject to removal by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240~~Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

SECTION 12. Section 44-9-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-10. There is hereby created the ~~State Department~~Office of Mental Health, a component office of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The office ~~which~~ shall have jurisdiction over all of the state's mental hospitals, clinics and centers, joint state and community sponsored mental health clinics and centers and facilities for the treatment and care of alcohol and drug addicts, including the authority to name each facility. The office shall be headed by an office director appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1). The director must be a person of proven executive and administrative ability with appropriate education and substantial experience in the field of mental illness treatment.

SECTION 13. Section 44-9-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-20. All the powers and duties vested in the South Carolina Mental Health Commission immediately prior to March 26, 1964 ~~are hereby~~ that were transferred to and vested in the Department of Mental Health are now transferred to and vested in the Office of Mental

Health, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. All records, files, and other papers belonging to the ~~South Carolina Mental Health Commission~~Department of Mental Health shall be continued as part of the records and files of the ~~Department~~ Office of Mental Health.

SECTION 14. Section 44-9-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-30. ~~(A)(1) There is created the governing board for the State Department of Mental Health known as the South Carolina Mental Health Commission. The commission shall consist of seven members, one from each congressional district, appointed by the Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

~~(2) The Governor shall consider consumer and family representation when appointing members.~~

~~(B) The members serve for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The terms of no more than two members may expire in one year. The Governor may remove a member pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240. A vacancy must be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.~~

~~The commission~~ The department director shall determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the ~~department~~ office and the employment of professional and staff personnel.

~~(D) The members shall receive the same subsistence, mileage, and per diem provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.~~

SECTION 15. Chapter 30, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 1-30-150. (A) The Departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans' Affairs, Administration, Public Health, Social Services, and Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall collaboratively develop and execute a cohesive and comprehensive plan that addresses how to ensure that services and support for South Carolinians with disabilities are, to the greatest extent possible, provided in the community instead of in an institutional setting in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581.

(B) The Director of the Department of Public Health shall appoint an Administrator of Community Living Integration who will be responsible for providing oversight in the assessment of the current state of community integration in South Carolina and in the creation of the community integration goals and objectives to be included in the State Health Plan. The Administrator of Community Living will report to the

Director of the Department of Public Health and shall select an Americans with Disabilities Coordinator to ensure compliance with responsibilities outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581.

(C) The Director of the Department of Public Health shall establish and appoint members to a health planning advisory committee, upon consultation with the other departments charged with participating in developing the plan, to provide advice in the development of the plan. Members of the advisory committee should include health care providers, representatives from the disabled community, disability advocacy agencies, consumers, payers, and public health professionals. When developing the community integration goals and objectives, the committee must seek input from people with disabilities of different types and varying levels of severity, family members of people with disabilities, and people currently providing services to the disabled community. The committee must identify objectives for the successful implementation of the community integration program. Members of the advisory committee are allowed the usual mileage and subsistence as provided for members of boards, committees, and commissions.

SECTION 16. Section 44-21-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-21-80. (A) The Medical University of South Carolina, the Prisma Health~~ University of South Carolina~~ Medical Group-Midlands, and the Prisma Health-University Medical Group are each hereby authorized, as agents of the State of South Carolina, to fulfill the role of Regional Tertiary Level Developmental Evaluation Centers, hereinafter collectively referred to as "developmental evaluation centers." ~~providing comprehensive developmental assessment and treatment services for children with developmental disabilities, significant developmental delays, or behavioral or learning disorders.~~

(B) As developmental evaluation centers, the above named institutions shall provide neurodevelopmental evaluation and limited treatment services for individuals up to twenty-one years of age who have a suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental disorder or who are referred and accepted for services.~~a seamless continuum of developmental services, including medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for the purpose of correcting or ameliorating physical or mental illnesses and conditions which, left untreated, would negatively impact the health and quality of life of South Carolina's children. Further, these centers shall work collectively with the teaching, training, and research entities of each institution, extending the state's efforts to prepare professionals to work in the field of developmental~~

~~medicine, while lending expertise to the research efforts in this field.~~

(C) Contingent upon sufficient funding, ~~The~~ developmental evaluation centers shall work with institutions, state agencies, and other organizations to increase the number of neurodevelopmental professions, increase community provider neurodevelopmental services capacity through provider training programs, provide technical assistance to improve regionalized, community-based, and family centered systems of care for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders, and participate in neurodevelopmental research. ~~be involved in research, planning, and needs assessment of issues related to developmental disabilities and shall be committed to develop a regionalized system of community-based, family-centered care for children with developmental and behavioral disabilities. In so doing, the centers shall serve as primary points of entry for developmental evaluation services and as regional coordinators for the delivery of the services and are encouraged to affiliate with other providers thus enhancing the availability of high quality services for the children of South Carolina.~~

(D) For the purposes of this section, "neurodevelopmental disorders" are characterized by disruptions in the functioning neurological system and the brain, leading to difficulties in one or more of cognition, behavior, social interaction, communication, or motor function. Neurodevelopmental disorders primarily manifest early in development, typically during infancy, childhood, or adolescence.

SECTION 17. Section 44-9-40 of the S.C. Code and Section 44-9-50 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 18. (A) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from "State Department of Mental Health," "South Carolina Mental Health Commission," and "commission" in Chapter 9, Title 44 and otherwise in the S.C. Code where "commission" refers to the "South Carolina Mental Health Commission" to the "Office of Mental Health," "component office," or "office" as appropriate.

(B) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from "Department of Disabilities and Special Needs" or "department" in Chapter 20, Title 44 to "Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities," "component office," or "office" as appropriate. The Code Commissioner is further directed to change references in the S.C. Code to the "Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Commission" or where "commission" refers to the "Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Commission" to "Director of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,"

"office director," or "director" as appropriate.

(C) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from "Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services" or "department" when referring to the "Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services" to "Office of Substance Use Services," "component office," or "office" as appropriate.

SECTION 19. (A) Upon the effective date of this act the Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(B) Upon the effective date of this act, the Director of the Department of Mental Health shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Mental Health, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(C) Upon the effective date of this act the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Substance Use Services, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of

the vacant position in the interim.

(D) Nothing in this act prevents the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities from reappointing the directors of their respective departments serving in those roles as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 20. (A) Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025. Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Mental Health shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025. Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Substance Use Services shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025.

(B) Upon appointment and confirmation, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may cause the transfer to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities such: (1) personnel and attendant funding included in the administrative areas of the 2025 Appropriations Act and (2) operating expenses included in the administrative areas of the 2025 Appropriations Act of one or more of the component departments of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as, in the determination of the director, is necessary to carry out the duties of the department. The Department of Administration shall cause all necessary actions to be taken to accomplish any such transfer and shall in consultation with the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities prescribe the manner in which the transfer provided for in this section shall be accomplished. The Department of Administration's actions in facilitating the provisions of this section are ministerial in nature and shall not be construed as an approval process over any of the transfers.

(C) Except for those positions transferred pursuant to this section or otherwise specifically referenced in this act, employees of the Departments of Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall maintain their same status with the appropriate component departments of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Mental Health shall become employees of the Office of Mental Health within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall become employees of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall become employees of the Office of Substance Use within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(D) Nothing in this act affects bonded indebtedness, if applicable, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies of the Departments of Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services existing on the effective date of this act. All applicable bonded indebtedness, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies shall continue in effect in the name of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or the appropriate component department.

SECTION 21. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Article III, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of health care delivery as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 22. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs,

sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 23. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 2. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. David Vaughan

H. 4296--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4296 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40,

RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 94; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4307--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4307 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3914--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

H. 3914 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bailey, W. Newton, Hardee, McGinnis, Atkinson, Hayes and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PATRONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNTS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OR A TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE.

H. 3175--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. COLLINS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

H. 3127--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750,

RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.CM0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(b) and inserting:

(b) the person ~~was driving on the wrong side of the road~~is in any violation of Article 13, Chapter 5 of Title 56;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(d), (e), and (f) and inserting:

(d) the person drove his vehicle toward another vehicle or pursuing officer in a manner~~ to purposely scare another person or intimidate a pursuing officer~~ that would cause a reasonable person in a similar circumstance to experience fear or intimidation;

(e) the person fled from the scene on foot after the pursuit ended; or

(f) the person collided with another person during the pursuit causing great or moderate bodily injury as defined in Section 16-3-600(A)~~; or~~

~~(g) the person was involved in a collision that resulted in property damage~~.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one year after~~upon~~ approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) (1) A law enforcement officer may not engage in vehicle

pursuits with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless:

(a) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed a crime of violence as defined in Section 16-23-10;

(b) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has escaped from a state or local detention facility; or

(b) the officer has received authorization to engage in the pursuit from a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit. The supervisor must consider alternatives to the pursuit before permitting authorization.

(2) A pursuing officer or supervisor must consider safety hazards including, but not limited to, speed, weather, traffic, road conditions, and if minors are present in the vehicles while in pursuit or supervising a pursuit.

(3) No later than January 1, 2026, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council shall establish supplemental statewide policies, procedures, and training courses that may further advise upon or restrict the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to engage in vehicle pursuit. State and local law enforcement agencies must abide by all vehicle pursuit policies, procedures, and training requirements adopted by the training council.

(4) The Public Safety Coordinating Council may not award grants to a law enforcement agency when an officer employed by the agency engages in an unlawful vehicle pursuit pursuant to this subsection.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. ROBBINS proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(c) and inserting:

(c) the person threw drugs and the amount was sufficient enough to warrant a charge of possession with the intent to distribute or trafficking pursuant to Chapter 53 of Title 44;

(c) the person threw ~~drugs, drug paraphernalia, or weapons~~a weapon from his vehicle;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) (1) A law enforcement officer may not engage in vehicle pursuits with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless:

(a) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed a crime of violence as defined in Section 16-23-10;

(b) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has escaped from a state or local detention facility; or

(b) the officer has received authorization to engage in the pursuit from a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit. The supervisor must consider alternatives to the pursuit before permitting authorization.

(2) A pursuing officer or supervisor must consider safety hazards including, but not limited to, speed, weather, traffic, road conditions, and if minors are present in the vehicles while in pursuit or supervising a pursuit.

(3) No later than January 1, 2026, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council shall establish supplemental statewide policies, procedures, and training courses that may further advise upon or restrict the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to engage in vehicle pursuit. State and local law enforcement agencies must abide by all vehicle pursuit policies, procedures, and training requirements adopted by the training council.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Gilliard
Grant	Hart	Henderson-Myers

Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.CM0014H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) A law enforcement officer may not engage in a vehicle pursuit with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless the patrol vehicle has at least one million dollars in automobile liability insurance coverage.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--25

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 98; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jones	King
McDaniel	Reese	Rose
Waters		

Total--10

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 74--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

H. 3276--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE

OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.CM0010H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record;

(c) if the violation causes great bodily injury, must be fined one thousand dollars and sentenced to not more than five years. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or

(d) if the violation causes death, is convicted of a felony and must be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.WAB0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-1-720 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-1-720. There is established a point system for the evaluation of the operating record of persons to whom a license to

operate motor vehicles has been granted and for the determination of the continuing qualifications of these persons for the privileges granted by the license to operate motor vehicles. The system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to the various violations in accordance with the following schedule:

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR explained the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke upon the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.HDB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 56-5-3890(D), by adding an item to read:

(4) Notwithstanding Section 56-1-640, a violation of this section must not be reported to the offender's motor vehicle insurer.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. ROSE spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. ROSE continued speaking.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment.

Rep. ROSE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 18; Nays 82

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bowers	Bradley
Calhoon	Chapman	Collins
Forrest	Hager	Hartz
Ligon	Martin	McGinnis
Montgomery	B. Newton	Pope
Sanders	G. M. Smith	Taylor

Total--18

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Brewer
Burns	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--82

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.HDB0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(E)(1) and inserting:

(1) stop a person for a violation of this section except when the officer has probable cause that a violation has occurred based on the officer's clear and unobstructed view of a person who is using a wireless electronic communication device to compose, send, or read a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this State;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.AHB0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

SECTION 4. During the first ~~ninety~~ one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act, law enforcement officers shall only issue warnings for violations of Section 56-5-3890, as amended by this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Luck	Martin	McCabe
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bowers	Burns
Chumley	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Guffey	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Morgan	Moss	Pace

Rivers	Terribile	White
Williams		

Total--25

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. FRANK a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

S. 156--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 156 (LC-156.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section

16-3-80(A) and inserting:

(A) A person who knowingly and unlawfully delivers, dispenses, or otherwise provides fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance as defined in Section 44-53-190(B) and Section 44-53-210(c)(6) to another person, in violation of the provisions of Section ~~44-53-370~~44-53-370(e)(9), commits the felony offense of fentanyl-induced homicide if the ~~proximate~~ direct cause of the death of any other person is the injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of any amount of the fentanyl or fentanyl-related substance that was unlawfully delivered, dispensed, or otherwise provided.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3930--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus, Hartz, Pope, Mitchell, Yow, Forrest, Hixon, Taylor, W. Newton, Teeple, Pedalino, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED

FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Rep. B. J. COX spoke in favor of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 85; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jones
King	McDaniel	Waters
Weeks		

Total--10

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3924--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Henderson-Myers and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 46

Consumable Hemp Products

Section 56-46-10. It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to possess or consume a “consumable hemp product.” A “consumable hemp product” is defined as a hemp, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabinoid product that is a hemp or cannabinoid derived good intended for human ingestion, absorption, or consumption made from a cannabinoid that is naturally occurring in a hemp plant or made from a cannabinoid that is chemically derived or otherwise synthetically manufactured that has been extracted or purified from an agricultural product. The following chemically derived hemp cannabinoids are specifically included in the definition of a consumable hemp product:

(1) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC);

(2) Tetrahydrocannabinol acetate ester (THCo);
(3) Tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCp);
(4) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
(5) Delta 10 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
(6) Delta 4 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
(7) Delta 11 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
(8) Delta 6a10a Tetrahydrocannabinol;
(9) Hehahydrocannabinol Acetate (HHC-O);
(10) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabiphorol;
(11) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabihexol;
(12) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl;
(13) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol methyl ether (THC-M);
(14) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl; or
(15) Delta 7 Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Section 56-46-20. (A) No person may knowingly:

(1) sell or distribute a product containing a consumable hemp product to a person who is under twenty-one years of age or purchase a product containing a consumable hemp product on behalf of a person who is under twenty-one years of age;

(2) persuade, entice, send, or assist a person who is under twenty-one years of age to purchase, acquire, receive, or attempt to purchase a consumable hemp product. This section does not preclude law enforcement efforts involving:

(a) the use of a minor if the minor's parent or legal guardian has consented to this action; or

(b) the use of a person under twenty-one years of age who is not a minor if the individual has consented to this action;

(3) distribute samples of consumable hemp product in or on a public street, sidewalk, or park; or

(4) sell or distribute a consumable hemp product without having first obtained proof of age from the purchaser or recipient.

(B) Any consumable hemp beverage product offered for retail sale shall be merchandised in such a manner including, but not limited to, signage, shelf-talkers, and stickers on cooler doors, so as to clearly indicate to consumers the product contains hemp-derived cannabinoids.

(C) With the exception of consumable hemp beverages, it is a violation to fail to maintain any product containing consumable hemp products locked away or behind the counter of a retail establishment in an area inaccessible to the customer.

(D) A person violating subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

(1) for a first offense, must be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined not less than four hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

(E) Section 61-6-4080 is applicable to a person who is in violation of subsection (A)(1) for the sale or distribution of a consumable hemp product.

(F) It is unlawful for a person under twenty-one years of age to:

(1) knowingly purchase, possess, or accept receipt of a consumable hemp product; or

(2) knowingly present purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person for the purpose of purchasing or receiving a consumable hemp product.

(G) A person violating subsection (F) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or must be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

(H) A person eighteen years of age and older lawfully employed to serve or remove consumable hemp products, beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages in establishments licensed to sell these beverages is not considered to be in unlawful possession of the beverages during the course and scope of his duties as an employee. The provisions of this subsection do not affect the requirement that a bartender must be at least twenty-one years of age.

Section 56-46-30. (A) The Department of Agriculture must enforce this chapter in a manner that may reasonably be expected to reduce the extent to which consumable hemp products are sold or distributed to persons under twenty-one years of age, and must conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where such products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with this chapter.

(B) The Department of Agriculture must submit an annual report to the General Assembly describing in detail the department's enforcement efforts under this chapter. The report also must be published and made available to the public on the department's website.

Section 56-46-40. (A) A person engaged in the business of selling at retail consumable hemp products must post in each location for which he has obtained a license a sign with the following words printed thereon:

"The possession of a consumable hemp product by a person under

twenty-one years of age is a criminal offense under the laws of this State, and it is also unlawful for a person to knowingly give false information concerning his age for the purpose of purchasing a consumable hemp product."

(B) The South Carolina Department of Agriculture must prescribe by regulation the size of the lettering and the location of the sign on the seller's premises.

(C) A retail seller of consumable hemp products who fails to display the sign required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Section 56-46-50. (A) Nothing in this act shall be construed to:

(1) legalize the sale, possession, or consumption of THC products by any person in this State where such products are otherwise prohibited by law;

(2) permit the sale or distribution of any product that exceeds the established THC limits; or

(3) prohibit the sale or distribution of any hemp product that is otherwise legal under state or federal law provided the sale or distribution is not in violation of this article.

(B) This article does not limit or affect any other federal or state law more strictly regulating THC or controlled substances in this State.

Section 56-46-60. An entity that is in the business of manufacturing or selling products containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid in this State, including a producer or retailer, may not be located within one thousand feet of a school, daycare facility, or other similar locations.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. During the first 180 days after the effective date of this act, law enforcement officers shall only issue warnings for violations of this article.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.VR0003H), which was adopted:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 56-46-10, by adding a subsection to read:
(16) any synthetic derivative or analog of the above compounds.
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 85 to 5.

Rep. HADDON proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.CM0001H), which was adopted:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 56-46-30 from the bill.
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson

Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 9, 2025
The Honorable Speaker G. Murrell Smith Jr.

506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3924 by adding Chapter 56 to Title 46 so as to regulate the sale of hemp-derived consumables, among other things out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3201--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3201 (LC-3201.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) The provisions of this section do not prevent a school district from accepting computer-related gifts, services, or other assistance from entities with expertise in computer science, artificial intelligence, or both, in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer

Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 126--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE

OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 126--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500,

RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO

DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 218--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

S. 218--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 218 (LC-218.VR0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-730(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall adopt and execute criteria, policies, and procedures for admissions to and discharges from South Carolina veterans' homes.

(2) Within sixty days of adopting or amending any admissions or discharge criteria, policies, or procedures for South Carolina veterans' homes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit, for informational purposes only, the full text of such criteria, policies, or procedures to:

(a) the South Carolina Legislative Oversight Committee;

(b) the Senate Family and Veterans' Services Committee; and

(c) the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

These submissions shall be accompanied by a summary of stakeholder engagement and an analysis of potential impacts on low-income, disabled, and minority veterans. The department also shall make these policies publicly accessible through its website and update them promptly upon any revisions.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. DAVIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Edgerton
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	Magnuson	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 89--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. L. COX moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 89 (LC-89.SA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-100(B)(1)(p), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), and (x) and inserting:

(p) Chairperson of the Edgefield County Council;

~~(p)~~(q) Mayor of North Augusta;

~~(n)~~(~~q~~)(r) Mayor of Beaufort;

~~(o)~~~~(r)~~(s) Mayor of Charleston;
~~(p)~~~~(s)~~(t) Mayor of Columbia;
~~(q)~~~~(t)~~(u) Mayor of North Charleston;
~~(r)~~~~(u)~~(v) Mayor of Port Royal;
~~(s)~~~~(v)~~(w) Mayor of Sumter;
~~(t)~~[~~w~~] (x)one or more members of the Senate or the House of Representatives appointed by the Governor; and
~~(u)~~~~(x)~~(y) ~~five~~ six at-large members appointed by the Governor who have demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: economic development, defense industry, military installation operation, environmental issues, finance, local government, or senior military leadership, of whom:

(i) ~~four~~ five shall represent, respectively, the ~~four~~ five military ~~communities~~ counties of Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston, ~~Columbia,~~Richland, and Sumter, and each shall reside in the military ~~community~~ county that he is appointed to represent; and

(ii) the ~~fifth~~ sixth at-large member shall serve as the task force chairman.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

Rep. B. J. COX moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. GRANT moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. CASKEY, from the Lexington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT

THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE

EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 388 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 389 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3163 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Hartnett, Teeple, Kilmartin, Montgomery, Sanders, Bauer, Guffey and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-11-30, RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES COMPENSABLE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CONDITIONS PRESUMED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE STROKE, AND TO REVISE PRESUMPTION ENTITLEMENT CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS DEVELOPED WHILE ACTIVELY ON DUTY INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHTING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4324 -- Reps. Hixon, Oremus, Hartz, Taylor, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN AMAZING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4325 -- Reps. Grant, King, Jones, Waters and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO END TARIFFS THAT ARE NEGATIVELY AFFECTING BMW AND OTHER CRITICAL INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE.

Rep. GRANT asked unanimous consent to have the Resolution be taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4326 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSHUA WILLIAMS OF FLORENCE, 66TH EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY AND HIS CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLARY SCHOLARSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4327 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL MALE AND FEMALE STRENGTH TEAMS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE OUTSTANDING ATHLETES ON WINNING THEIR RESPECTIVE 2025 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4328 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIVER BLUFF

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WINTER GUARD FOR CAPTURING THE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 2025 WINTER GUARD INTERNATIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON ITS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4329 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FREIDA ANN SCYPHERS RAWL JODIE ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4330 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley,

Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 KODAK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4331 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope,

Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 WICK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4332 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 BUMI AND K-9 SPECIALIST ALAN WARE OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4333 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INVESTIGATOR JACKIE "COTTON" HEFFNER, CORPORAL BRIAN GENWRIGHT, DEPUTY JEFFERY SESSOMS, AND DEPUTY BRIANNA ALLEN OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS SERGEANT SCOTT BOWEN AND OFFICER JAKE KING OF THE BENNETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4334 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein,

Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT CHRISTIAN D. ANDERSON AND CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER PARTRIDGE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4335 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSEES DO NOT NEED TO RESIDE OR MAINTAIN A PHYSICAL OFFICE IN THIS STATE TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVELY PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4336 -- Reps. Hartnett, Davis, Teeple and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER; A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, HEALTHCARE WORKER, OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE; OR AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DURING OR BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4338 -- Reps. Sanders, B. L. Cox and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-1-190 AND 5-25-950 BOTH SO AS TO PROHIBIT GOVERNING BODIES FROM LIMITING THE USE OF SPECIFIC STYLES OF EXTERIOR CLADDING OR FINISH MATERIALS FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4340 -- Reps. Bauer and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS EXCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4341 -- Reps. Wetmore, Edgerton, Brewer, Crawford, M. M. Smith, Caskey and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-7-230, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR ROADS OR STREETS UPON WHICH MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-

175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE

FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING

SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF A LICENSEE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 469 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC HARVEST REPORTING OF BIG GAME - SC GAME CHECK, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5331, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

S. 470 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS; TURKEY HUNTING RULES AND SEASON; AND BEAR HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5332, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE

1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4290 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORRY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND THOMAS N. BRITTAIN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 BETWEEN S. OLD PIEDMONT HIGHWAY AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 185 IN

GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:24 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, adjourned in memory of Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, April 10, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from 2 Samuel 23:4: "He is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth."

Let us pray. Blessings and honor and glory and might be with these Representatives and Staff as they continue to do their work for the people of South Carolina. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Remember our Armed Forces and those who suffer from wounds, those seen and hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ERICKSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of her brother, Norman Monroe Smith, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Norman Monroe Smith

I would like to adjourn in memory of Norman Monroe Smith, my younger brother who passed away after a long battle with illnesses associated with addiction and dependency. I pray for all South Carolina families who suffer these illnesses and trials.

Rep. Shannon Erickson

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Norman Monroe Smith, brother of Rep. ERICKSON.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Robert Frank "Bob" McCurry Sr.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

This week, my business partner and dear friend of our family Matt McCurry's father, Bob McCurry of Holly Hill, widower of Caroline Rhame McCurry, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025, at the age of 91. Bob was a giant in the SC agriculture industry. He was born in Greenwood, SC, raised in Ware Shoals, and joined the National Guard while in high school. He was a 1956 graduate of University of South Carolina. While there, he met his lifelong love, Caroline Rhame of Holly Hill, who was attending Columbia College.

After graduating, Bob was hired by the Rock Hill YMCA, eventually rising to Executive Director. When his father-in-law's health deteriorated, they moved their family to Holly Hill to help with the family farming business. Bob devoted his life from then on to agriculture, particularly farming and peach production. He served on the South Carolina Agricultural Commission and traveled to the Far East and to Europe on multiple trade missions to promote SC agriculture and commerce. He also was proud to serve for many years on the Board of Farmers and Merchants Bank.

A devoted member of Holly Hill Methodist Church, Bob taught junior high Sunday School for 33 years, sang in the choir, and served in many other roles. Bob also had a heart for teaching and coaching. He served on the board of Holly Hill Academy and was its first varsity basketball coach.

I ask that my fellow Members of the House stand for a moment of silent prayer in honor and memory of Robert "Bob" McCurry.

Rep. Kathy Landing

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present—107

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MAY signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, April 9.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SCHUESSLER a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral out of state.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CROMER a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BREWER a leave of absence for the day due to a professional obligation.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FRANK a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GOVAN a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ANDERSON a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. TERRIBILE presented to the House the Fort Mill High School "Yellow Jackets" AAAAA Division 2 Wrestling State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ALEXANDER presented to the House the Wilson High School "Tigers" Academic Challenge State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3034
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	KILMARTIN and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3035
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3036
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3058
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	B. NEWTON and W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3163
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3268
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	HARDEE and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	B. NEWTON and WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX and W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	HUFF and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3916
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	EDGERTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	FORREST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3948
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4163
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4270
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4300
Date:	ADD:
04/10/25	LUCK

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 4187--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL

DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4187--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4187 be read the third time tomorrow.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY

AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

H. 4296 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN

CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

H. 4307 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR

COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL

DISABILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR FOR EACH OF THE COMPONENT OFFICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE DEFINITIONS TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-210, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-220, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-230, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-240, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-255, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CONFIRMED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-20, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CREATE THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDE FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-20, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES FROM THE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER TRANSFER THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-30, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-420, RELATING TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO GIVE SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER TO AID AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORDERS DURING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS

CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CERTAIN DEFINITIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN AGENCY NAMES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, PURSUANT TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS EXISTING POWERS UNDER SECTION 44-1-140, ANY SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED WHOSE REFUSAL OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR TESTING RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHETHER HE IS INFECTED WITH THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY VACCINATE OR TREAT PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE INFORMED CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HARD DEADLINE FOR A PETITION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF VACCINATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 44-9-40 RELATING TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH,

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3175--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	Montgomery	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3258--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3778--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WILLIAMS made the Point of Order that the Joint Resolution was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3250--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3251--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3944--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4134--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN

YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3925--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3800--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3645--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3832--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

S. 164--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

The Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 164 (LC-164.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 1-23-115(A) and inserting:

(A) Upon written request by two members of the General Assembly, made before submission of a promulgated regulation to the General Assembly for legislative review, a regulation that has a substantial economic impact must have an assessment report prepared pursuant to this section and in accordance with the procedures contained in this article. In addition to any other method as may be provided by the General Assembly, the legislative committee to which the promulgated regulation has been referred, by majority vote, may send a written notification to the promulgating agency informing the agency that the committee cannot approve the promulgated regulation unless an assessment report is prepared and provided to the committee. The written notification tolls the running of the ~~one hundred twenty day~~~~one hundred day~~one-hundred-ten-day legislative review period, and the period does not begin to run again until an assessment report prepared in accordance with this article is submitted to the committee. Upon receipt of the assessment report, additional days must be added to the days remaining in the ~~one hundred twenty day~~~~one hundred day~~one-hundred-ten-day review period, if less than twenty days, to equal twenty days. A copy of the assessment report must be provided to each member of the committee.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 1-23-120(C) and (D) and inserting:

(C) Upon receipt of the regulation, the President and Speaker shall refer the regulation for review to the standing committees of the Senate and House which are most concerned with the function of the promulgating agency. A copy of the regulation or a synopsis of the regulation must be given to each member of the committee, and Legislative Council shall notify all members of the General Assembly when regulations are submitted for review either through electronic means or by addition of this information to the website maintained by the Legislative Services Agency, or both. The committees to which regulations are referred have one hundred ten ~~twenty~~ days from the date regulations are submitted to the General Assembly to consider and take action on these regulations. However, if a regulation is referred to a committee and no action occurs in that committee on the regulation within sixty calendar days of receipt of the regulation, the regulation must be placed on the agenda of the full committee beginning with the next scheduled full committee meeting.

(D) If a joint resolution to approve a regulation is not enacted within

one hundred ten ~~twenty~~ days after the regulation is submitted to the General Assembly or if a joint resolution to disapprove a regulation has not been introduced by a standing committee to which the regulation was referred for review, the regulation is effective upon publication in the State Register. Upon introduction of the first joint resolution disapproving a regulation by a standing committee to which the regulation was referred for review, the ~~one-hundred-twenty-day~~~~one-hundred-day~~one-hundred-ten-day legislative review period for automatic approval is tolled. A regulation may not be filed under the emergency provisions of Section 1-23-130 if a joint resolution to disapprove the regulation has been introduced by a standing committee to which the regulation was referred. Upon a negative vote by either the Senate or House of Representatives on the resolution disapproving the regulation and the notification in writing of the negative vote to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate by the Clerk of the house in which the negative vote occurred, the remainder of the period begins to run. If the remainder of the period is less than ninety days, additional days must be added to the remainder to equal ninety days. The introduction of a joint resolution by the committee of either house does not prevent the introduction of a joint resolution by the committee of the other house to either approve or disapprove the regulations concerned. A joint resolution approving or disapproving a regulation must include:

(1) the synopsis of the regulation as required by subsection (B)(4);

(2) the summary of the final assessment report prepared by the office pursuant to Section 1-23-115 or, as required by subsection (B)(5), the statement or explanation that an assessment report is not required or is exempt.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 1-23-120(E) and inserting:

(E) The ~~one-hundred-twenty-day~~~~one-hundred-day~~one-hundred-ten-day legislative review period ~~of review~~ begins on the date the regulation is filed with the President and Speaker. ~~Sine die adjournment of the General Assembly tolls the running of the period of review, and the remainder of the period begins to run upon the next convening of the General Assembly excluding special sessions called by the Governor~~The legislative review period is tolled from the second Friday in May through the second Monday the following January.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 1-23-120(F) and inserting:

(F) Any member of the General Assembly may introduce a joint resolution approving or disapproving a regulation thirty days following the date the regulations concerned are referred to a standing committee for review and no committee joint resolution approving or disapproving the regulations has been introduced and the regulations concerned have not been withdrawn by the promulgating agency pursuant to Section 1-23-125, but the introduction does not toll the ~~one-hundred-twenty-day~~~~one-hundred-day~~one-hundred-ten-day legislative review period ~~of~~ for automatic approval.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 1-23-125(C) and inserting:

(C) The notification tolls the ~~one-hundred-twenty-day~~~~one-hundred-day~~one-hundred-ten-day legislative review period for automatic approval, and when an agency withdraws regulations from the General Assembly prior to the time a committee resolution to approve or disapprove the regulation has been introduced, the remainder of the period begins to run only on the date the regulations are resubmitted to the General Assembly. Upon resubmission of the regulations, additional days must be added to the days remaining in the legislative review period for automatic approval, if less than twenty days, to equal twenty days, and a copy of the amended regulation must be given to each member of the committee. If an agency decides to take no action pursuant to subsection (B)(3), it shall notify the committee in writing and the remainder of the period begins to run only upon this notification.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 164--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 164 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 388--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 388 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 388--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 388 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 389--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 389 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 389--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 389 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3752--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Reps. HARRIS, GIBSON, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, MAY and J. E. JOHNSON requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3163--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3163 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Hartnett, Teeple, Kilmartin, Montgomery, Sanders, Bauer, Guffey, Taylor and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-11-30, RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES COMPENSABLE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CONDITIONS

PRESUMED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE STROKE, AND TO REVISE PRESUMPTION ENTITLEMENT CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS DEVELOPED WHILE ACTIVELY ON DUTY INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHTING.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3163 (LC-3163.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 42-11-30(A) and inserting:

(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, for purposes of the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Law, any impairment or injury to the health of a firefighter caused by heart disease, stroke, or respiratory disease resulting in total or partial disability or death is presumed to have arisen out of and in the course of employment, unless the contrary is shown by competent evidence, if the firefighter is at the time of such impairment or injury a bona fide member of a municipal, county, state, port authority, or fire control district fire department in this State. In order to be entitled to the presumption provided for in this section, any person becoming a member of a fire department after May 29, 1968, must be under the age of thirty-seven years and must have successfully passed a physical examination by a competent physician upon entering into such service or by July 1, 2012, a written report of which must have been made and filed before any alleged injury with the fire department, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of such condition or conditions, and the condition or conditions developed while actively engaged in fighting a fire ~~on duty~~, a technical rescue incident, or a firefighter training exercise that involves stressful or strenuous physical activity, or within twenty-four hours thereof ~~or within twenty-four hours from the date of last service in the activity~~. This presumption does not apply to clerical, administrative, or sedentary activities.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3129--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3129 (LC-3129.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-2-5010(A) and inserting:

(A) A business entity may operate a personal delivery device in a pedestrian area, sidewalk, or crosswalk in this State ~~or on a highway~~, with the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian, subject to the requirements and restrictions contained in this article. Except as authorized in this article, a person shall not operate a personal delivery device in a pedestrian area, sidewalk, or crosswalk, State or local road ~~or on a highway~~ in this State.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-2-5010(B)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) not be operated in a pedestrian area at a speed greater than ~~ten~~ eight miles an hour under normal operation, or a speed no greater than ten miles an hour for emergency purposes; and

(3) not be operated on a State or local road~~highway~~ except as necessary to cross a State or local road at a designated crosswalk.~~highway or along a highway if a sidewalk is not provided or accessible.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-2-5010(D) and (E) and inserting:

~~(D)~~ (C) The personal delivery device shall:

(1) obey all traffic and pedestrian-control devices and signs;

(2) yield the right of way to all human pedestrians;

(3) not unreasonably interfere with any vehicle or pedestrian; and

(4) not transport materials regulated under the federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

~~(E)~~ (D) A personal delivery device shall be equipped with:

(1) a marker that clearly states the name and contact information of the owner;

(2) a braking system that enables the device to come to a controlled stop; and

(3) when operated at night, lights on the front and rear that are visible and recognizable under normal atmospheric conditions from at least five hundred feet on all sides of the personal delivery device.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4301--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and was referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry:

H. 4301 -- Reps. White, G. M. Smith, McCravy and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2956 SO AS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS VIOLATIONS.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. ERICKSON asked unanimous consent to recall S. 276 from the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. BAMBERG objected.

H. 4341--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. DAVIS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs and was referred to the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 4341 -- Reps. Wetmore, Edgerton, Brewer, Crawford, M. M. Smith, Caskey and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-7-230, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR ROADS OR STREETS UPON WHICH MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED

PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO

SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING

CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus, Hartz, Pope, Mitchell, Yow, Forrest, Hixon, Taylor, W. Newton, Teeple, Pedalino, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long,

Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Henderson-Myers and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

S. 74--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3752--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

Office of the President
South Carolina Senate

Columbia, S.C., March 13, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 8-13-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025

Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Seat: Senate - Majority
Vice: Scott E. Frick

Ms. Sara Parrish
165 Etiwan Pointe Drive
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29492

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Senate,
Thomas C. Alexander
President

Referred to the House Ethics Committee

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., April 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my reappointment of Judge William B. Cox Jr. as Kershaw County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Cox qualified and the Kershaw County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this reappointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Kershaw County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: July 1, 2025
Term Expiring: July 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable William B. Cox Jr.

136 Hunt Trace
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile

Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3996 -- Reps. Sessions and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4344 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan,

Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM JUNE 2025 AS "SOUTH CAROLINA TRAILS MONTH" AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABUNDANCE OF TRAILS IN THIS STATE AND ENJOY THE COUNTLESS HEALTH, LEARNING, AND SOCIAL BENEFITS THAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM THEIR USE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4345 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MEMBERS OF THE SIGMA PI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED

ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4346 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CANDICE HERLONG POU OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AUDIT COUNCIL UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4347 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DIMITRIOS KONSTANTINOS KAKOURAS OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4349 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith,

Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY ELIZABETH "MARIBETH" ROLLINGS WERTS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4348 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 1, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 4350 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO

REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

Rep. FORREST moved that when the House adjourns that it next meet in regular statewide session on Tuesday, April 22, at 12:00 noon.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4331 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 WICK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

H. 4332 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley,

Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 BUMI AND K-9 SPECIALIST ALAN WARE OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4323 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY DEPUTY MATTHEW REDFEARN OF

THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

H. 4321 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SADIE GAMBLE, ELLAFAIR DURANT, RAILYN JOYNER, AND KAYDEN CRISANTI, FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY, ON WINNING THE 2025 CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY BLACK WATER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

H. 4333 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss,

Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INVESTIGATOR JACKIE "COTTON" HEFFNER, CORPORAL BRIAN GENWRIGHT, DEPUTY JEFFERY SESSOMS, AND DEPUTY BRIANNA ALLEN OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS SERGEANT SCOTT BOWEN AND OFFICER JAKE KING OF THE BENNETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

H. 4334 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT CHRISTIAN D. ANDERSON AND CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER PARTRIDGE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4330 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 KODAK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ERICKSON, adjourned in memory of Norman Monroe Smith, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from 1 Peter 5:4: "And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."

Let us pray. Love, power, and glory are ours as we receive such wonderful things from our Lord who loves us and grants us everything we need. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders safe as they care for us. Be our guide for life as we receive Your love for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Bless and keep safe our Armed Forces and those who suffer wounds and hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE

REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolutions were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 388 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

S. 389 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 22.

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Tuesday, April 22, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 56:1: "Thus says the Lord; maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed."

Let us pray. What does the Lord require of us, but to love kindness and mercy and to love each other and that we do so in this place. Keep these women and men here doing the work for the people of South Carolina. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they keep us safe. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of themselves to this great cause. Bless and keep our women and men in the Armed Forces and for those who suffer wounds especially those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, April 11, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BRADLEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Jay Wiendl of Hilton Head Island, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Jay Wiendl

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today to honor the life of Jay Wiendl of Hilton Head Island - a beloved husband, father, mentor, and leader in our hospitality community. Jay's impact stretched from the Tiki Hut to the ballfield, from the Chamber boardroom to the waters he loved to fish. He leaves behind a legacy of service, joy, and friendship. May he rest in peace.

Rep. Jeff Bradley

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Ken Hodges.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for everyone affected by the school bus tragedy on I-77.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Leah Johnson, Executive Director
South Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Darla Moore Foundation and ArtFields, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Bean Market, 111 Henry Street, Lake City, S.C.

Sincerely,
Phillip Rodgers

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Boating & Fishing Alliance, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Savage Craft.

Sincerely,
Desiree Watson

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Towing and Recovery Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Anna Wingard
TRASC President

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, the Members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and families are invited to a Family Day

at the Zoo. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, 500 Wildlife Parkway.

Sincerely,
Thomas K. Stringfellow
President & CEO, Riverbanks Zoo & Garden

April 16, 2025
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Association of Public Communication Officials and the National Emergency Number Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Wendy Rooney
2nd Vice President SC NENA

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5309
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Cosmetology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-13-60 and 40-13-70
State Board of Cosmetology
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5335
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-19-60, and 40-19-70
South Carolina State Board of Funeral Service
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5242
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140, 58-23-590, 58-23-1010, 58-23-1070, and 58-23-1130
Article 2, Motor Carriers
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5348
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50 and 40-1-70
Fee Schedules
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 5366
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-40-40, 59-40-115, and 59-40-180
Procedures and Standards for Review of Charter School Applications
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
April 10, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration April 14, 2026

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Williams Willis Wooten
Yow

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HADDON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. PACE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to a family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3030
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3058
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3258
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3535
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3802
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	POPE and LONG

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3832
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3925
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	HART

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4163
Date:	ADD:
04/22/25	ALEXANDER

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4216
Date:	REMOVE:
04/22/25	WICKENSIMER

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

H. 3163 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Hartnett, Teeple, Kilmartin, Montgomery, Sanders, Bauer, Guffey, Taylor and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-11-30, RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES COMPENSABLE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CONDITIONS PRESUMED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE STROKE, AND TO REVISE PRESUMPTION ENTITLEMENT

CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS DEVELOPED WHILE ACTIVELY ON DUTY INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHTING.

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

H. 3058--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton, B. Newton and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3058 (LC-3058.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-15-332(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A) A person who intentionally disseminates an intimate image or a digitally forged intimate image of another person without the effective consent of the depicted person is guilty of the unauthorized disclosure of intimate images. A person intentionally disseminates an intimate image or a digitally forged intimate image if he has knowledge that the image was obtained or created under circumstances when he knew or reasonably should have known the person depicted had a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any dissemination of multiple intimate images of the same individual as part of a common act is a single offense. The

fact that the identifiable individual:

(1) provided affirmative consent for the creation of the intimate image shall not establish that the individual provided effective consent for the dissemination of the intimate image; and

(2) disclosed the intimate image to another individual shall not establish that the identifiable individual provided effective consent for the dissemination of the intimate image by the person alleged to have violated this section.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of this section, with the intent to cause physical, mental, economic, or reputational harm to the individual portrayed in the image, or for the purpose of profit or pecuniary gain, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, for a:

(1) first offense, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; or

(2) second or subsequent offense, after an intervening adjudication for a previous violation of the provisions of this section, must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not less than one year but not more than ten years, or both. No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor probation granted.

(C) ~~Dissemination of multiple intimate images or digitally forged intimate images of the same individual may be considered separate and distinct offenses.~~ A person who violates the provisions of this section, without the intent to cause physical, mental, economic, or reputational harm to the individual portrayed in the image, or for the purpose of profit or pecuniary gain, for a:

(1) first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; or

(2) second or subsequent offense, after an intervening adjudication for a previous violation of the provisions of this section, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3058.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. B. J. COX moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 29, which was agreed to.

H. 3258--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith, Schuessler and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION

OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3258 (LC-3258.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-66-35(A)(1)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) connects disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies; ~~and~~

(b) integrates with existing technology found in each local public safety answering-point infrastructure, as defined in Section 23-47-10, to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations; and

(c) provides annual training to all public resource officers and public school personnel, who work in the districts where the systems are utilized, on the proper use of the panic button alert system;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-66-35(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) The Department of Education, in consultation with the State Law Enforcement Division and the Department of Public Safety, shall~~:~~

~~(1)~~ identify vendors of systems that satisfy the requirements of subsection (A)(1) for use by school districts, and shall make this list of vendors available to schools no later than January 1, 2026~~; and~~

~~(2) provide mandatory annual training to all public school resource officers and public school personnel on the proper use of the panic button alert system~~.

(C) The State Board of Education, through the State Department of Education, ~~shall~~may promulgate regulations to implement this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3258.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3258. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

H. 3778--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3778 (LC-3778.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION 1. (A) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 59-1-425,~~ The governing body of a school district may waive the requirement that public schools make up full days missed due to inclement weather for public schools in the districts that were closed due to inclement weather associated with Hurricane Helene during the 2024-2025 School Year if the State Superintendent of Education certifies the following:

(1) that the district designated at least three days within its school calendar to be used as make-up days in the event of inclement weather;

(2) if those designated days were used or were no longer available, that the local school board of trustees waived up to three days;

(3) that if forgiveness of additional days was necessary, the State Board of Education waived the requirements of making up days beyond the three days forgiven by the local school district, not to exceed three additional days;

(4) that the district has submitted a plan to create a more appropriate schedule and expectations for lengthened school days or Saturday classes in the event of future inclement weather events; and,

(5) that the district will seek assistance from the State Department of Education to understand the provisions of Section 59-1-425.

(B) When a district waives a make-up day pursuant to this section, the make-up day also is waived for home schooling programs in the district that have been approved by the board of trustees and to charter schools in the district.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Joint Resolution.

The question recurred to the passage of the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer

Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3778.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 3250--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Rep. MCGINNIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3250.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 3251--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

Rep. MCGINNIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Caskey	Guffey	Luck

Total--3

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3251.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 3944--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3944 (LC-3944.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 56-5-4160, by adding a subsection to read:

(O) The exception provided in subsection (N) shall expire on July 1, 2030.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. VAUGHAN explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 87; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Ligon	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Neese	B. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gibson	Gilreath	Hardee
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Lawson	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
Morgan	Moss	Oremus
Terribile	White	

Total--23

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 3944.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 4134--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4134 (LC-4134.DG0001H), which was

adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 11-44-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 11-44-30. For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Angel investor" means an accredited investor as defined by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, who is:

(a) an individual person who is a resident of this State or a nonresident who is subject to taxes imposed by Chapter 6, Title 12; or

(b) a pass-through entity which is formed for investment purposes, has no business operations, does not have committed capital under management exceeding five million dollars, and is not capitalized with funds raised or pooled through private placement memoranda directed to institutional investors. A venture capital fund or commodity fund with institutional investors or a hedge fund does not qualify as an angel investor.

(2) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

~~(2)~~(3) "Headquarters" means the facility or portion of a facility where corporate staff employees are physically employed, and where the majority of the company's or company business unit's financial, personnel, legal, planning, information technology, or other headquarters-related functions are handled.

~~(3)~~(4) "Net income tax liability" means South Carolina state income tax liability reduced by all other credits allowed under Titles 11, 12, and 48.

~~(4)~~(5) "Pass-through entity" means a partnership, an S-corporation, or a limited liability company taxed as a partnership.

~~(5)~~(6) "Qualified business" means a registered business that:

(a) is either a corporation, limited liability company, or a general or limited partnership located in this State and has its headquarters located in this State at the time the investment was made and has maintained these headquarters for the entire time the qualified business benefitted from the tax credit provided for pursuant to this section. A business that is either a corporation, limited liability company, or limited partnership must be on file with the South Carolina Secretary of State and in good standing for the duration of its registration as a qualified business;

(b) was organized no more than five years before the qualified investment was made;

(c) employs twenty-five or fewer people in this State at the time

it is registered as a qualified business;

(d) has had in any complete fiscal year before registration gross income as determined in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of two million dollars or less on a consolidated basis;

(e) is primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, warehousing, wholesaling, software development, information technology services, research and development, or a business providing services set forth in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13), other than those described in subitem (f); and

(f) does not engage substantially in:

(i) retail sales;

(ii) real estate or construction;

(iii) professional services;

(iv) gambling;

(v) natural resource extraction;

(vi) financial brokerage, investment activities, or insurance;

(vii) entertainment, amusement, recreation, or athletic or fitness activity for which an admission or fee is charged.

A business is substantially engaged in one of the activities defined in subitem (f) if its gross revenue from an activity exceeds twenty-five percent of its gross revenues in a fiscal year or it is established pursuant to its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or similar organizational documents to engage as one of its primary purposes such activity.

~~(6)~~(7) "Qualified investment" means an investment by an angel investor of cash in a qualified business for common or preferred stock or an equity interest or a purchase for cash of subordinated debt in a qualified business. Investment of common or preferred stock or an equity interest or purchase of subordinated debt does not qualify as a qualified investment if a broker fee or commission or a similar remuneration is paid or given directly or indirectly for soliciting an investment or a purchase.

~~(7)~~(8) "Registered" or "registration" means that a business has been certified by the ~~Secretary~~ department as a qualified business at the time of application to the ~~Secretary~~department.

~~(8) "Secretary" means the Secretary of State.~~

SECTION X. Section 11-44-60 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 11-44-60. (A) A qualified business shall register with the ~~Secretary~~ department for purposes of this chapter. Approval of this registration constitutes certification by the ~~Secretary~~ department for twelve months after being issued. A business is permitted to renew its

registration with the ~~Secretary~~ department so long as, at the time of renewal, the business remains a qualified business. Upon approval of qualified business's registration, the department shall transmit a copy of the certification of registration to the South Carolina Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall then publish an electronic copy of the certification of registration on its website.

(B) If the ~~Secretary~~ department finds that any information contained in an application of a business for registration under this chapter is false, the ~~Secretary~~ department shall revoke the registration of the business. The ~~Secretary~~ department shall not revoke the registration of a business only because it ceases business operations for an indefinite period of time, as long as the business renews its registration. Upon revocation of qualified business's registration, the department shall transmit a copy of the revocation of registration to the South Carolina Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall then publish an electronic copy of the revocation of registration on its website.

(C) A registration as a qualified business may not be sold or otherwise transferred, except that, if a qualified business enters into a merger, conversion, consolidation, or other similar transaction with another business and the surviving company would otherwise meet the criteria for being a qualified business, the surviving company retains the registration for the twelve-month registration period without further application to the ~~Secretary~~department. In this case, the qualified business shall provide the ~~Secretary~~ department with written notice of the merger, conversion, consolidation, or similar transaction and other information as required by the ~~Secretary~~department.

(D) By January thirty-first each year, the ~~Secretary~~ department shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Governor, a list of the businesses that have registered with the ~~Secretary~~ department as a qualified business. The report must include, by county, the name and address of each business, the location of its headquarters, a description of the type of business in which it engages, the amount of capital it has raised including the amount of qualified investment as defined by this chapter, the number of full-time, part-time, and temporary jobs created by the business during the period covered by the report, and the average wages paid by these jobs. An aggregated statewide report containing the number of businesses, the amount of capital raised by the businesses including the amount of qualified investment as defined by this chapter, the number of full-time, part-time and temporary jobs created by the businesses, and the average wages paid by these jobs also must be made available in a conspicuous

place on the ~~Secretary's~~ department's website. The report must be updated annually.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan

Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Guffey
Harris	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Oremus	Pedalino	Terribile
White		

Total--19

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber meeting with House leadership on pending legislation. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 4134.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3925--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow, B. Newton and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION

11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3925 (LC-3925.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 11-3-250 and inserting:

Section 11-3-250. By November first of each year, the Comptroller General shall confirm the accuracy of cash and investments in the treasury for the previous fiscal year as reported by the State Treasurer by agency and South Carolina Enterprise Information System (SCEIS) fund, as required in Section 11-5-290, within ~~the South Carolina Enterprise Information System~~SCEIS or the state's book of record. Any unreconciled differences must be made known to the State Treasurer, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 11-5-120 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 11-5-120. The State Treasurer shall publish, quarterly, by electronic means and in a manner that allows for public review, a statement showing the amount of money on hand and in what financial institution it is deposited and the respective funds, as defined by governmental accounting standards, to which it belongs.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 11-5-290 and inserting:

Section 11-5-290. The State Treasurer shall maintain an accounting of cash and investments in the treasury by agency and South Carolina Enterprise Information System(SCEIS) fund, as defined by governmental accounting standards, in a form required by the Comptroller General. By August thirty-first of each year, the State Treasurer shall produce a report of ~~such~~ the accounting ~~of~~ for the

previous fiscal year to the Comptroller General, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. The State Treasurer shall confirm the accuracy and completeness of the report and inform the General Assembly of any substantive concern regarding the accuracy.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 11-5-185(A) and inserting:

(A)In addition to other reports required by law to be made, by the State Treasurer, he shall also submit a report annually to the General Assembly ~~in the month of~~by the second Tuesday in January on the following matters:

~~(1) The amount of state revenue collected in the previous fiscal year.~~

~~(2) The amount of such revenue deposited in the state general fund.~~

~~(3)~~(1) The location of ~~general fund revenue~~cash and investments custodied by the State Treasurer in banks and other financial institutions ~~including invested funds~~, as of the end of the previous fiscal year.

~~(4)~~(2) The gross interest and fees accrued and earned from deposits and investments for the previous fiscal year and the use of such interest.

~~(5)~~(3) The amount of realized revenue or losses from investments, and the amount of unrealized revenue or losses from investments for the previous fiscal year.

~~(5)~~~~(6)~~(4) The amount expended for debt service in the previous fiscal year.

~~(6)~~~~(7)~~(5) The current status of the general fund reserve including any expenditure or reimbursement thereof.

~~(7)~~~~(8)~~(6) Any other ~~information relating to state revenue which the Treasurer deems pertinent and of value to the General Assembly~~amount, account, fund or combination, which is new, missing, or otherwise unaccounted for, including such items as special state funds, treasury funds, the highway fund and other funds not specified herein, as may be deemed appropriate by the Treasurer.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 11-5-185(B)(1) and inserting:

(1) ~~ensure~~ confirm the accuracy of treasury cash and investment data in the reports required pursuant to subsection (A) including the accuracy of such data in any systems or books-of-records;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 11-5-185(C) and inserting:

(C) The General Assembly shall provide in the annual general appropriations act for the reasonable cost of preparing this report.

(D) The annual report required by this section also must be made available to the State Auditor, Comptroller General, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3925. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Ligon

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., April 10, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to section 8-13-310 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
State Ethics Commission
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025
Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Type: Initial Appointment
Seat: Governor's Appointee
Vice: Brandolyn T. Pinkston

Ms. Helen F. Munnerlyn
Post Office Box 23205
Columbia, South Carolina 29224

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

Referred to the House Ethics Committee

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., April 15, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of James Patterson "Pat" Saverance Jr., Esquire to serve as Lee County Master-in-Equity for the remainder of the unexpired term of the Honorable Stephen B. Doby, which expires December 31, 2025, and the subsequent term, which expires December 31, 2031. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. Saverance qualified and the Lee

County Legislative Delegation has submitted her name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Lee County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: December 31, 2019
Initial Term Expiring: December 31, 2025
Subsequent Term Commencing: December 31, 2025
Subsequent Term Expiring: December 31, 2031
Vice: Hon. Stephen B. Doby (elevated)

Contact Information:
James Patterson "Pat" Saverance Jr., Esquire
345 Country Manor Estate
Bishopville, South Carolina 29010

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart

Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 15, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor’s appointment of:

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Kershaw County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: July 1, 2025
Term Expiring: July 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

The Honorable William B. Cox Jr.
136 Hunt Trace
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Very respectfully,
President of the Senate

Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 16, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's appointment of:

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Lee County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: December 31, 2019
Initial Term Expiring: December 31, 2025
Subsequent Term Commencing: December 31, 2025
Subsequent Term Expiring: December 31, 2031
Vice: Hon. Stephen B. Doby (elevated)

Contact Information:
James Patterson "Pat" Saverance Jr., Esquire
345 Country Manor Estate
Bishopville, South Carolina 29010

Very respectfully,
President of the Senate

Received as information.

H. 3497--ORDERED COMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, PURSUANT TO RULE 4.8

The Senate returned to the House with amendments the following:

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

The SPEAKER, citing Rule 4.8, ordered the Bill committed to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4351 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff,

J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SOFTBALL GAME BE NAMED THE "BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SOFTBALL GAME" AS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN'S LEGACY OF SERVICE, FRIENDSHIP, AND JOY.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin at the age of thirty-eight on Sunday, March 30, 2025; and

Whereas, Mary Elizabeth was born on July 3, 1986, to parents Thomas Stowe Mullikin and Virginia Ann Mullikin. Her childhood years were marked by her care for her friends and family and her ambition to excel. Her excellence and work ethic were apparent in her accomplishments, including her number one position on the Camden High School girls tennis team, her status as a black belt in American freestyle karate, and her certification as a SCUBA diving instructor; and

Whereas, following her graduation from the University of South Carolina, Mary Elizabeth served in the White House under former President George W. Bush. She also worked in the South Carolina Senate, where she formed relationships that would endure for the rest of her career; and

Whereas, the daughter of two lawyers, Thomas and Virginia Ann, Mary Elizabeth went on to pursue the family interest in law and obtained her juris doctorate from the Charleston School of Law in 2011. She served with a boutique tax law firm and a large multistate law firm while she was in law school; and

Whereas, Mary Elizabeth gained experience and extensive knowledge

on state and federal laws governing healthcare and insurance and the South Carolina legislative process while working for the Mullikin Law Firm, which was founded by her parents. This experience led her to a position at BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, where she was an accomplished lawyer and lobbyist; and

Whereas, always defined by her faith, Mary Elizabeth had a passion for serving others. This included a drive to support victims of domestic abuse. She served on the board of directors of Pathways to Healing, a nonprofit organization aimed at ending sexual violence through advocacy, education, and supportive services for domestic abuse victims; and

Whereas, during Mary Elizabeth's time with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, she worked with members and staff in a bipartisan and collaborative fashion. She particularly enjoyed the legislative softball game, an event for legislators, staff, and their families that is hosted every year by BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina; and

Whereas, the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Annual Legislative Softball Game has long served as a celebration of our legislative community, bipartisan fellowship, and the family spirit of the General Assembly—values that Mary Elizabeth embodied every day of her time at the State House; and

Whereas, renaming the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Annual Legislative Softball Game in Mary Elizabeth's honor would be a fitting tribute to this daughter of South Carolina who exemplified the very best of the State and who brought joy to the State House through her laughter, grace, and generous heart. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, respectfully request that the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Annual Legislative Softball Game be renamed the "BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Mary Elizabeth Mullikin Annual Legislative Softball Game" as a lasting tribute to Mary Elizabeth Mullikin's legacy of service, friendship, and joy.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to

BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and to the family of Mary Elizabeth Mullikin.

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, with unanimous consent, the Resolution received immediate consideration.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4352 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4353 -- Reps. Kirby, Dillard, Collins, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO DR. MILBURN PRICE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFLUENCE ON CHORAL MUSICIANS AND COMPOSITIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH JOY AND CONTENTMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4354 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM ON ITS STELLAR SEASON AND TO SALUTE ITS MEMBERS FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4355 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MOYE GRAHAM FOR DEDICATION TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND FOR SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT ON AGING.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4356 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. KEVIN POLLOCK, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4357 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE CAROLINA SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, THEIR COACHES, AND SCHOOL LEADERS FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL SEASON, AND TO RECOGNIZE THEIR VICTORY IN THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4358 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GRACE SOWELL ROBERTS OF KERSHAW ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4359 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4360 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. GERRITA POSTLEWAIT, SUPERINTENDENT OF LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, FOR A LIFETIME OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4361 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KELLAN FENEGAN, A SENIOR IN THE HONORS COLLEGE AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER

STELLAR COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP AND FOR HER UPCOMING GRADUATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4362 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Rose, B. J. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRUCE RAY VOLLNOGLE OF GREENVILLE FOR HIS DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN TRANSPORTING THE STATE CHRISTMAS TREE TO COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS TWO DECADES OF FAITHFULNESS IN THIS SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4363 -- Reps. Frank, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE VELOS STORM HIGH SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN BULLSEYE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4364 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE ITS PASTOR, THE REVEREND DR. WILLIE J. THOMPSON JR., AND THE CHURCH'S CONGREGATION FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO ELGIN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4365 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PAT GIBSON-HYE MOORE OF FLORENCE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4366 -- Reps. Waters, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AS "WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO REMEMBER THE AMERICAN WORKERS WHO HAVE DIED, SUFFERED INJURY, OR SUFFERED ILLNESS AS A RESULT OF WORKPLACE CONDITIONS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4367 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WALTER RICHARD MCGOWAN OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4368 -- Reps. Hewitt, Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GEALES GAVIN SANDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRANCES P. BUNNELLE FOUNDATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF

GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4369 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CELEBRATED PERFORMER ANTHONY JEROME MCKNIGHT FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS A SINGER AND ENTERTAINER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4370 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SAMUEL PAUKOVITZ, JASON MARSHAL, TANAY SANGHANI, AND DIYA BALAMURUGAN FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES, TO WISH THEM GOOD LUCK IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION, AND TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBIA CHESS CLUB FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4371 -- Reps. Edgerton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RAISE AWARENESS OF

HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE) PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE MAY 1, 2025, AS "SEE THE ABLE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 543 -- Senators Kimbrell and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 26 AND HIGHWAY 11 AT EXIT 5 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY "JOHN W. PARRIS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 551 -- Senator Allen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ANNIE LOIS NEELY STEWART OF GREENVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 552 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE RIDGEWOOD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL

ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DARRIUS GRAVES AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 553 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CORPORAL LUCAS WATTS, CAPTAIN THOMAS CROMPTON, LIEUTENANT JUSTIN MURPHY, CORPORAL CHRIS JOHNSON, STAFF SERGEANT CHARLES MULWEE, AND FIRST SERGEANT DAVID CARR, ALL OF THE OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AND DEPUTY FIRST CLASS TYLER BISHOP OF THE PICKENS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 562 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT MICHAEL CLAYTOR OF THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 563 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT MICHAEL CLAYTOR OF THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ALONG WITH SLED AGENT KEITH THROWER, SLED AGENT COREY JAGER, SLED AGENT COLE POWELL, AND K9 AGENT COBA, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 564 -- Senator Graham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CHIEF DEPUTY J. CHASE ISEMAN, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANCE CORPORAL GENE MIKE NORRIS, AND SPECIAL AGENTS NEAL NELSON AND SPENCER PUMPHREY, BOTH WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 567 -- Senators Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Nutt, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND

HONOR JAMES E. "JIM" STEWART JR. FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE AIKEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 569 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY KYLE RICHARD HORTON OF THE HAMPTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF LIFE-THREATENING DANGER TO A CITIZEN WHILE ON DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 570 -- Senator Gambrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANTS HUNTER RUFF, DANIEL MCCOWN, AND STEPHEN EARWOOD OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 587 -- Senators Williams and Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF JEFFORDS

STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PALMETTO STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PINE STREET THE "HONORABLE PAT GIBSON-HYE MOORE MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4348 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 1, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:42 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BRADLEY, adjourned in memory of Jay Wiendl of Hilton Head Island, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, April 23, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from 1 Peter 5:4: "And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory."

Let us pray. Love, power, and glory are ours as we receive such wonderful things from our Lord who loves us and grants us everything we need. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders safe as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Bless and keep our Armed Forces safe and those who suffer wounds, those seen and those hidden. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BAUER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of John V. Furgess Sr., which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. John V. Furgess Sr.

John V. Furgess Sr. passed away earlier in 2025 at the age of 82 in Columbia, SC.

Mr. Furgess, born on April 15, 1942, in Columbia, South Carolina, was a remarkable individual whose life was defined by service, dedication, and a profound commitment to improving his community. Growing up in the Waverly Community near Allen University, Furgess developed a passion for education and community development. He graduated from C.A. Johnson High School and went on to earn a degree in Business Administration from Allen University.

Furgess's career was marked by his unwavering commitment to public service. One of his most notable contributions was his involvement with

the COMET Board of Advisors, Columbia's bus system. Under his leadership, the board made significant strides in enhancing public transportation in Columbia, ensuring that the bus system was accessible, efficient, and responsive to the needs of the community.

He is sorely missed.

Rep. Heather Bauer

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of the Dorman High School students tragically killed in car accidents.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5313
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 43-1-80
Foster Care and Adoptions
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: permanently withdrawn

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5350
Agency: Department of Public Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.
Standards for Licensing Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present—114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARTZ a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to a family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BAMBERG a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COBB-HUNTER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. RANKIN a leave of absence for the day due to family reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MONTGOMERY a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. G. M. SMITH presented to the House the Wilson Hall 4-A SCISA Boys Cross Country Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Hammond School "Skyhawks" 4-A SCISA Varsity Competitive Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Hammond School "Skyhawks" 4-A SCISA Varsity Football Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GILLIAM presented to the House the Clinton High School "Red Devils" AA Football State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3093
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	M. M. SMITH and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3367
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	LOWE, KING, MCDANIEL, T. MOORE, CASKEY, PACE, TERRIBILE, WHITE, FRANK, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, KILMARTIN, B. L. COX, HARRIS, BAILEY, REESE, OREMUS, ROBBINS, WATERS, KIRBY, MITCHELL, BRADLEY, YOW, BUSTOS, WICKENSIMER, ERICKSON, HAGER, WHITMIRE, HOSEY and CLYBURN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3392
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	M. M. SMITH and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3405
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	MARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3533
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	M. M. SMITH and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3752
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	KILMARTIN, HARDEE, TAYLOR and YOW

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3876
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3907
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS and POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	BEACH, BRADLEY, WHITE and WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4043
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	CROMER, GILREATH and OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4129
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4146
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	STAVRINAKIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4270
Date:	ADD:
04/23/25	COLLINS

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton, B. Newton and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith, Schuessler and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE

SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE

"HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow, B. Newton and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

H. 3800--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3800 (LC-3800.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-36-2120(74)(a) and inserting:

(a) as defined under federal and state Medicaid ~~and~~ or Medicare laws;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 3800. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3645--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters, B. Newton and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 29, which was agreed to.

H. 3832--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Reps. CASKEY, GATCH, HIOTT, PACE, FRANK, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, WHITE, TERRIBILE, MARTIN, CROMER, GILREATH, REESE, HUFF, HARRIS, HIXON and MITCHELL requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3931--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3931 (LC-3931.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 48-39-150(C) and inserting:

(C) The department shall act upon an application for a permit within ninety days after the ~~application is filed~~request is determined by the department to be administratively and technically complete. Provided,

however, that in the case of minor developments, as defined in Section 48-39-10, the department shall have the authority to approve such permits and shall act within thirty days after the request is determined by the department to be administratively and technically complete. If the department requests additional technical information from the applicant, that request must be made within fifteen days after the conclusion of the public notice period. If a department request for additional technical information is not made within fifteen days after the conclusion of the public notice period, the application shall be considered ~~administratively~~ complete and a decision must be rendered within the time frames prescribed above. In the event a permit is denied the department shall state the reasons for such denial and such reasons must be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 48-39-80(B)(11) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(11) Develop a system whereby the department shall have the authority to review all state and federal permit applications in the coastal zone, and to certify that these do not contravene the management plan. For individual navigable waters permits for docks located in the eight coastal counties but outside of critical areas, a coastal zone consistency certification is deemed approved if certification review is not completed within thirty days of an administratively complete application. For all other permits, a coastal zone consistency certification is deemed approved if certification review is not completed within ninety days of an administratively complete application.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BREWER proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3931 (LC-3931.HA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 6, Title 48 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 48-6-35. (A) The Department of Environmental Services may hire one or more third-party, independent engineers to assist the

department in its duties.

(B) The department must establish such reasonable regulations with respect to the qualifications of contractors allowed to bid on work of the department. Such regulations may fix eligibility requirements for bidders according to available capital and with due regard to experience and records of past performance.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BREWER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 3931. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 3996--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3996 -- Reps. Sessions and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 3996. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 4350--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4350 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 4350. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. LANDING asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3769 from the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. KING objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. LANDING asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4267 from the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. KING objected.

S. 276--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

S. 276 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-400, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-410, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. LANDING asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3769 from the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. KING objected.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple,

Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, April 24, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE

COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND

BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND

PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT

PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, April 24, which was agreed to.

H. 3813--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Rep. FORREST explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 103

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 3813. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Charles Hartz

H. 4211--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN

The Senate Amendments to the following Concurrent Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 4211 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANTS TO THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPE, AGRICULTURE, HISTORY, AND ECONOMY, AND TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO USE NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING, EROSION CONTROL, AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE VIABILITY OF MIGRATORY AND NONMIGRATORY POLLINATORS AND TO HELP TO PRESERVE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA.

Rep. SANDERS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were concurred in and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 4350. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Charles Hartz

S. 74--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A

PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 74 (LC-74.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-13-142(E) and inserting:

(E) ~~This section specifically authorizes the Attorney General, circuit solicitor, or the State Law Enforcement Division to issue a subpoena to compel disclosure or production of any stored electronic records pertaining to a subscriber or customer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 2703(c)(2), or any successor statute. The subpoena may only be issued upon a showing that the requested material is relevant to an ongoing criminal investigation.~~The Attorney General may issue a subpoena to an electronic communication service or remote computing service to compel disclosure or production of the name and address of a subscriber if the information is material and relevant to an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Attorney General's Office.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MAGNUSON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. PACE a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. GATCH continued speaking.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 51 to 32.

Rep. T. MOORE proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to S. 74 (LC-74.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-13-142(E) and inserting:

(E) The Attorney General may issue a subpoena to an electronic communication service or remote computing service to compel disclosure or production of ~~the name and address of a subscriber if~~ any stored subscriber or customer information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 2703(c)(2). A subpoena may only be issued under the authority provided for in this section upon a showing that the information sought is material and relevant to an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Attorney General's Office. Subpoenas may not be issued under this section to the extent the subpoena is authorized under other federal or state statutes.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to S. 74 (LC-74.HDB0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-13-142(E) and inserting:

(E) The Attorney General may issue a subpoena upon a probable cause determination by a circuit court judge to an electronic communication service or remote computing service to compel disclosure or production of the name and address of a subscriber if the information is material and relevant to an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Attorney General's Office.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. EDGERTON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. ROSE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 36; Nays 63

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Beach	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cromer	Davis
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guffey	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Martin	McCravy	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pope	Robbins	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Terribile	Vaughan
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--36

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Clyburn	Collins
Crawford	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Frank	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lowe
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Oremus
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Yow

Total--63

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. CASKEY proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to S. 74 (LC-74.SA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-13-142(B), (C), (D), (F), (G), (H), and (I) and inserting:

Section 17-13-142. (A) ~~A law enforcement officer, circuit solicitor, or the Attorney General may require the disclosure of stored wire, digital, or electronic communications, as well as transactional records and subscriber information pertaining to them, to the extent and under the procedures and conditions provided for by federal law.~~

~~(B) A provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service shall provide subscriber information as well as the contents of, and transactional records pertaining to, wire, digital, or electronic communications in its possession or reasonably accessible when a requesting law enforcement officer, a circuit solicitor, or the Attorney General complies with the provisions for access pursuant to federal law.~~

~~(C)~~(B) This section specifically authorizes a court of competent jurisdiction in this State, as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2711, to issue appropriate orders pursuant to the requirements and procedures of 18

U.S.C. Section 2703(d) for production of stored wire, digital, or electronic transactional records or subscriber information. These orders have statewide application and application to the extent provided by federal law.

~~(D)~~(C) This section specifically authorizes a court of competent jurisdiction in this State, as defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 2711, to issue search warrants pursuant to the procedures established by Section 17-13-140, notwithstanding any jurisdictional limitations contained in that section, for production of stored wire, digital, or electronic communications and transactional records pertaining to them. Search warrants have statewide application to the extent provided by federal law.

~~(E)~~(D) The Attorney General may issue a subpoena to an electronic communication service or remote computing service to compel disclosure or production of ~~the name and address of a subscriber if~~ any stored subscriber or customer information pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 2703(c)(2). A subpoena may only be issued under the authority provided for in this section upon a showing that the information sought is material and relevant to an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force of the Attorney General's Office. Subpoenas may not be issued under this section to the extent the subpoena is authorized under other federal or state statutes.

~~(F) A South Carolina corporation or business entity that provides electronic communication services or remote computing services to the general public, when served with a valid subpoena, court order, or warrant issued by another state to produce records that could reveal the identity of the customers using those services, data stored by or on behalf of the customer, the customer's usage of those services, the recipient or destination of communications sent to or from those customers, or the content of those communications, shall produce those records as if that warrant had been issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in this State. This provision applies to businesses organized pursuant to the laws of South Carolina, businesses whose domicile or principal place of business is in South Carolina, foreign businesses where the electronic data in question is stored in South Carolina, and foreign corporate entities doing business in the State of South Carolina.~~

~~(G) An intentional violation of this section is punishable as contempt of court. However, a provider of electronic communication service or remote computing service is immune from any civil, criminal, or other proceeding against a communications service provider or its directors, officers, employees, agents, or vendors for providing~~

~~information in good faith in response to a warrant, court order, or valid subpoena issued pursuant to this section.~~

~~(H) All terms used in this section must be defined consistent with 18 U.S.C. Section 2510, 18 U.S.C. Section 2711, and Section 17-30-15.~~

~~(I) Nothing herein expands the obligations of electronic communications service providers.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke upon the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke upon the Bill.

Rep. WILLIAMS spoke upon the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 74. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jordan Pace

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 74. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Phillip Bowers

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on S. 74. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

STATEMENT BY REP. W. NEWTON

Rep. W. NEWTON gave notice of offering amendments on third reading if necessary, pursuant to Rule 9.2.

H. 3752—AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

Rep. HARRIS spoke against the Bill.

Rep. WOOTEN proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3752 (LC-3752.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 23-23-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(E) An individual seeking certification pursuant to this section shall undergo a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and a national

criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). SLED is authorized to retain the fingerprints for certification purposes and for notification of the academy regarding criminal charges. Both SLED and the FBI may retain the applicant's fingerprints for future submission to the Next Generation Identification (NGI) program and for latent fingerprint searches. The results of these criminal records checks must be reported to the academy and cannot be further disseminated.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HARRIS spoke against the Bill.

Rep. HARRIS moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Rep. GILLIAM moved to table the motion.

Rep. HARRIS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Luck	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gibson	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Terribile
White	Whitmire	

Total--20

So, the motion to recommit the Bill was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--18

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave for the day during the vote on H. 3752. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Charles Hartz

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. GILLIAM, from the Laurens Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3877 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. GILLIAM, from the Laurens Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3878 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4184 -- Rep. Teeple: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INDIGO HILL ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 174 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARK ROAD "GENO MIDDLETON ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4242 -- Rep. Chumley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE ENOREE RIVER TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "OLD ANTIOCH CHURCH WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4243 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4231 -- Rep. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD TO PROVIDENCE ROAD "LEONARD L. PRICE MEMORIAL LANE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 400 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF US-76 AND STATE ROAD S-30-46 (US 76) IN LAURENS COUNTY "NATHANIEL HUNTER SIPES MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 502 -- Senator Graham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NAME THE STRETCH OF KNIGHTS HILL ROAD FROM SPRINGDALE DRIVE TO CARTER STREET IN KERSHAW COUNTY "STEEPLECHASE THOROUGHFARE OF AMERICA" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 543 -- Senators Kimbrell and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 26 AND HIGHWAY 11 AT EXIT 5 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY "JOHN W. PARRIS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 587 -- Senators Williams and Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF JEFFORDS STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PALMETTO STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PINE STREET THE "HONORABLE PAT GIBSON-HYE MOORE MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO

INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4372 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND CECIL J. WILLIAMS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR FOUNDING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM, WHICH DISPLAYS HIS PHOTOGRAPHS CHRONICLING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE UPCOMING EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM'S FOOTPRINT AS PART OF THE RAILROAD CORNER DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4373 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-NINTH SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD MAY 8 - MAY 10, 2025, IN BATESBURG-LEESVILLE AND TO HONOR THOSE PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4374 -- Reps. Waters, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MILITARY MAGNET ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4375 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO THANK DR. DAWN BINGHAM FOR HER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AS SHE BEGINS THE NEXT CHAPTER IN HER MEDICAL CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4376 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE WILLIAMS TRANSCO SOUTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4377 -- Reps. Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss,

Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DALTON BUFORD FLOYD JR. OF MURRELLS INLET AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4378 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE JIM "WIZ" AND CHERYL WISZOWATY OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE ON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4379 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP DAVID W. GLEASON AND FIRST LADY CELINA GLEASON, FOUNDERS OF THE APOSTOLIC REVIVAL CENTER IN MANNING, FOR THEIR SELFLESS AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE TO THE MANNING COMMUNITY AND BEYOND AND FOR FOLLOWING THEIR DIVINE CALLING WHICH HAS MINISTERED TO SO MANY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4380 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROSA JANE "JANIE" SIMMONS JOHNSON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4381 -- Reps. Atkinson and Kirby: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME NESMITH CORNER ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF NESMITH IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY "COLUMBUS PRESSLEY AND CLAUDIE E. PRESSLEY MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4382 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-398, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MANUFACTURERS OF THESE PRODUCTS PAY MONTHLY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH DATA COLLECTION AND

TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4383 -- Reps. Jones, Williams, J. L. Johnson, King, Gilliard, Rivers, Kirby, Bauer, Clyburn, Hosey, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID PROTECTION AND EXPANSION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE A MEDICAID STABILITY FUND TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS; TO FULLY ADOPT MEDICAID EXPANSION UNDER THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AND TO REQUIRE AN ECONOMIC AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN COORDINATION WITH HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4384 -- Reps. Jones, Bauer, Williams, J. L. Johnson, King, Gilliard, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FARM EXPORT RELIEF AND RESILIENCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 59 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM EXPORT TRADE RELIEF FUND; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT AGRICLUTURAL PRODUCERS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE; TO REQUIRE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AND THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO DEVELOP STATE-SUPPORTED CROP INSURANCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARMTENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4385 -- Reps. Jones, B. J. Cox, J. L. Johnson, King, Williams, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, Bauer, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM

SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4386 -- Reps. Bustos and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-5-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO MAKE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OR ASSETS USED TO PROVIDE WATER, SEWERAGE COLLECTION, OR SEWERAGE DISPOSAL OWNED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4387 -- Reps. Yow, B. Newton and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-150, RELATING TO ADJUDICATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MISCONDUCT REPORTED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO LIMIT PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION FOR CERTAIN INCIDENCES OF MISCONDUCT, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' WRITTEN REPORTS WHEN THE AGENCIES DECLINE TO PROSCRCUTE ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE AGENCY HEADS MUST EXPLAIN WHY THEY BELIEVE THE ALLEGATIONS CAN NO LONGER BE PROVEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4388 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-75 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A FORM THAT OFFERS MEDICAID APPLICANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE LIVING WILL.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4389 -- Reps. Jones and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-

11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4390 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "COMMUNITY IMPACT AND OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-970 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, REQUIRE COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIGN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE GUIDANCE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4391 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-5-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTRACTOR OR COMPANY MAY REPOSSESS ANY AND ALL REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4392 -- Reps. Martin, Jordan and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFERS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4393 -- Reps. Hartnett, Bradley, Erickson, Brewer, W. Newton and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE AND USE OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, OR HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE

THAT IS MANUFACTURED OR DISTRIBUTED BY CERTAIN BANNED COMPANIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4394 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-13-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO OFFER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CHILDCARE STIPENDS FOR UNEMPLOYED PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4395 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Sessions, King, Rose and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INCOME RECEIVED BY STUDENT ATHLETES FOR THE USE OF THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4396 -- Reps. Wetmore and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-50, RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR CHARITIES REQUESTING EXEMPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-70, RELATING TO CONTRACTS WITH PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, SO AS TO LIMIT FILING REQUIREMENTS TO COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-90, RELATING TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY ENTITY THAT IS SOLICITING FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCLOSE THE LEGAL NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY FOR WHICH THEY ARE SOLICITING; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, FUND-RAISING COUNSELS, OR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS, SO AS TO LIMIT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS SOLICITING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A SINGLE SOLICITATION

CAMPAIGN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-120, RELATING TO MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS FROM USING REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4397 -- Reps. Huff, Frank, Burns, Willis, Chumley and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 602 OF 1992, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BE APPROVED BY THE GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

H. 4398 -- Reps. Edgerton and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 54-7-670, RELATING TO HOBBY LICENSES, SO AS TO PERMIT THE RECOVERY OF OBJECTS BY MAGNET.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4399 -- Reps. Holman, J. L. Johnson, B. L. Cox and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-45, RELATING TO 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS TRAINING, SO AS TO REQUIRE TELECOMMUNICATORS MUST COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL SHALL REQUIRE ALL FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO REQUIRE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST COMPLETE SUCCESSFULLY ANNUAL WELLNESS EXAMINATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4400 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 43-1-730 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA FOOD SECURITY

EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4401 -- Reps. Jones and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EBT FRAUD REIMBURSEMENT AND ECONOMIC PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FUND AND RELATED PROGRAM THROUGH WHICH CERTAIN SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF EBT THEFT MAY RECOVER LOST BENEFITS, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO ESTABLISH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A FUND CAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 32 -- Senators Grooms, Leber, Rice, Reichenbach, Climer, Garrett, Jackson and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "PREGNANCY RESOURCE ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3383 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE CREDIT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 463 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-21-125, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON SWIMMING NEAR PUBLIC LANDINGS ON LAKES OR RESERVOIRS OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY AN INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SWIMMING NEAR PUBLIC BOATING LANDINGS ON LAKES OR RESERVOIRS OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 522 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ACT 1235 OF 1970 SO AS TO CHANGE

THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AIRPORT DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

Referred to Charleston Delegation

S. 586 -- Senator Graham: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 172 OF 1995, RELATING TO THE KERSHAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE KERSHAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE NINETY DOLLARS FOR EACH MEETING AT WHICH HE IS IN ATTENDANCE AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHALL RECEIVE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL NOT OCCUR MORE THAN EIGHTEEN TIMES EACH FISCAL YEAR.

Referred to Kershaw Delegation

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:53 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BAUER, adjourned in memory of John V. Furgess Sr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.
Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER as follows:

Our thought for today is from 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and love and self-control.

Let us pray. Holy and most loving God, bless us as we go into this Session. Be with these Representatives and Staff as they work for the people. Guide them all in their duties and responsibilities. Bless our first responders who keep us safe. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave men and women who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. RIVERS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former Representative Kenneth F. Hodges, which was agreed to.

In Memory of Former Representative Kenneth Folden Hodges

Representative Kenneth Folden Hodges, a son of the late Benjamin F. Hodges and Lydia Whaley Hodges, was born in the Sea Island Community of Bennetts Point, SC. He received his early education at Green Pond Elementary School and Walterboro High School. Representative Hodges attended Clark College in Atlanta, GA where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1977 and a Master of Divinity degree from Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Theological Center in 1986.

Reverend Hodges returned to his native state in 1986 to become the Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Bennettsville, SC. On August 6, 1995, he resigned from Shiloh to become Pastor of the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church in Beaufort.

Reverend Hodges used his spiritual gifts to advance of the Kingdom of God both here and abroad by serving as Moderator of the Old Ashley Association, Faculty of the SC Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and Instructor for Morris College Extension Program. He was a member of three ministerial delegations to London and Africa where he taught and preached.

Representative Kenneth Hodges served on numerous Boards, Commissions, and Advisory Councils. He had political experiences as Bennettsville City Councilman, and in August 2005, Kenneth F. Hodges was elected to the South Carolina State House of Representatives for District 121, serving the constituents of Colleton and Beaufort counties exceptionally for eleven years.

During the early part of his tenure, Representative Hodges advocated naming the new bridge (which was being erected on Highway 17, connecting Colleton and Beaufort counties over the Combahee River) the Harriet Tubman Bridge in order to educate residents of and visitors to this area about the role of one of the most prominent persons of the Civil War era for years to come. As a noted historian, his stance on education was second to none. The legislators approved and the unveiling of the name took place on Saturday, October 18, 2008, with State Representative Kenneth F. Hodges presiding over the Dedicatory Ceremony.

Reverend Kenneth Hodges served as proprietor of Lybensons Art Gallery and Gullah Geechee Visitors Center, St. Helena Island, SC. Representative Kenneth Hodges married the former Miss Patricia A. Few, and they had three daughters, Kendrea, Kenyatta and Kenithea.

Rep. Michael F. Rivers Sr.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Kenneth F. Hodges.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Pope Francis.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee

Sen. Thomas C. Alexander, Chairman
Rep. William G. Herbkersman, Vice Chairman
T. Graham Edwards
Rep. Gil Gatch
Sen. C. Bradley Hutto
Floyd Nicholson
Sen. Luke A. Rankin, Sr.
Rep. J. Todd Rutherford

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April 23, 2025

Members of the South Carolina General Assembly Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Fellow Members:

Enclosed is the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee's Report as to Qualifications of Candidates for Seats 2, 4, and 6 of the Public Service Commission (Commission). The report is designed to provide you with information on the candidates qualified and nominated by the Review Committee. The Review Committee is charged with nominating up to three candidates for each seat on the Commission. In accordance with this mandate, the Review Committee thoroughly investigated each candidate with respect to his or her suitability for service on the Commission.

The Review Committee held public hearings on April 17, 2025, to question the candidates and consider the qualifications of each candidate. A transcript of the oral examination of the candidates, as well as each candidate's edited Personal Data Questionnaire, is available for review on the Review Committee's website at: *https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2025PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php*

The Review Committee found a total of four candidates qualified and nominated for consideration by the General Assembly. The Review Committee's finding that a candidate is qualified and nominated means that the candidate satisfies the constitutional and statutory criteria for service on the Commission and the Review Committee's evaluative criteria.

Candidates are prohibited from asking for your commitment until Friday, April 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing a candidate's qualifications on behalf of a candidate, and are not permitted to offer a pledge to vote for a candidate until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.
If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Breeden John at (803) 212-6216 or Bryan Triplett at (803) 734-3015.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Alexander

Review Committee Report as to the Qualifications of Candidates for the Public Service Commission, Seats 2, 4, and 6

Introduction

Section 58-3-530(1)(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws charges the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee ("Review Committee") with the duty to nominate candidates for the members of the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The terms for Commission Seats 2, 4, and 6 expired on June 30, 2022.

The Review Committee began the screening process on March 7, 2025, with advertisements and press releases regarding the positions. A total of six candidates submitted applications by the application deadline of March 28, 2025. Two of these candidates withdrew from consideration prior to the Review Committee's public hearings on April 17, 2025. After the public hearings concluded, the Review Committee found a total of four candidates qualified and nominated for consideration by the General Assembly.

The Review Committee conducted background investigations of each candidate, including credit, driver's license, and law enforcement checks. It gave a written examination to determine the level of knowledge that each candidate has with respect to substantive public utility issues, ethical constraints applicable to the Commission, and the operations of the Commission. During the public hearings, each candidate was questioned and given an opportunity to make statements as to his or her qualifications and desire to serve as a Commissioner. Each candidate was also questioned and given an opportunity to discuss matters from his or her background check; matters of a private or confidential nature were discussed in executive session.

Legal Qualifications

Pursuant to Section 58-3-20(A), members of the Commission must have the following qualifications:

> (1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree; and
> (2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following areas:
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> (a) energy;
> (b) telecommunications;
> (c) consumer protection and advocacy;
> (d) water and wastewater;
> (e) finance, economics, and statistics;
> (f) accounting;
> (g) engineering; or
> (h) law.

The Review Committee is also required to consider: "(1) the ability, dedication, compassion, common sense, and integrity of the candidates; and (2) the race and gender of the candidates and other demographic factors to assure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible of all segments of the population of the State." S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-560. The determination of legal qualifications includes a determination of the candidate's residence in the appropriate Public Service Commission district as established by Section 58-3-20, the candidate's eligibility for election as determined by Section 58-3-24, and the candidate's compliance with constitutional provisions limiting election to those persons eligible to be electors of this State.

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-3-530, the annual performance review of Commissioners seeking reelection must be made a part of the Commissioner's record for consideration if the Commissioner seeks reelection. These evaluations are included after the Commissioners' summary of qualifications.

General Qualifications

To determine fitness beyond mere legal qualifications, the Review Committee considered each candidate's experience, temperament, compliance with and knowledge of legal and ethical constraints on public service, knowledge of Commission operations, demonstrated or potential aptitude for meaningful leadership and/or service at the Commission, and demonstrated integrity, including the handling of personal financial affairs. The Review Committee considered each candidate as a whole in making a determination of qualified and nominated.

Experience

Section 58-3-20 requires that Commissioners have a background of substantial duration and an expertise in energy; telecommunications; consumer protection and advocacy; water and wastewater; finance, economics, and statistics; accounting; engineering; or law. The Review Committee considered not only whether a candidate has succeeded in one of these fields but also whether the candidate has the capability of transferring this success and knowledge to the operations of the Commission. The Review Committee's transcript contains each applicant's background and employment history.

Temperament

The Review Committee sought to determine whether a candidate's sense of the role he or she is to fill on the Commission is such that his or her work will be productive, proactive, and protective of the interests of all South Carolinians.

Compliance with and Knowledge of Legal and Ethical Constraints

Section 58-3-30 requires that Commissioners adhere to the State Ethics Act and the Judicial Code of Conduct. The Review Committee believes that not only must the candidates be aware of the legal and ethical

constraints, they must have conducted and comported themselves with the highest regard for ethics in their actions.

Potential Aptitude for Meaningful Leadership and/or Service at the Public Service Commission

The Review Committee believes that the Commission should have strong leadership, work toward common goals, have a positive influence on employees, and ensure that parties and persons appearing before the Commission are treated fairly and impartially. The Review Committee therefore sought to gauge each candidate's potential aptitude to serve as a leader and/or as a Commissioner supporting the goals and mission of the agency.

Integrity

Candidates must assure the Review Committee that their word is their bond. The Code of Judicial Conduct requires, among other factors, that Commissioners and candidates handle their finances in a responsible manner. The Review Committee therefore considered the way each candidate has managed his or her financial affairs.

Substantive Knowledge of Commission Operations

The Review Committee believes that every candidate, whether incumbent or non- incumbent, must demonstrate some basic understanding of the role of the Commission and its operations. It would be unfair, however, to require non-incumbents to have accumulated a wealth of knowledge about Commission operations specifically, or regulated utilities generally. Unlike incumbent Commissioners, challengers have not had the benefit of a compensated opportunity to educate themselves in hearings or through conversations with Commission staff. The Review Committee expects incumbents and others who have substantial experience appearing before the Commission to be able to discuss these matters with a greater fluency than those persons who have, to date, committed themselves to other employment. The Review Committee emphasizes that the substantive knowledge findings contained in this report are a measure of a candidate's knowledge at the time of his or her candidacy. The findings are not necessarily indicative of a candidate's ability to subsequently

master Commission operations and the multitude of issues relating thereto.

FINDINGS AS TO QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

The Review Committee screened a total of four candidates for Seats 2, 4, and 6 on April 17, 2025. In accordance with Section 58-3-530(1)(a), the Review Committee may nominate up to three candidates per seat to be elected by the General Assembly. The Review Committee found the following candidates qualified and nominated them for election to the South Carolina Public Service Commission:

SEAT 2 **Florence P. Belser**
Richard N. McIntyre

SEAT 4 **H. David Britt**

SEAT 6 **Justin T. Williams**

This report provides a summary of qualifications for the candidates found qualified and nominated. More detailed information about each candidate can be found in the screening transcripts at: *https://www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/2025PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php*

EXHIBIT 1

CANDIDATES FOUND QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

FLORENCE P. BELSER
SEAT 2

Review Committee Finding: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:

Ms. Belser earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the College of Charleston in 1983 and obtained a Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina in 1987.

Ms. Belser has served on the Public Service Commission as the commissioner for the Second Congressional District since 2019. She

served as Vice Chair of the Commission from July 2020 through June 2022 and Chair of the Commission from July 2022 through June 2024.

Ms. Belser previously worked as a substitute teacher in Clarendon, SC from 1987-1988. She then served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable James "Mac" Morris from 1988-1990. From 1990- 1991, she served as an associate with John E. Miles, Esquire. From 1991-1993, she worked as an assistant solicitor for the Third Judicial Circuit.

Ms. Belser worked as a staff attorney and Deputy General Counsel for the Public Service Commission (PSC) from 1993-2003 and she served as an Executive Assistant for the PSC from 2003-2004. Ms. Belser then served as General Counsel for the Office of Regulatory Staff from 2004-2019.

Ms. Belser is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) where she serves as Co-Vice Chair of the NARUC Electricity Committee; is a member of the NARUC Energy Resources and the Environment Committee; and is a member of the NARUC Nuclear Energy Subcommittee. She is also a member of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and has been a member of South Carolina Bar Association since 1988. Ms. Belser is also a member of St. Matthias Anglican Church, member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Clarendon Hall Land Trust Trustee, and Life Member of the College of Charleston Alumni Association.

Test Score: 91

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE
PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

NAME: FLORENCE P. BELSER
SEAT: DISTRICT 2
DATE ELECTED: FEBRUARY 6, 2019
DATE TERM EXPIRES: JUNE 30, 2022

Please provide information for the review period covering July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Be sure to fully address each item.

I. Educational programs.

Provide the following information regarding educational programs attended:

A. The name of the program and the sponsoring organization;
B. A description of the topics and any certificate or recognition received;
C. How the program helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission; and
D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to attending educational programs.

I. NARUC and SEARUC Meetings/ Conferences/ Conference Calls

(1) SEARUC Annual Education Conference held in Ashville, N.C. - June2-5,2024.
Sponsoring organization is the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEAR UC). The conference was an in-person event, starting on Sunday, June 2 and concluding on Wednesday, June 5. I traveled to the conference on Sunday, June 2 and returned to Columbia on Wednesday, June 5. I was out of the office for three (3) days. No certificate of attendance was provided.

I attended the following sessions during the 2024 SEAR UC Annual Education Conference: Monday, June 3

- General Session I
  - Opening Remarks
  - Panel of Speakers addressing: "Empowering the Southeast: Navigating Load Growth, Resiliency, and Affordability"
- Concurrent Session: "Perspectives from Wall Street"
- Keynote Address: Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina
- Concurrent Session: "Improving Long-Term and Future Affordability"
- General Session 2
  - Panel of Speakers addressing: "Empowering the Southeast: Navigating Load Growth, Resiliency, and Affordability - Part 2"

Tuesday, June 4

- Concurrent Session: "Load Growth and Capacity: Short Term Needs. Long-Term Solutions"

- Concurrent Session: "Powering Tomorrow: Confronting the Interconnection Backlog"

Wednesday, June 5

- Commissioner's Business Meeting
- General Session: Closing Remarks

(2) NARUC Energy Resources and the Environment Committee (ERE Committee)

During the review period, I participated in one ERE Committee meeting via a Zoom conference call on September 26, 2023. (Approximately 2 hours) I was unable to participate in other calls scheduled during the review period due to conflicts with the Commission's scheduled hearings or with other Commission business.

Benefits of attending NARUC and SEAR UC programs:

NARUC and SEARUC meetings provide excellent educational opportunities on multiple utility issues across industries. By attending these meetings, I have increased my knowledge and understanding of utility regulation and learned of current issues on both the state and national levels. Each meeting and session attended provides exposure to additional information on issues. The knowledge gained and shared through these meetings and conferences broadens my perspective which I can draw upon in making decisions.

The Commission benefits from my attendance at these meetings because increased knowledge, experience, and understanding of issues help me make more informed decisions on the matters before the Commission for adjudication.

II. In House Briefings/ Educational Sessions

(1)Ethics Training (Required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-30(C) (2015)) (Total hours 6.0)

a. October 2, 2023 (3.0 hours in this session)

- Freedom of Information Act presented by Steven W. Hamm, Esquire (LO hour)
- Code of Judicial Conduct presented by Hon. Thomas W. Cooper, Jr. (l.0 hour)

- Code of Judicial Conduct/Ethics & Administrative Procedures Act presented by Desa Ballard, Esquire (1.0 hour)

b. October 6, 2023 (3.0 hours in this session)

- Ethical Public Service: Beyond the State Ethics Act presented by Barbara M. Seymour, Esquire (1.0 hour)
- Substance Abuse and Cyber Ethics presented by Jack Pringle, Esquire (2.0 hours)

This required training reinforces the Code of Judicial Conduct (CJC), the State Ethics Act (SEA), and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). As Commissioners, we must adhere to these rules and statutes, and, for me, continual study strengthens my knowledge and understanding of the requirements contained in the CJC, SEA, and APA. It is a benefit to the Commission as an institution that commissioners and employees are knowledgeable of the provisions of the CJC, SEA, and APA so that we may all conduct ourselves and the business of the Commission in compliance with the requirements of the CJC, SEA, and APA.

Additionally, a session of mental health, wellness, and substance abuse was presented. For us to be effective employees, we need to be aware of challenges and stresses we may encounter that could impact our ability to be productive employees. This session provided some valuable tips and resources on dealing with stress and challenges associated with both work-life and private-life and encouraging productive habits for mental well-being. This session has proven to be popular with commission employees.

(2) Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefings (Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-3-30(C) (2015))

a. July 6, 2023 - Allowable *Ex Parle* Briefing from Texican Natural Gas Company. Topic of briefing: Natural Gas Markets in South Carolina. (Docket No. 2023-70- G)

b. July 12, 2023 - Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.
Topic of briefing: SERC Reliability Corporation, Resource Adequacy, and Related Matters (ND 2023-33-E)

c. September 15, 2023 Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

Topic of briefing: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Integrated Resource Plan filing, "2023 Carolinas Resource Plan." (Docket No. 2023-8-E and Docket No. 2023-10-E)

d. September 21, 2023 Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Conservation Voters of South Carolina.
Topic of briefing: How other states have reliably integrated renewable energy onto their grids. (ND-2023-46-E)

e. November 30, 2023 - Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC.
Topic of the briefing: Energy Efficiency, Demand-Side Management, and Demand Response Overview. (Docket No. 2023-8-E, Docket No. 2023-10-E, Docket No. 2013-298-E, and Docket No. 2015-163-E)

f. January 24, 2024 - Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Carolina for Affordable and Reliable Energy (CARE).
Topic of the briefing: South Carolina Electric and Natural Gas Reliability Study. (ND-2024-3-EG)

g. January 29, 2024 - Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Conservation Voters of South Carolina.
Topic of the briefing: Battery Storage. (ND -2023-88-E)

h. February 27, 2024 Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from TotalEnergies Renewables USA, LLC.
Topic of the briefing: The Opportunity for Offshore Wind, including Total Energies Carolinas Long Bay Project to be developed off the coast of Wilmington, North Carolina. (ND-2024-4-E)

i. March 19, 2024-Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Southeastern Wind Coalition. Topic of the briefing: Overview of offshore wind's potential to meet economic development, grid reliability, and resource demand needs in the Southeast.
(ND-2024-12-E)

j. May 7, 2024 Allowable *Ex Parte* Briefing from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC.

Topic of the briefing: Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's and Duke Energy Progress, LLC's proposed Customer Renewable Programs and proposed modifications to Green Source Advantage Programs and Riders GSA (Docket No. 2022-326-E and Docket No. 2018-320-E)

(3) PSC Policies

a. July 27, 2023 - PSC Information Security Policy Reminders and Quiz
b. September 7, 2023 - Security Awareness Essentials for State Employees
c. November 27, 2023 Public Service Commission Tenant Handbook
d. March 21, 2024 PSC Reduction in Force Policy
e. March 21, 2024 PSC Alternate Work Schedule Policy and Guidelines and Quiz
f. March 21, 2024 - PSC Confidentiality Agreement and Quiz
g. March 21, 2024 - PSC Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy and Quiz
h. March 21, 2024 PSC Dual Employment Policy and Quiz
i. March 21, 2024 PSC IT Acceptable Use Policy and Quiz
j. March 21, 2024- PSC Mobile Device Management User Agreement and Quiz
k. March 21, 2024 - PSC Social Media Policy and Quiz
l. March 21, 2024 - PSC Emergency and Safety Procedures and Quiz
m. March 21, 2024 - PSC South Carolina Code of Judicial Conduct Rule 501 and Quiz
n. April 12, 2024PSC Revised *Ex Parle* Communications Guidelines and Quiz
o. June 18, 2024 - PSC Information Security Policy Reminders and Quiz

The training listed in this section was conducted online through the SCEIS website. The training on PSC Policies is important to ensure commissioners and all employees of the agency comply with the approved policies of the agency. Completion of the courses was recorded on the SCEIS website.

III. Other Educational Session

(1) IPU Accounting and Ratemaking Course 2024 (March 12-14, 2024).

Sponsoring organization Michigan State University Institute of Public Utilities Sessions addressed:

• Foundations of Public Utility Regulation and Ratemaking (topics included: introduction to the course and objectives; public utility monopolies and governance; sustainable utilities and elements of capacity; regulatory policy foundations; jurisdiction for utility rates; regulatory standards of review; accounting basics and concepts; accounting governance (FASB, GASB); generally accepted accounting principles and standards; regulatory accounting vs. GAAP; Uniform System of Accounts (USoA); regulatory and rate-case auditing; financial statements and reports; regulatory enforcement; ratemaking process and key steps; cost-of-service ratemaking; test year for revenues and rates; revenue requirements and formulas; case-study overview.)

• Balance Sheet, Capital Expenditures, and Rate Base (Capex) (topics included: balance sheet overview; capital planning and asset management; certificates of need and preapproval; utility plant in service; contributed capital (CIAC); funds for construction (AFUDC, CWIP); asset valuation methods; acquisition adjustments; plant service lives and depreciation; accumulated depreciation;. deferred income taxes; working capital; operating reserve accounts; regulatory assets and liabilities; deriving the rate base; ratemaking scenarios.)

• Income Statement, Revenues, and Expenses (Opex) (topics addressed: income statement overview; operating revenues; revenues by customer class; operating expenses; personnel-related expenses; expenses by function; disallowed expenses; depreciation expense; income and other taxes; cost adjusted mechanisms (trackers); system

improvement charges; financial auditing for ratemaking; management auditing; rate-case adjustments; ratemaking scenarios.)

• Cash Flow, Debt and Equity Financing, and Revenue Requirements (topics included: cash-flow statement overview; financial performance metrics; utility ownership structures; corporate governance and accountability; financial regulation and reporting; risk factors and disclosure; capital structure (debt and equity); debt financing and credit ratings; equity financing and capital markets; cost of equity methods; return on equity calculation; weighted cost of capital; authorized rates of return; risk, returns, and incentives; regulatory lag and returns; deriving revenue requirements; revenue deficiency and conversion factors; rate- case scenarios.)

• Tariffs, Cost Allocation, Rate Design, and Consumer Policies (topics included: rate schedules (tariffs); evaluation criteria in ratemaking; price elasticity of demand; dynamic role of price; variations and trends in demand; deliveries to the system; non-revenue production; price differentiation; cost-of-service studies and methods; functionalization and classification; cost allocation by class; metering and billing; fixed and variable charges; rate-design alternatives; bill calculation and impact; consumer rights and responsibilities; affordability and assistance; implementing rate changes; settlement conditions; ratemaking scenarios.)

The class lasted three days and instruction covered five 160-minute sessions for total attendance of 13.33 hours. The class was conducted on the internet with virtual attendance. I participated from the office and received a certificate of attendance.

The class provided me with additional instruction in regulated utility ratemaking principles and increased knowledge is a benefit to

Commission. I try to take advantage of as many classes as possible as there is always something new to learn. Also, review of material aids is very helpful. Continued exposure and study leads to an expanded understanding of issues and regulatory policies and law. Classes which broaden my knowledge, and which assist in understanding the issues in the cases that come before the Commission, aid in making reasoned and sound decisions.

2. Participation in organizations.

Provide the following information regarding your participation in organizations:

A. The name of organization, position held, and committee served on;

B. A description of the organization's function;

C. How participation in the organization helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission; and

D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to your participation in organizations.

A. The name of organization, position held, and committee served on;

I am a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (SEARUC). Within NARUC, I am a member of the NARUC Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment (ERE).

B. A description of the organization's function;

NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions which regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water, and transportation. NARUC's stated mission is to serve in the public interest by improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation. Under state law, NARUC's members have an obligation to ensure the establishment and maintenance of utility services as may be required by law and to ensure that such services are provided at rates and conditions that are fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory for all consumers.

SEARUC is also a non-profit corporation, and the purpose of SEARUC is "the advancement and education of commission regulation through the study and discussions of subjects concerning the operation and supervision of public utilities to protect the interests of the people with respect to regulation of the Southeastern States."

The NARUC ERE Committee focuses on renewable and distributed resources, energy efficiency, consumer protection, environmental protection, and public interest research and development. The Committee provides a venue for state regulators to discuss current issues on both the national and state levels and to exchange information of environmentally sustainable and affordable energy.

C. How participation in the organization helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission:

The greatest benefits from participation in NARUC and SEARUC are education and exposure to current issues. The conferences provide relevant and timely educational programs related to public utility regulation. The conferences, while educational, provide opportunities to learn from other utility commissioners as well as opportunities to gain regional and national perspectives on issues. I have benefited from these meetings by enhancing and increasing my knowledge of public utility regulation. Information gained from attending conferences and participating on committee conference calls has alerted me to recent issues and provided me with a better understanding of many issues. Increased knowledge and exposure of relevant, current topics improves my effectiveness as a regulator by providing greater understanding of public utility regulation. The Commission and the state benefit from commissioners being well-informed, and the conferences, webinars, and conference calls offered by NARUC and SEAR UC are opportunities for me to further study and learn about utility regulation and issues.

D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to your participation in organizations.
In June 2024, I attended the SEAR UC annual conference and was out of the office for three
(3) days.

I also participated in one NARUC ERE Committee meeting during the review period. These committee meetings are held virtually via Zoom, and I participate from my office. Due to scheduled hearings and other Commission business, I only participated in one ERE Committee meeting.

3. Representation in Official Capacity as Commissioner.
For any event attended in your official capacity as commissioner that has not been included in item l or 2, provide the following information:
A. Each event attended;
B. The sponsoring organization;
C. A description of the activity (if speech or panel discussions, describe the topic); and
D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to your representation as commissioner.

I did not attend any events in my official capacity as a commissioner during the review period.

4. Notable Cases.
In your own words, describe three cases in which you participated that you believe were the most significant during the review period. Provide a brief summary of the case, including the case name, the docket number, and the issues and outcome (two-three sentences). Your response should focus on: (a) why this case was significant; and (b) how the educational programs you attended, your participation in organizations and/or experience as a commissioner benefitted your decisions in each case.

A. Petition of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for a Storm Securitization Financing Order (Docket No. 2023-89-E)

In 2022, the South Carolina General Assembly passed Act 227 (Storm Securitization Statute) which addressed storm damage recovery costs by authorizing an electrical utility to pursue securitization to recover prudently incurred costs due to storm recovery activity. The process consists of two parts: first, identification of prudently incurred storm recovery costs (Phase l) and second, issuance of a financing order which will authorize the issuance of the storm recovery bonds; the imposition, collection, and

periodic adjustments of a storm recovery charge; the creation of storm recovery property; and the sale, assignment, or transfer of storm recovery property to an assignee (Phase 2).

In August 2022, DEP filed a petition for review and recovery of storm recovery principal costs (Phase l). *(See,* Docket No. 2022-256-E). Following a hearing in Docket No. 2022- 256-E, the Commission issued Order No. 2023-260 (dated May 30, 2023) approving a partial Stipulation and approving storm costs of approximately $170 million.

On March 31, 2023, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) filed its petition for a financing order requesting authorization for the financing of storm recovery costs due to storm recovery activities resulting from several named storms {Phase 2). This docket marked the continuation of the first case brought by an electrical utility pursuant to the S.C. Act No. 227 of2022 {Storm Securitization Statute). The parties filed a Settlement Agreement in the case. Following a hearing on the Phase 2 petition and the Settlement Agreement, the Commission on October 23, 2023, issued the "Storm Recovery Financing Order Approving Comprehensive Settlement Agreement and Accounting Order." *(See,* Order No. 2023- 752(A)).

This case is significant because it is the first case on a financing order pursuant to the Storm Securitization Statute. Commissioners and staff members spent considerable time preparing for the case including studying the Storm Securitization Statute and the materials filed in the docket. My experience as a commissioner and as a lawyer practicing in the area of utility regulation, along with knowledge gained from seminars and educational opportunities, helped in understanding the issues presented in this case.

B. 2023 Integrated Resource Plan for the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) (Docket No. 2023-154-E)

2019 Act 62 (South Carolina Energy Freedom Act or SCEFA) requires the Commission to hold a proceeding to review each electrical utility's IRP. Act 90, passed in 2021, requires the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) to file its IRP with the Commission for review. Prior to the passage of 2019 Act

62 and 2021 Act 90, electrical utilities filed their IRPs with the State Energy Office, but no formal proceedings were required for review of the IRPs.

In May 2023, Santee Cooper filed its 2023 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). This docket is significant because this is the first instance where Santee Cooper's IRP was reviewed by the Commission. The Commission issued its order in March 2024 approving Santee Cooper's IRP.

This case is noteworthy because this docket was the first instance where the Commission reviewed an IRP filed by Santee Cooper. To me, this case is also significant because the Commission has only recently been tasked with reviewing IRPs and IRP Updates, and each IRP case the Commission reviews presents another opportunity to gain more understanding of the complex issues involved and addressed in the IRP process. In reviewing an IRP, I rely upon my experience as a commissioner, as an attorney having practiced in the area of utility regulation for 30 years, as well as knowledge gained from attendance at conferences, seminars, and educational sessions, in identifying and understanding the issues presented in these cases. I have also found that every case, not just cases involving IRPs, presents a learning experience, and with the review of IRPs and the complexity and detail of the issues, each IRP case involves considerable study of the materials to grasp the issues.

C. Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Docket No. 2024-1-E)

Under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-865 (2015), the Commission must review annually the base rate for fuel costs of electrical utilities. The Commission is required to determine the amount designed to recover the fuel costs found to be appropriate for the succeeding twelve months, including adjustment for any over-recovery or under- recovery from the preceding twelve months. Stated another way, the base rate of fuel for the upcoming twelve months is based on the true-up of the cost of fuel the utility paid in the previous year and the projected cost of fuel for the upcoming year. Also addressed in the context of the annual fuel proceeding is the Distributed Energy Resource Program (DERP) charge allowed

pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-150 (2015) and Commission Order No. 2015-194.

This case is important for two reasons. First, this 2024 case resulted in a decrease in the fuel factor following increases from the past couple of years. Second, an issue that arose from a customer complaint case was addressed in this docket. In Docket No. 2023-242-E, the Commission heard a customer complaint alleging improper billing by Duke Energy Progress (DEP). One area where the customer alleged to have been overcharged related to the charge for the Distributed Energy Resource Program (DERP). In that customer complaint docket, the Commission determined that DEP had charged the customer an extra DERP charge on the customer's outdoor lighting service. DEP agreed with the billing error related to that customer and started an investigation of possible instances where other customers may have also been overcharged. In this current fuel case, DEP reported results of its investigation and reported 3,584 accounts were affected by the overcharge for a total amount of $69,956.12. DEP agreed to refund the overcharges to all customers identified, and DEP is in the process of making the refunds to those customers. Further, the Commission required DEP to continue to investigate the DERP overcharge issue, report its findings to ORS, provide a root cause analysis and corrective action plan to ORS, and further update and address this issue in the 2025 annual fuel proceeding.

The statute governing the recovery of fuel costs by electric utilities is designed to provide recovery of prudently incurred fuel costs. The parties to the proceeding must present evidence regarding, and the Commission must review, the prices paid during the review period, the prices forecast for the upcoming twelve months, outages of generating units, and other factors to ensure that the utility made every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs. The totality of my experiences (as a commissioner, previous work experiences, and numerous educational opportunities over a number of years) has helped me understand the concepts and issues presented in these cases which occur annually. Further, my experience helped to identify that one of the issues raised by the customer in the complaint docket was valid, leading to DEP's investigation and identification of the billing error which impacted numerous customers.

5. Accomplishments of the Public Service Commission

Describe what you believe are the greatest accomplishments of the commission during the review period.

The time in issuing Commission orders has improved. In the review period, the average time to issue orders improved to 32.83 days - an improvement from 37.80 days in 2022- 2023 and 39.55 days in 2021-2022. The Commission speaks through its orders, and it is important to the parties, the public, the Commission, and the regulatory process that well- written, well-reasoned, and accurate orders are issued in a timely manner. The Commission continues to work toward issuing all orders within thirty (30) days of the decision on a matter. During the review period, all orders subject to a statutory deadline have been issued within the statutory deadline.

During the review period and to assist with tracking and collaborating on orders, the Commission implemented the use of Smartsheet, a workflow management program. Among other functions, Smartsheet generates and sends reports to Commissioners and
Staff from information entered into the spreadsheets in the program. Use of this program has assisted in keeping Commissioners informed on the status of orders, including when deadlines are nearing and when orders are available for review by Commissioners. Once the benefits of Smartsheet were observed, the Executive Director and Staff members identified other areas where Smartsheet could be useful and began using Smartsheet for workflow in other departments and areas. In my opinion, Smartsheet has proven to be an effective tool and has resulted in improved workflow, collaboration, and communication.

6. Work Schedule and Preparation.

A. Describe your schedule during an average work week. For example, how often are you in your office in Columbia? How many hours do you telecommute?

I live in Columbia and rarely telecommute. I am in the office daily, usually arriving by 8:30 a.m. and remaining in the office until 4:45 p.m. or later. When the daily or weekly schedule requires additional time, I arrive earlier or stay later than normal business hours or work on the weekend. I am accustomed to an office environment and am more comfortable with working in the office than working from

home. Additionally, being in the office helps ensure that I have access to all materials I may need.

I usually start the day by going through emails and reviewing the daily activity report containing matters which were filed the previous day. A large part of Monday is spent reviewing matters on the agendas for the Commission business meeting, which is usually held on Thursday afternoon. Throughout the week, I will discuss upcoming matters on the meeting agenda with other commissioners and commission staff.

I spend a good portion of my time reviewing materials for upcoming hearings or upcoming business meetings. Preparation for hearings and meetings requires reviewing materials of each case or matter. Pleadings and prefiled testimony take considerable time to read. I read quite a bit while at the office and also read at home during the evenings and on weekends. After hearings, time is spent reviewing the record and proposed orders in preparation for making decisions on various matters at a Commission Business Meeting. After the Commission votes on a matter at the Commission Business Meeting, a directive recording the prevailing motion and vote is issued. Commission Staff attorneys then prepare an order memorializing the decision of the Commission and submit the order for Commissioner review. After I complete my review of an order, I will discuss with one or more of the attorneys any edits, suggestions, or concerns I have with the order. Reviewing the orders drafted by the staff attorneys and discussions following my review take time, but it is time well spent to produce a good order.

During the review period, I served as Chair of the Commission and met with the Executive Director and the leadership team to set the agendas for the business meetings. I also attended meetings with the Executive Director, managers, and other personnel regarding agency operations.

B. Describe how you prepare for a hearing.

Hearing preparation requires reading and studying the pleadings, prefiled testimony, and other documents filed in a case. Pursuant to Commission's regulations parties must prefile written testimony and exhibits. On most cases, I track the established dates for prefiling of

testimony and exhibits so that I can obtain the prefiled testimony and exhibits within a few days of the documents being filed. I go through the testimony and exhibits to identify issues and make notes for reference. I try to keep up with additional materials as they are filed because I find it better to stay abreast as matters are received than try to absorb all the information at one time shortly before the hearing. However, once all the testimony and exhibits are filed, I go through the materials to ensure that I am familiar with the parties' positions, evidence, and arguments. I also research and review relevant statutes and case law on the issues presented. Commission staff members also provide briefings on major cases, and it is helpful to consult with staff members and other commissioners on issues and matters on which I have questions.

Following a hearing, work continues to prepare for discussion and voting on a case or matter at a business meeting. I review post-trial briefs or proposed orders and often review the hearing transcript or hearing record. Throughout the process, I try to discuss issues with other commissioners and with commission staff. These discussions with other commissioners and with commission staff are helpful to review the issues and evidence upon which the Commissioners must base our decisions.

7. **Effects of Code of Judicial Conduct and South Carolina's ethics laws on your role as Commissioner.**
In your own words, discuss how the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Ethics Laws interact and affect you and your role as a commissioner.

The Code of Judicial Conduct provides a set of ethical principles and guidelines to promote integrity, impartiality, and diligence. Our legal system is based on the premise that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us, and these same principles apply to Commissioners who serve on the Public Service Commission. The Code of Judicial Conduct provides guidance and structure to our professional and personal lives, and when followed, the Code of Judicial Conduct helps us maintain high standards of professional and personal conduct. Similarly, the State Ethics Laws also provide structure on how we must comport ourselves in the discharge of our duties.

It is an honor to serve as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission. I take the responsibilities of this office seriously and strive to carry out my duties as a commissioner in a professional manner. Public trust is essential to government and is essential to being a good commissioner. It is important that we are fair, impartial, and unbiased. All who are impacted by the Commission's decisions, from the parties appearing before the Commission to ratepayers, deserve impartial decisions free from bias and improper influence. Adherence to the Code of Judicial Conduct and the state ethics rules help me be an effective commissioner and state employee.

8. Challenges of the Public Service Commission

Describe three challenges of the Public Service Commission during the review period, and how those challenges were managed.

A. Scheduling

During the review period, the Commission dealt with a number of complex and time- consuming cases. Scheduling of matters is often a challenge. There are several types of cases which occur annually, and for these annual cases, schedules have been developed to meet dates for decisions which are set internally or by statute for when these cases must be decided. For many cases which do not require a hearing, study of pleadings, filings, and law is required to make an informed decision, and some of these cases require considerable preparation and study. In cases requiring a hearing, scheduling can be a challenge to ensure that parties have enough time for preparation, that time is reserved for hearing, that adequate time is afforded for commissioners to review the case record and deliberate before making a decision, and that sufficient time to prepare an order is reserved. Even after schedules are set, schedules must often be adjusted to accommodate requests from parties. Challenges in scheduling have been met by the Commission and the parties working together as much as possible to ensure that conflicts in scheduling are resolved while maintaining all parties' right to a fair process. Flexibility from the Commission and parties to the proceeding is needed to address scheduling of matters. Scheduling challenges will continue to arise, and the Commission will need to continue to work with the parties to ensure that all are afforded a fair hearing while balancing the Commission's need for sufficient time to study a record, make a decision, and timely issue a well-reasoned, complete order.

B. Content of Orders

While more of a goal than a challenge, the writing of clear, well-reasoned, accurate orders is an area where continued improvement is desired. The Commission's orders must accurately explain the case, address the issues presented, and clearly and correctly explain the reasons for the decision reached. The Commission has a statutory requirement to ensure that "final orders and decisions of the commission must be sufficient in detail to enable the court on appeal to determine the controverted questions presented ... and must include (1) findings and conclusions, and the reasons or bases therefore, upon all materials issues of fact or law presented." *See,* S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-250 (2015). Staff attorneys worked diligently on orders during the review period, and commissioners have worked with the staff attorneys in reviewing and providing suggestions to reflect the decisions of the Commission. Content of the orders has been, and continues to be, a priority and is an area where improvement should always be sought.

C. Continued Improvement

Despite best efforts and hard work, issues will arise that indicate areas of improvement. The Commission and commission staff must be engaged to identify when improvements may be required. Upon identifying issues, we must all be willing to address the issue, work on solutions, and reassess to ensure resolution. As discussed above, shortening the timeframe for issuance of orders has been a challenge which the Commission and commission staff have worked to address and will continue to address. Identifying and utilizing technology (Smartsheet) is one area that helped in reducing the time to issue orders. However, technology alone will not solve an issue. We all must be willing to change habits or thoughts to improve our work. A mindset of "this is the way we have always done it" and not being open to change or new approaches will not produce different or better results. While change may not be easy, we must seek to improve so that we can do our best work and produce a quality work product. The only way to improve is to work with an open mind to new methods and opportunities and approaches. We are all creatures of habit; there is comfort in routine. However, the challenge lies in changing our habits and routines to work smarter and more effectively whether that be through embracing new technologies or by treating challenges as an opportunity for improvement.

9. Recusal

If there was a matter in which you were recused during the review period, provide a brief description of the matter and the reason(s) for the recusal.

I had no recusals during this review period for any reason under the Code of Judicial Conduct.

On June 20, 2023, I was on sick leave due to illness. The Commission was scheduled to hear two dockets on that date. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2023-295 (dated April 27, 2023), the Commission scheduled the hearing in Docket No. 2022-159-E to be heard starting at l 0:00 a.m. on June 20, 2023, and upon conclusion of that hearing, to hear the matter in Docket No. 2022-158-E. At the outset of the hearing in Docket No. 2022-159-E, a motion was made to hold the hearing in Docket No. 2022-158-E in abeyance to allow the parties additional time to discuss and resolve certain issues in that docket. That motion was granted on the record by the Acting Chairman, and the hearing in Docket No. 2022-158-E was not held. The hearing in Docket No. 2022-159-E proceeded as scheduled on June 20, 2023. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-225 (2015) which states in relevant part, "If a commissioner is absent from or leaves a hearing for fifteen consecutive minutes or longer ... the commissioner may not participate in the deliberations or vote on the matter." Because I missed the hearing in Docket No. 2022-159-E, I did not participate in deliberations or vote on the matter when it came before the Commission for a decision.

NOTE: Do not provide any information that would violate the prohibition against ex parte communication or would otherwise violate any privilege.

Ethics Statement: I, **Commissioner Florence P. Belser have read and understand the Code of Judicial Conduct and the ethics laws of South Carolina.** I **certify that** I **have adhered to these standards at all times during this review period.**

Signature: Florence P. Belser
Date: October 16, 2024

RICHARD N. MCINTYRE
SEAT 2

Review Committee Finding: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:
Mr. McIntyre earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of South Carolina in 1980.

Mr. McIntyre is a Market Executive for First Reliance Bank, a position he has held since 2003 through his retirement effective April 30, 2025.

Mr. McIntyre previously worked for C&S National Bank (and its successor, NationsBank) from 1981-2003 where he held the positions of Collector, Branch Manager, Commercial Lender, and Consumer Loan Administrator. He then worked for Carolina First as the bank's Lexington County Executive from 1993-2003.

Mr. McIntyre was elected to serve on the Lexington-Richland Airport Commission from 2014- 2020 where he was Finance Chairman from 2015-2020 and Vice Chairman from 2019-2020.

Mr. McIntyre served on the Riverbanks Zoo Society Board of Directors from 2004-2014, has been a member of the Lexington Rotary Club since 1985 and the Lexington Chamber of Commerce since 1984.

Test Score: **63**

H. DAVID BRITT
SEAT 4

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:
Mr. Britt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from Wofford College in 1977.

Mr. Britt has been the Vice President and General Manager of the South Carolina Division of Tindall Corporation since 1988. He has served on

Spartanburg County Council (District 3) since 1991, where he has held the positions of Vice Chairman of Council and Chair of the Economic Development Committee since elected in 1991.

Mr. Britt has previously worked as the Director of Human Resources for Flowers Industries from 1977-1980. He then worked as the as the Director of Industrial Relations for Boiler Tube Co. of the USA from 1980-1985. Mr. Britt founded David Britt and Associates in 1985 where we worked as a management consultant for several industrial manufacturing companies in the United States until 1988.

Mr. Britt was elected to the Spartanburg District 7 School Board in 1987 where he served until 1991.

Mr. Britt has served on the Chapman Cultural Center Board, the Spartanburg Regional Health System Heart Foundation Board, the Wofford College Alumni Board, and is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg where is a former Deacon and Elder.

Test Score: 50

JUSTIN T. WILLIAMS
SEAT 6

Review Committee Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Personal Information, Educational Background, and Work Experience:
Mr. Williams attended the University of South Carolina and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Relations in 2006 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2010. In 2015, he completed the Judge Advocate Officer's Basic Course. Mr. Williams earned a Master of Environmental Management degree from Duke University in May 2024.

Mr. Williams has served on the Public Service Commission as the commissioner for District 2 since 2018. Mr. Williams served as Chair of the commission from 2020-2022. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the commission.

Mr. Williams previously worked for the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor Office from 2011-2013 and then again from 2015-2016. From 2013-2015, he was an associate at Wilson Jones Carter & Baxley, P.A. where he specialized in worker's compensation litigation. Mr. Williams then worked as an associate with Moore Bradley Myers from 2017-2018. Mr. Williams is also a Judge Advocate in the United States Army Reserve; his service began in 2015.

Mr. Williams is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, the Richland County Bar Association, the South Carolina Bar Association, and the South Carolina Black Lawyers Association. He is also a member of Downtown Church, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Mr. Williams also currently owns and operates a small family farm in Aiken County, South Carolina.

Test Score: 88

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONNAIRE
PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

NAME: JUSTIN THOMAS WILLIAMS
SEAT: SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT DATE ELECTED: MAY 11, 2018
DATE TERM EXPIRES: JUNE 30, 2022

Please provide information for the review period covering July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. Be sure to fully address each item.

1. **Educational programs.**

Provide the following information regarding educational programs attended:

A. The name of the program and the sponsoring organization
Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke Environmental Leadership Master of Environmental Management (concentration in energy and the environment).

B. A description of the topics and any certificate or recognition received

Strategic Planning for Environmental Leaders: This course focused on the development of management skills, including decision-making, motivation, working in teams, organizational cultures, organizational design, learning organizations, and change management for private, public, and not-for-profit organizations.

Environmental Law and Policy: This course focused on the evolution of environmental policies from strict reliance on command-and-control systems to experimentation with alternative approaches by examining the history and context of U.S. policy development processes and institutions. This course also explored command approaches to air and water pollution and waste management and alternative approaches, such as market-based programs, public-private partnerships, voluntarism, policies for managing land, natural resources, species protection, and addressing transnational and global environmental problems.

Duke Environmental Leadership Seminar: This course focused on reflecting on each student's leadership journey, defining and refining the "WHY" for each student's leadership efforts, and learning and practicing leadership skills crucial for today's rapidly changing world.

Research Design for Environmental Social Science: The purpose of the course was to 1) examine the concept of' research' (philosophy and epistemology, as well as practice) in general and the environmental and social sciences specifically and 2) overview types of data used by environmental, social scientists, and some specific methods for collecting them. Although a range of methods and data sources were scoped, the focus was on qualitative data and the methods used to 'collect' data from/with people; 3) introduce approaches to and methods for analyzing qualitative data and presenting it. Although topics and methods are relevant to social sciences generally, readings, examples, and activities highlight the relevance and utility of research methods for understanding human uses, values, interactions, and beliefs about the environment.

Mandatory Masters Project: This course was a culminating hands-on experience that allowed me to apply the professional skills and

knowledge that I acquired in the classroom to tackle a real-world industry and government challenge.

After completing 36 hours of coursework, including a 43-page Master's project, Duke University, Nicholas School of the Environment awarded me a Master of Environmental Management on May 12, 2024.

C. How the program helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission

This rigorous academic program has exposed me to educational theories and emerging issues of law, policy, and technology related to the provision of energy and environmental management. It has also enhanced my critical thinking skills regarding energy and environmental issues associated with the local community, the state, the nation, and the world. I have also received intensive leadership coaching and counseling, allowing me to grow as a leader. The commission has benefited from my participation in this program through my sharing of the lessons that I have learned with fellow commissioners and commission staff and offering a spectrum of academic perspectives during commission deliberations.

D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to attending educational programs.

I spent nine days out of the office during the rating period to complete this program.

A. The name of the program and the sponsoring organization

United States Army Command and General Staff Officer College Intermediate Leader Education Phases 2 and 3.

B. A description of the topics and any certificate or recognition received

C300A Unified Action: C300 Unified Action (UA) is a 44-hour block of instruction broken into two blocks (C300A and C300B) that builds on the study of the strategic level of war and systems perspective introduced in C200 *Strategic Context of Operational Art.* The block (C300A) begins with a basic understanding of the roles, functions, capabilities,

limitations, and operational considerations of the US military services and unified action partners: US Anny, US Air Force, US Navy & US Coast Guard, USMC, Special Operations Forces (SOF), Space Operations, Cyberspace Operations, Conventional Nuclear Integration, and Joint Logistics & Army Sustainment Support of UA. The remaining lessons (C300B in Phase 3) provided me with an understanding of the fundamentals of Unified Action, Joint Functions, the range of military operations (ROMO), Multinational Operations, and lnterorganizational Cooperation and Support to provide the context for how joint forces and unified action partners are integrated and synchronized to support the Joint Force Command's plans and operations.

FI00 Force Management: This course focused on following the Force Management Model in examining primary systems, concepts, and issues of Army change management while describing how resource management supports integrating and maintaining capabilities at the unit level. Students' understanding of force management and resource management are key topics in developing military professionals who understand the service as a whole.

Hl00 History: The course gave a broad perspective on the relationship between the study of history, the development of the theory upon which doctrine is written, and that doctrine's
implementation in war. The block also examines the interplay between war and Western society and, through that perspective, some insights into the challenges and opportunities the US military faces today. The block consisted of 27 hours of instruction, distributed across thirteen lessons. H100 contributes to the college's outcomes by producing officers who can understand war, the spectrum of conflict, and the complexity of the operational environment (history, culture, ethics, geography). The block also develops critical and creative thinkers who can apply solutions to operational problems in a volatile, uncertain, complex, or ambiguous environment. Last, Hl00 enhances an officer's ability to communicate concepts clearly and precisely in written and oral forms.

Ll00 Leadership: This course discussed leadership in a formal professional military education setting. It also focused on professional growth as an organizational-level leader, centered on transitioning from direct to organizational-level leadership. It addressed the challenges leaders face as they improve organizations while operating to accomplish the mission.

C400 Apply US Army Doctrine: This course focused on learning and applying Unified Land Operations and Mission Command, which links critical and creative thinking with the tactical level of war, the strategic level of war, and Unified Action.

C500 Operational Art and Joint Planning: This course was a culminating hands-on capstone experience that allowed students to practice and display their understanding of operational art and design by developing, analyzing, and evaluating an operation approach with a doctrinally complete course of action at the operational level of war based on a scenario in the Baltics State region.

After completing 284.5 hours of coursework, including five significant papers, two briefings, eight exams, and a capstone project, I graduated from the United States Anny Command and General Staff College Command and General Staff Officer Common Core Course on May 24, 2024.

C. How the program helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission

This program helped me develop as a leader by teaching me to dissect and evaluate various leadership styles and organizational theories to determine their effectiveness. It also helped me understand how to use the tools available in an organization, including how to interpret and apply history to accomplish the desired end state. The commission benefitted from my participation in this program because I am actively using the skills that I learned to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the commission at all levels (commissioners, staff, hearing preparation, hearings, and orders).

D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to attending educational programs.

I spent 10 days out of the office during the rating period to complete this program.

A. The name of the program and the sponsoring organization

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Winter Policy Summit

B. A description of the topics and any certificate or recognition received

The Changing Energy Landscape and Regulatory Challenges: ***The Hon. Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy, DOE***

The Wright Touch: A Conversation with David Wright

The Hon. Tricia Pridemore, Georgia, hosted a one-on-one with the Hon. David Wright, Nuclear Regulatory Commission and past president of NARUC.

Measuring Equity: The Energy Equity Roundtable

The IIJA and IRA will provide more than $1 trillion in investments to address climate change and a just energy transition. There is a clear focus on equity in these significant investments, and the Justice40 Initiative is most visible. The established goal is to achieve an equitable distribution of resources, such that 40 percent of the federal investment spending should benefit disadvantaged and underserved communities. But how do you measure success? The goals of equitable opportunities, allocation of resources, and impact of programs cannot be achieved without a precise measure of what constitutes equity.

This session used a roundtable talk show format that brought together crucial energy equity stakeholders, including the current administration, corporate leaders, energy regulators, and community engagement experts. The roundtable discussed and examined existing initiatives to probe for a universal definition of equity. Participants further discussed evaluative tools to assess community needs and strategic approaches for policymakers who must direct efforts to achieve equitable impacts for underserved and disadvantaged communities. Discussions overall center on big-bucket energy issues such as infrastructure, transportation/EV, energy manufacturing/innovation, and Workforce development. This session stimulated collaborative conversations that could lead to action solutions so that the great energy transition leaves no community behind.

Overcoming the Transmission Bottleneck: Exploring Federal Funding and Regional Planning to Support Transmission Expansion for a Clean Energy Future

Over the past two decades, approximately 200 GW of wind and solar were added to the U.S. power grid, and recently enacted federal incentives in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) will only accelerate the deployment of clean energy and storage across the U.S. Currently, a large amount of potential clean power capacity is struggling with the wait times and costs of connecting to the transmission grid, and the declining construction of new high-voltage transmission lines over the last decade. A lack of sufficient transmission capacity stands to be a potential barrier to fully achieving IRA's emissions reduction potential, which studies have shown will require a doubling of the historical pace of electricity transmission expansion that has been seen over the last decade. This panel covered how **IRA, IIJA,** and DOE funding can be leveraged to support transmission projects by deploying capacity-enhancing Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs) on existing transmission infrastructure and exploring ways to engage in effective regional infrastructure planning.

Making the Smart Grid Smarter Through Intelligent Rate Design

As the array of distributed energy resources (DERs) available to customers expands and diversifies, the ability to facilitate an increasingly flexible, efficient, and cleaner "grid of the future" becomes more important than ever. In the past decade, billions of dollars have been spent on "smart" meters and other advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) to modernize the grid, improve grid resilience, increase DER participation, and reduce costs to ratepayers. However, the benefits of a "smart" grid can't be realized without implementing rates intelligently designed to activate changes on the demand side. Rate design is, therefore, central to optimizing DERs and the other benefits of AMI for customers and the grid. States are piloting and exploring DER-optimized rate designs, from designs that provide price signals to charge and discharge battery storage to options that encourage EV owners to charge their cars during off-peak hours. This panel explored the various time-varying and dynamic rate design options to facilitate optimized DER adoption, grid resilience, and increased customer benefits.

GSA-Utility Partnerships Will Cut Emissions and Lower Energy Costs for the Nation's Largest Energy Consumer

The federal government is the single largest consumer of energy in the country and also the country's biggest landlord, overseeing nearly 350,000 buildings. The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has committed to 100% Carbon Pollution-Free Electricity on a Net Annual

Basis by 2030, including 50% on a 24/7 basis. GSA is continuing its work to eliminate onsite carbon pollution in newly constructed facilities and facilities undergoing major modernization to achieve Net-Zero Emissions Buildings by 2045, including a 50% reduction by 2032. Through these actions, GSA creates innovative economic opportunities that advance clean energy goals, create jobs, develop healthy and prosperous communities, and save taxpayer money. Partnerships are critical to success, including utilities regulated by NARUC's members. Panelists discussed the impact and implementation of these goals as well as the role of utility regulators and stakeholders.

First Do No Harm: Siting EV Charging Infrastructure
Joint with the Committee on Energy Resources and the Environment

Electrification, including transportation electrification (TE), has the potential to be a source of downward pressure on rates. To allow for this potential, the infrastructure necessary to serve TE load must be sited strategically to avoid locations requiring costly and time-consuming upgrades to support additional load on the electric system. Moreover, as we prepare for the disbursement of National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) program funds, planning for and siting infrastructure in locations requiring less grid investment will stretch those funds. However, to ensure that ratepayers paying for all or a part of this infrastructure get the most benefits for their cost, charging infrastructure should be placed in high-traffic areas and convenient locations for EV users to maximize usage. To ensure these deciding factors are considered, regulators and utilities must partner with local traffic planners to determine if and where optimal traffic-based locations also have minimal grid upgrades and associated costs. Panelists discussed the issues mentioned above and offered an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

Looking Back--and Forward--at FERC-State Engagement

Managing energy policies that affect the entire nation is a daunting but necessary task for regulators. This session looks at the relationship between state regulators and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in recent history, often with NARUC as an essential facilitator in these dialogues. We have reached a point where communication and engagement have increased, with all players having to, at times, navigate through an atmosphere of politics while staying focused on serving the public interest. Managing and respecting different and competing

priorities is not a simple feat, and we've reached this point through intentional measures. The panelists, all former members of FERC, discussed how the relationships with state regulators have evolved and offered insight on how to ensure that the relationship continues in the right direction.

C. How the program helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission

Participating in NARUC's Winter Policy Summit helps me stay current on utility regulatory issues. It also benefits the commission by allowing commissioners to access utility regulatory information and discuss utility regulatory issues in an academic setting.

D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to attending educational programs.

I spent 3 days out of the office during the rating period to complete this program.

2. Participation in organizations.

Provide the following information regarding your participation in organizations:

A. The name of the organization, position held, and committee served on;
B. A description of the organization's function;
C. How did participation in the organization helped you as a commissioner and benefitted the Commission; and
D. The amount of time spent out of the office due to your participation in organizations.

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Currently, I am a member of the electricity committee.

NARUC is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing the state public service commissions who regulate the utilities that provide essential services such as energy, telecommunications, power, water, and transportation.

NARUC's members include all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Most state commissioners are

appointed by their governor or legislature, whereas commissioners in 11 states are elected by the public and in two states by the general assembly.

NARUC's mission is to serve the public interest by improving the quality and effectiveness of public utility regulation. Under state laws, NARUC's members have an obligation to ensure the establishment and maintenance of utility services as may be required by law and to ensure that such services are provided at rates and conditions that are fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory for all consumers.

Participation in NARUC helps me stay knowledgeable and informed on various utility issues that impact South Carolina, the Southeast, and the rest of the United States.

I was out of the office for three days to attend NARUC's Winter Policy Summit.

3. Representation in Official Capacity as Commissioner.

For any event attended in your official capacity as commissioner that has not been included in item 1 or 2, provide the following information:

A. Leadership South Carolina Natural Resources Session;
B. Leadership South Carolina;
C. Oral presentation on the history and purpose of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina.
D. I spent 1 day out of the office to attend this event.

A. HBCU Energy Pathways Energy Panel;
B. E4 Carolinas;
C. Oral presentation on my path to working in the energy industry.
D. I spent 2 hours out of the office to attend this event.

A. HBCU Energy Pathways Energy Competition;
B. E4 Carolinas;
C. Provided feedback on student case studies that resolved an energy and environmental issue.
D. I spent 1 day out of the office to attend this event.

A. Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management Panel (during lunch at the NARUC Winter Policy Summit);
B. Edison Foundation Institute for Electric Innovation;
C. Oral presentation on how energy efficiency and demand side management programs work in South Carolina
D. I did not spend additional time out of the office for this event as I was already attending the NARUC Winter Policy Summit.

4. Notable Cases.

In your own words, describe three cases you participated in that you believe were the most significant during the review period. Provide a summary of the case, including the case name, the docket number, and the issues and outcome (two to three sentences). Your response should focus on: (a) why this case was significant; and (b) how the educational programs you attended, your participation in organizations and experience as a commissioner benefitted your decisions in each case.
2023-89-E: Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Petition for a Storm Securitization Financing Order ("Phase II")

Duke Energy Progress, LLC filed a petition before the commission requesting permission to securitize storm costs and up-front financing costs associated with the issuance of storm recovery bonds, approval of their securitization financing structure, approval to issue storm recovery bonds, approval of financing costs, and approval to create storm recovery property. This case was significant because it was the first petition for a storm securitization financing order in South Carolina and the result of the commission's approval of the petition will deliver $35 million in savings to ratepayers. The educational programs I attended during the review period gave me insight into long-term planning, innovative problem-solving, and best practices in the utility regulatory space, making it easier for me to understand, appreciate, and grant the petition.

2024-34-E: Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for Authority to Adjust and Increase Its Retail Electric Rate Schedules, Tariffs, and Terms and Conditions

Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. filed an application to adjust and increase its retail electric rates. Notwithstanding the unopposed settlement agreement, the applicant presented the most robust and transparent rate case I witnessed as a commissioner. This case was significant because it demonstrated the applicant's willingness to be accountable, forthright, and transparent with the commission, parties to the processing, and ratepayers. The educational programs that I attended during the review period, especially the education at Duke University and the United States Anny Command and General Staff College, exposed me to various leadership methods, risks associated with utility operation and regulation, and the ability to learn from past mistakes without being crippled from moving forward towards a better future.

2023-242-E: Johnny Hedwin, Complainant/Petitioner v. Duke Energy Progress, LLC Defendant/Respondent

Johnny Hedwin filed a complaint against Duke Energy Progress, LLC (Company) alleging that the Company overcharged his electricity account. The commission conducted a hearing where Mr. Hedwin appeared as a pro se litigant. While working through this case, the commission identified a billing discrepancy on Mr. Hedwin's account, resulting in the company overcharging Mr. Hedwin. This case is significant because it demonstrates the commission's commitment to giving ratepayers access and due process as the commission worked with Mr. Hedwin so that he could appear virtually. While it may seem like a small accomplishment, the commission's staff worked very hard to make sure Mr. Hedwin could "have his day in court" without having to drive to Columbia, S.C. Additionally, this case is significant because it proves that when ratepayers have access and due process before the commission, the commission is empowered to better serve ratepayers by adjudicating matters that it would not know of without hearing the ratepayers case. In this case, the Company realized that Mr. Hedwin was not the only customer overcharged and was in the process of issuing refunds. The educational programs that I attended during the review period helped strengthen my ability to resolve unconventional issues involving parties with various backgrounds through a collaborative process that focuses on problem-solving rather than finger-pointing and casting blame.

5. Accomplishments of the Public Service Commission

Describe what you believe are the most significant accomplishments of the commission during the review period.

During this review period, the commission's most significant accomplishments were its continued commitment to demonstrated results in increasing access to the commission and protecting the due process of ratepayers, utilities, and interested parties. The commission has leveraged technology to allow ratepayers, utilities, and interested parties to appear in proceedings remotely, telephonically, and in person.

6. Work Schedule and Preparation.

A. The average work week included a commission business meeting briefing on Mondays and commission business meetings on Thursdays at a minimum. Most weeks during the review period included a hearing or a hearing briefing. After the commission business meeting briefing, professional staff and commissioners prepare motions for each item. On average, I was in the office four days a week during the review period. When I was not in the office, I was telecommuting using my government-issued laptop, the docket management system, or performing reading and mental preparation for an upcoming matter.

B. During this review period, I have worked closely with the Special Counsel to prepare for hearings. First, I prepared individually by reading the application/petition, the applicable law and regulations, and the pre-filed testimony and discussing my questions with the Special Counsel and other commissioners.

7. Effects of the Code of Judicial Conduct and South Carolina's ethics laws on your role as Commissioner.

In your own words, discuss how the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Ethics Laws interact and affect you and your role as a commissioner.
I constantly check my words and deeds against the Code of Judicial Conduct and the Ethics Laws to ensure that I meet both standards. Strictly adhering to these Laws is the only way to maintain public trust and afford all parties due process.

8. Challenges of the Public Service Commission

Describe three challenges of the Public Service Commission during the review period and how those challenges were managed.

Internal case management - The commission has many open complex dockets and double-digit filings are made in commission dockets daily. This creates an overwhelming number of matters to manage for commissioners and staff, and sometimes, filings fall through the cracks. The commission is managing this issue through new docket management software and continuing to refine the Docket Management System.

Understanding our purpose - The commission's mission is "[t]o regulate just and reasonable rates and services of public utilities in the state of South Carolina." Regulating utilities according to the applicable laws and regulations is not the same as managing a utility in the way that we believe is appropriate. The commission is managing this issue by focusing on understanding our limited role in the regulatory process by focusing on better understanding our laws and regulations.

Commissioner and staff efficiency and effectiveness - Since my election to the commission, the commission has increased its operational tempo every year. With the requirements of new laws and the filing of more cases, the commission is still working to identify the best commissioner and staff model that allows the commission to operate at maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

9. Recusal

If there was a matter in which you were recused during the review period, provide a brief description of the matter and the reason(s) for the recusal.

Not applicable for this review period.

NOTE: Do not provide any information that would violate the prohibition against ex parte communication or otherwise violate any privilege.

Ethics Statement: I, **Commissioner Justin T. Williams have read and understand the Code of Judicial Conduct and the ethics laws of**

South Carolina. I certify that I have adhered to these standards at all times during this review period.

Signature: Justin T. Williams
Date: November 17, 2024

Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 24, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST the invitation was accepted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3949 -- Reps. King and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3632 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND

SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4403 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE USE OF THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONFERENCE, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the use of the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives be extended to the Religious Liberty Conference, at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4404 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JENNIFER ROBINSON HATHCOCK, DIRECTOR OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS FOR HITACHI RAIL IN BATESBURG, FOR HER OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4405 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck,

Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 30, 2025, AS "2ND BATTALION 151ST AVIATION REGIMENT DAY" IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND STEADFAST EFFORTS OF ITS SOLDIERS TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FOR ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4406 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ABIGAIL MINIHAN AS SHE LEAVES HER SERVICE AS A LAW CLERK IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER UPCOMING GRADUATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA JOSEPH F. RICE

SCHOOL OF LAW, AND TO WISH HER THE BEST IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4407 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEPHEN CRAIG BEHR SR., HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT FLORENCE COUNTRY CLUB SINCE 1996, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4408 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY ELLE MARCHANT, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA'S TEEN 2024, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4409 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DAVIS WASH, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2024, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4410 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH F. HODGES OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives were deeply saddened by the passing of the Honorable Kenneth F. Hodges, former member of the South Carolina House, on April 22, 2025, at the venerable age of seventy-three; and

Whereas, born February 11, 1952, in the Sea Island community of

Bennetts Point, he was the son of Benjamin F. Hodges and Lydia Whaley Hodges. The young Kenneth finished his early education at Walterboro High School and next entered Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he received a Bachelor of Arts, followed by a Master of Divinity from Morehouse School of Religion of Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta; and

Whereas, in 1982, Kenneth Hodges married his beloved Patricia, God blessing the couple with three children, Kendrea, Kenyatta, and Kenithea; and

Whereas, this man of faith returned to his native state in 1986 to become pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Bennettsville. On August 6, 1995, he accepted a call to the pastorate of Tabernacle Baptist Church in downtown Beaufort. For thirty years, he used his spiritual gifts to advance the Kingdom of God both there and abroad by serving as moderator of the Old Ashley Association, as a faculty member of the South Carolina Baptist Congress of Christian Education, and as an instructor for the Morris College Extension Program. Moreover, he was a member of three ministerial delegations to London and Africa, where he taught and preached; and

Whereas, Kenneth Hodges served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 2005 to 2016 for House District 121 (Beaufort and Colleton counties). As a state lawmaker, he supported small businesses in rural areas because he believed self-employment was a way out of poverty. As a community-minded man, he further served on numerous boards, commissions, and advisory councils over the years and was a Bennettsville City councilman; and

Whereas, while Kenneth Hodges was best known for his duties as a pastor and state lawmaker, he was also a businessman and talented photographer. He owned LyBensons Gallery and Studio in downtown Beaufort, which featured some of his own photography, including photos he took of famous figures such as jazz trumpet player Dizzy Gillespie, entertainer Sammy Davis Jr., poet Maya Angelou, and civil rights icon Rosa Parks; and

Whereas, he leaves behind a legacy of community activism and preserving the history of the church and historic figures with ties to it including Harriet Tubman and Robert Smalls. One of his crown jewels

was the monument to Tubman which he promoted for years leading fundraising efforts that finally culminated in a sculpture depicting Tubman leading a faction during the Combahee River Raid in 1863. The statue captures the moments when Tubman joined Col. James Montgomery on an armed steamer sailing from Beaufort on a raid at the Combahee Ferry. Tubman, who had extensive local knowledge of the waters of the Lowcountry, freed 750 formerly enslaved people; and

Whereas, Kenneth Hodges leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Patricia; his dear daughters, Kendrea, Kenyatta, and Kenithea; and a host of other family members, friends, and admirers. He will be remembered as a humble public servant and beloved South Carolina leader, one who will be greatly missed. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, express their profound sorrow upon the passing of the Honorable Kenneth F. Hodges of Beaufort County, celebrate his life and achievements, and extend the deepest sympathy to his family and many friends.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the family.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4411 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHELLY KELLY, GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEPUTY TREASURER FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STATE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4412 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GREATER CAROLINA BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE RIBBON-CUTTING AT ITS NEW LOCATION ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH

FOR FORTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4413 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-NINTH BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON JULY 11 THROUGH 20, 2025, TO THANK TODD STOWE FOR SERVING AS COMMODORE FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, AND TO HONOR THOSE WHO ORGANIZE, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER FOR, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4414 -- Rep. Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025, PROVIDED

THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBERS MAY NOT BE USED IF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBERS ARE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, authorize Palmetto Boys State to use the Chambers of the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives and any available committee hearing rooms in the Blatt and Gressette Buildings for its annual State House meeting on Friday, June 13, 2025. The chambers, however, may not be used if the Senate or House is in session or if the chambers are otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the use of the chambers and the available committee hearing rooms by Palmetto Boys State must be in strict accordance with policies and the Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and House shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with applicable procedures of the Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Operations Director of Palmetto Boys State and to Senate Sergeant at Arms Chuck Williams and House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms Mitchell G. Dorman.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4415 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025, AS UNITED STATES ARMY DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE TO REFLECT UPON THE PROFOUND SENSE OF DUTY AND PATRIOTISM EXHIBITED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4416 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OLD STAGECOACH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHUNE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM MCLAUGHLIN ROAD TO STEPHENS LANE "CHARLIE AND PAT STEPHENS INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

S. 534 -- Senators Grooms and Goldfinch: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF AN EXECUTIVE

OFFICER ON THE ADDRESS OF TWO- THIRDS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XV, SECTION 3 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to Ways and Means Committee.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Joint Resolution was introduced, read the first time, and referred to the appropriate committee:

H. 4402 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026.

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, the Joint Resolution was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--111

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to a family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TEEPLE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment with St. Jude Children's Hospital.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COBB-HUNTER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. RANKIN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BAMBERG a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ERICKSON presented to the House the 2025 Teachers of the Year.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. FRANK presented to the House the Velos Storm High School Archery Team, the 2025 National Archery in the Schools Program State Champions in Bullseye.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LONG presented to the House the Boiling Springs High School "Bulldogs" AAAAA Strength and Conditioning State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LIGON presented to the House the Rock Hill High School "Bearcats" Girls Wrestling State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on

second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3457
Date:	ADD:
04/24/25	GIBSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3655
Date:	ADD:
04/24/25	DILLARD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4303
Date:	ADD:
04/24/25	YOW

H. 3877--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3877 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3878--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3878 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	W. Newton	Oremus

Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 213--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest

Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 213. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Davis

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 213. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Beach

S. 213--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 213 be read the third time tomorrow.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.

H. 3996 -- Reps. Sessions and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

H. 4350 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO

DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

S. 276--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 276 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-400, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-410, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Huff	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 276--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 276 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4267--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. LANDING, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 4267 -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE

ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER

ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY

AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY

STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

H. 4184--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4184 -- Rep. Teeple: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INDIGO HILL ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 174 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARK ROAD "GENO MIDDLETON ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4242--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4242 -- Rep. Chumley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE ENOREE RIVER TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "OLD ANTIOCH CHURCH WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4243--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4243 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4231--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Rep. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD TO PROVIDENCE ROAD "LEONARD L. PRICE MEMORIAL LANE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4322--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

S. 400--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 400 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF US-76 AND STATE ROAD S-30-46 (US 76) IN LAURENS COUNTY "NATHANIEL HUNTER SIPES MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 502--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 502 -- Senator Graham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE STRETCH OF KNIGHTS HILL ROAD FROM SPRINGDALE DRIVE TO CARTER STREET IN KERSHAW COUNTY "STEEPLECHASE THOROUGHFARE OF AMERICA" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 543--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 543 -- Senators Kimbrell and Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE OF INTERSTATE 26 AND HIGHWAY 11 AT EXIT 5 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY "JOHN W. PARRIS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 587--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 587 -- Senators Williams and Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF JEFFORDS STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PALMETTO STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST PINE STREET THE "HONORABLE PAT GIBSON-HYE MOORE MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

Rep. HEWITT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on April 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 10, S. 2) -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING

SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CERTAIN OTHER DEPARTMENT STAFF FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-20-30, 44-20-210, 44-20-220, 44-20-230, 44-20-240, AND 44-20-255, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO INCLUDE DEFINITION REVISIONS, ELIMINATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMISSION, RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND REASSIGNMENT OF THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-49-10 AND 44-49-20, BOTH RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES BY RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-9-10, 44-9-20, AND 44-9-30, ALL RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO INCLUDE RENAMING THE DEPARTMENT AS THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ESTABLISHING QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE DIRECTOR, AND ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S COMMISSION AND REASSIGNING THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES TO DEVELOP AND EXECUTE A PLAN TO ENSURE SERVICES AND SUPPORT ARE PROVIDED, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADMINISTRATOR OF COMMUNITY LIVING INTEGRATION AND A HEALTH PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-21-80, RELATING TO REGIONAL TERTIARY LEVEL DEVELOPMENTAL

EVALUATION CENTERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE CENTERS PROVIDE NEURODEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATION AND LIMITED TREATMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS UP TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE WHO HAVE CERTAIN SUSPECTED OR DIAGNOSED NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-9-40 AND 44-9-50 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(R. 11, S. 126) -- Senator Johnson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITON OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO THE MEANS FOR ACTIVE AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE THEIR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR MAKING SUCH INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UPON REQUEST AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR HOME ADDRESSES OR TAX MAP NUMBERS THAT CANNOT BE RESTRICTED FROM A DISCLOSED RECORD WITHIN AN INDEX OR FROM BEING DISPLAYED ON AN IMAGE OF AN OFFICIAL RECORD, TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIVE AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY SEEK CERTAIN JUDICIAL RELIEF FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FOR CLAIMS OR DAMAGES THAT ARISE FROM PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF

"PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO THE MEANS FOR ACTIVE AND FORMER JUDGES TO MAKE THEIR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE MEANS TO RESTRICT SUCH INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UPON REQUEST AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR HOME ADDRESSES OR TAX MAP NUMBERS THAT CANNOT BE RESTRICTED FROM A DISCLOSED RECORD WITHIN AN INDEX OR FROM BEING DISPLAYED ON AN IMAGE OF AN OFFICIAL RECORD, TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIVE AND FORMER JUDGES MAY SEEK CERTAIN JUDICIAL RELIEF FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FOR CLAIMS OR DAMAGES THAT ARISE FROM PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD; TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT 56 OF 2023, WHICH ENACTED THE "LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" AND THE "JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT," FROM JULY 1, 2025, UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2026; AND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE AND CREATE THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND JUDGES TO USE TO REQUEST STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REGSTRICT PUBLIC ACCESS TO PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE FORM, AND TO PROVIDE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAY PROVIDE SUPPLMENTAL FORMS TO IDENTIFY INFORMATION NEEDED BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ADDRESS REQUESTS FROM ELIGIBLE REQUESTING PARTIES.

(R. 12, S. 218) -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

(R. 13, S. 291) -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

(R. 14, S. 384) -- Senator Corbin: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

(R. 15, S. 388) -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

(R. 16, S. 389) -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

(R. 17, H. 3247) -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Pedalino, Chumley, Bowers, Hixon, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, Rivers and

Govan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES, NOT TO EXCEED TEN SCHOOL DAYS PER SCHOOL YEAR, FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCES, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

(R. 18, H. 3529) -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins, Mitchell and Weeks: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.

(R. 19, H. 3654) -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

(R. 20, H. 3814) -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

(R. 21, H. 3932) -- Rep. Pedalino: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING

PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

(R. 22, H. 3933) -- Reps. Mitchell and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-36-1330, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD AND TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.

(R. 23, H. 4014) -- Rep. Bustos: AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(R. 24, H. 4088) -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

(R. 25, H. 4187) -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. RIVERS, adjourned in memory of former Representative Kenneth F. Hodges, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 66:5: “Come and see what God has done; he is awesome in His deeds among mortals.”

Let us pray. O Lord, You have provided for us every needful thing. Open our eyes to see Your glorious blessings and care for us. Keep us in Your love and care. Grant us a restful and pleasant weekend and give us the strength for the work before us next week. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who support these leaders. Protect our defenders of freedom as they protect us. Heal the wounds of our brave warriors, those seen and those unseen. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

S. 276 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-400, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-410, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S

ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 29.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Ecclesiastes 4:9: "Two are better than one, because they have good reward for their labor."

Let us pray. Loving God, give us friendships with others, so we together can accomplish those things important for the people of this State. Guide these Representatives and Staff to work together and lift each other up. Grant them courage to approach every task with the desire to produce the good fruits of success. Look in favor upon our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom, at home and abroad, as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. JORDAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former member the Honorable Ralph King Anderson Jr., which was agreed to.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5330
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-1910 and 50-11-1920
Deer Processors and Donated Deer Processing Fee Recovery
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025

Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5364
Agency: Attorney General
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 35-1-101 et seq.
Securities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3089 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-395 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM WITH A PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS AND EXPENSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman, Hixon, Duncan and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE "BIOMASS" AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3950 -- Reps. Hixon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-65-40, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE AS PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PERFORMING SOIL EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTIONAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE ENGINEERS MUST HAVE CERTAIN TRAINING, BONDING, AND INSURANCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 425 -- Senators Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO

PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 367 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-210 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-230 SO AS TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-240 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BONA FIDE PLANS OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES AND DISPOSES OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESPONSIBLE PARTY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-270 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSELS THAT HAVE SUNK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-280 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN VESSELS DETERMINED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD OR A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT;

AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3214 -- Reps. Chumley, Magnuson, Taylor, Forrest and Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHING PUBLIC SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY CANNERIES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY BRING LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE TO BE CANNED FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENCY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3223 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR VETERINARY SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN OBSOLETE DEFINITION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4257 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell, Yow, Brittain, Jordan, B. Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL

DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4417 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JUNE BRAILSFORD, SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, AND TO WISH HER MANY MORE YEARS OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY AS SHE TURNS NINETY-SIX IN 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4418 -- Reps. Lawson, Moss, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DONNIE L. HARDIN, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING NEARLY FORTY-THREE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4419 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND KENNETH WAYNE FULMER FOR HIS MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITH THE RIDGE SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4420 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND COREY BEDENBAUGH, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND

TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4421 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES THOMAS "TOMMY" HAMMOND, TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE TO KERSHAW COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE SYMPATHY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4422 -- Reps. W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DIANA TISDELL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR HER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS ORGANIZATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS STARS AND STRIPES AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4423 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CELEBRATED PERFORMER LARRY FORD FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS AN ACCOMPLISHED AMERICAN MUSICIAN AND ENTERTAINER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4424 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE EXEMPLARY STUDENT INTERNS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO SERVING THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4425 -- Reps. Hosey, Clyburn, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2025, AS "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AWARENESS WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS MAKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION AT ALL LEVELS TO ADVANCE THEIR WORK AND IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES STATEWIDE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4426 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIAM JACKSON "BILL" BREWER, SOUTH CAROLINA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, AND TO DECLARE MAY 22, 2025, AS "BILL BREWER DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4427 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GRACEN GREEN FOR HER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE GIRL

SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN GIRL SCOUTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4428 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. TONY BOYCE OF MT. EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY-FIFTH MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED BLESSING IN HIS SERVICE TO THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4429 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AT 35Âº5'30" N BY

82Âº36' 53" W CONTAINING THE WORDS "ALAMO COVE" TO HONOR THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT TO CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THE PERSIMMON RIDGE FIRE.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 523 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 31 AND SC 9 IN HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA THE "S.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER TONY K. COX INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 561 -- Senator Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF RIVER ROAD (STATE ROAD S-40) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PINE STREET (S-21-312) TO THE INTERSECTION OF SHIRLEY ROAD (S-21-1114) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "BILLY EADDY ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--122

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Humphrey of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3339
Date:	ADD:
04/29/25	GUEST and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3645
Date:	ADD:
04/29/25	GOVAN, GILLIARD, RIVERS, ANDERSON, GARVIN, KING and MCDANIEL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/29/25	WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4164
Date:	ADD:
04/29/25	WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4397
Date:	ADD:
04/29/25	MORGAN, GILREATH and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3367
Date:	REMOVE:
04/29/25	YOW and MITCHELL

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3877 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

H. 3878 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3645--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters, B. Newton, Henderson-Myers, Govan, Gilliard, Rivers, Anderson, Garvin, King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID

PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3645 (LC-3645.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-11-150(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) "Eligible state employee" ~~means an employee occupying any percentage of a full-time equivalent position~~ any person employed ~~full-time by this State, its departments, agencies, or institutions. This includes any person employed full-time by a four-year or postgraduate institution of higher education under the control of the State or a technical college supported and under the control of the State~~ by any department, institution, commission, board, or any other unit of government of this State who occupies a position eligible to earn annual leave. This includes any person employed by a four-year or postgraduate institution of higher education under the control of the State or a technical college supported and under the control of the State who occupies a fulltime equivalent, temporary grant or time limited position.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-11-150(B) and inserting:

(B) Eligible state employees who are employed by this State, its departments, agencies, or institutions and who give birth are entitled to receive ~~six~~twelve weeks of paid parental leave. Other eligible state employees who do not give birth are entitled to receive ~~two~~four weeks of paid parental leave. An employee's paid parental leave is based on an employee's average workday.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-11-150(C)(6) and inserting:

(6) Paid parental leave must run concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the Family Medical and Leave Act and any other unpaid leave to which the eligible state employee may be entitled as a result of the qualifying event. However, leave granted under this section is with pay and is not annual leave or sick leave and therefore does not deduct from the eligible state employee's accrued leave balance. An eligible state employee does not have to exhaust all other forms of leave before being eligible to take leave granted under this section. However, an employer may require that an employee use paid parental leave before using annual leave if the employee's leave is taken pursuant to the Family Medical and Leave Act. Eligible state employees shall accrue

annual and sick leave at the normal rate while on this leave, if applicable.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 8-11-155(A)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) "Eligible state employee" means ~~an employee occupying any percentage of a full-time equivalent position~~any person employed by any department, institution, commission, board, or any other unit of government of this State who occupies a position eligible to earn annual leave. This includes any person employed by a four-year or postgraduate institution of higher education under the control of the State or a technical college supported and under the control of the State who occupies a position eligible to earn annual leave.

(3) "Paid parental leave" means ~~six~~twelve weeks of paid leave at one hundred percent of the eligible state employee's ~~base~~ pay or ~~two~~four weeks of paid leave at one hundred percent of the eligible state employee's ~~base~~ pay. Leave for part-time eligible state employees must be on a prorated basis corresponding to the percentage of hours they are normally scheduled to work.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 8-11-155(B) and inserting:

(B) Eligible state employees who are employed by this State, its departments, agencies, or institutions and are primarily responsible for furnishing the care and nurture of the child, are entitled to ~~six~~twelve weeks of paid parental leave upon the occurrence of a qualifying event. Eligible state employees who are employed by this State, its departments, agencies, or institutions who are not primarily responsible for furnishing the care and nurture of the child, are entitled to ~~two~~four weeks of paid parental leave upon the occurrence of a qualifying event. An employee's paid parental leave is based on an employee's average workday.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 8-11-155(C)(6) and inserting:

(6) Paid parental leave must run concurrently with leave taken pursuant to the Family Medical and Leave Act and any other unpaid leave to which the eligible state employee may be entitled as a result of the qualifying event. However, leave granted under this section is with pay and is not annual leave or sick leave and therefore does not deduct from the eligible state employee's accrued leave balance. An eligible state employee does not have to exhaust all other forms of leave before being eligible to take leave granted under this section. However, an employer may require that an employee use paid parental leave before using annual leave if the employee's leave is taken pursuant to the

Family and Medical Leave Act. Eligible state employees shall accrue annual and sick leave at the normal rate while on this leave, if applicable.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. ~~This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.~~This act takes effect October 1, 2025, and applies to qualifying events thereon or thereafter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Chumley	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Hager	Harris	Hartz
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Oremus
Pace	Rankin	Terribile
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Yow		

Total--31

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3758--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT

AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3949--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3949 -- Reps. King and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4249--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND

MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple

Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3632--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3632 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

Rep. MCGINNIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer

Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 78--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4402--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 4402 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4267--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4267 -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. MOSS moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 3938 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CHARLESTON ROAD IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PIANO ROAD TO THE DARLINGTON/FLORENCE COUNTY LINE "DR. MELVIN LEROY HOWARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4371 -- Reps. Edgerton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE) PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE MAY 1, 2025, AS "SEE THE ABLE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:19 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. JORDAN, adjourned in memory of former member the Honorable Ralph King Anderson Jr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Deuteronomy 13:4: "The Lord your God, you shall follow His voice, you shall obey."

Let us pray. Master of all, support us when we are tempted to look outside Your will for peace and joy. Strengthen us to work for the love of doing the people's work. Help us to support one another in times of need. Shower Your blessing on each of us. We continue to ask Your blessings on our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom, as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. POPE moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Christine Stikeleather, which was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 164:

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120,

RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 156--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 156:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. J. E. JOHNSON, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. J. E. JOHNSON, ROBBINS and ROSE to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4216 -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Forrest, Neese, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Bowers, Gilliam, Teeple, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE TO A FLAT 3.99 PERCENT AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3489 -- Reps. Ballentine and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4137 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Caskey, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Wooten and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-3920, RELATING TO BINGO TAX ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERANS' TRUST FUND" AND "VETERANS' ORGANIZATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4020, RELATING TO CLASSES OF BINGO LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A CLASS G LICENSE FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4030, RELATING TO ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS G LICENSE HOLDER MAY IMPOSE A CERTAIN ENTRANCE FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4070, RELATING TO DOMICILES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4190, RELATING TO BINGO CARD CHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE AND RETAIN CERTAIN FEES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS

RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3514 -- Reps. Wooten, Mitchell, Pedalino, Guest, Crawford and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN FLAGS UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3049 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Taylor, Long and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT"; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS HARM FROM A PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE, INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO LIABILITY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4300 -- Reps. Bannister, Jordan, W. Newton, Yow, Mitchell and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-50, RELATING TO SERVICE CREDIT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES ARE VESTED IN THE SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING EIGHT YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES' AND SOLICITORS'

ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF JUDGES FROM SEVENTY-TWO TO SEVENTY-FOUR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3335 -- Reps. Dillard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3929 -- Reps. King and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF

CORRECTIONS MAY MAINTAIN CANTEENS AT ALL PRISONS OR INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO AUDITS BIENNIALLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4000 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy, W. Newton, Duncan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462,

RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett, Graham and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 307 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Williams and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM,

TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, SO AS TO CORRECT A CROSS REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIONS OF "ATTEST," "PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING," AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS FOR ISSUANCE OF A REPORT BY A PERSON OTHER THAN CPA OR PA, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA TAGS AMONG THE ITEMS THAT MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE TITLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ABBREVIATIONS CPA AND PA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, REVISE WHAT AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE ON RECORD WITH THE BOARD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, REVISE CERTAIN TIME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE CPA EXAM, AND REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PERFORMS COMPILATION SERVICES MUST HOLD A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-40 AND PROVIDE THAT OWNERSHIP MAY ALSO BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING

SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO LICENSING OF PERSONS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REVISE HOW PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES CAN BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-2-20(18), SECTION 40-2-35(H), AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) OF THE S.C. CODE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE

TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 51 -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 275 -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHER PROVIDER THAT OFFERS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS UNDER THE SAME FEES AND CONDITIONS OFFERED TO

PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4247 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4305 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS BY WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, REQUIRE REGISTRATION INCLUDING AN APPLICATION AND FEES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, EXEMPT BROKERS FROM REGISTERING, AND TO PROVIDE FINES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER WHEN REQUIRED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF

SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION

REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4430 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANSLEY GRATZMILLER, A FOURTH GRADE STUDENT AT BUIST ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING THE STATE WINNER OF THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4431 -- Reps. Teeple, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE WILLIAM BEARD OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION, TO CONGRATULATE HIM AT THE CELEBRATION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4432 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. LOUIS C. WILLIAMS SR., PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ST. MATTHEWS, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM THE LORD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4433 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE ORIGINAL GULLAH FESTIVAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ITS MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE IN PRESERVING THE HISTORIC GULLAH CULTURE AND FOR ITS ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE'S VITAL TOURISM INDUSTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4434 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE

SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LOUIS WELDON HAMMOND OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4435 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LYNN STOKES-MURRAY, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR WITH BURR AND FORMAN, LLC, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4436 -- Reps. B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITY ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE CONGREGATION FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LANCASTER COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4437 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES CLEVELAND "JIM" BLACK OF MANNING FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLARENDON COUNTY, MOST PARTICULARLY THE CITIZENS OF MANNING, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4438 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANDREA MOCK, NEWS ANCHOR FOR WLTX, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4439 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, King, Govan, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY 1981 NFL DRAFT CLASS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AND WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONAL NFL TEAMS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4440 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMES GALLMAN SR., A COMMUNITY LEADER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE WHOSE WORKS HAVE MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY IN HIS COMMUNITY AND ABROAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4441 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAIRFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK AND TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4442 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACEY COATES, STAR ATTACKER FOR THE EMERALD HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR SETTING AN IMPRESSIVE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4443 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terribile: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE YORK COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL MALE AND FEMALE STRENGTH TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4444 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A ONE-MILE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 378 FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN SALUDA COUNTY WEST TOWARDS THE TOWN OF SALUDA "FIREMAN LANDON 'CALE' BODIE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4445 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 391 IN SALUDA COUNTY FROM THE LEXINGTON/SALUDA COUNTY LINE EXTENDING ONE MILE NORTH THE "FIRE CHIEF CHAD SATCHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4446 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF POWELL ROAD IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SINGLETON ROAD TO HAROLD ROAD "DEPUTY SHERIFF LEROY GASQUE SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 611 -- Senators Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Nutt, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF DIANA MATTHEWS FLOYD, TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS, AND TO COMMEND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIANA M. FLOYD SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 621 -- Senator Walker: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MANASSES J. CAMPBELL UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS A TEACHER AND TO WISH HER

CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--122

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BREWER a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Eagles" AA Girls Golf State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Eagles" AAA Competitive Cheer State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Lady Eagles" Girls Strength State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Eagles" AA Wrestling State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GARVIN presented to the House the Keenan High School "Raiders" Boys Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GRANT presented to the House the Ridgeview High School "Blazers" AAAA Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CROMER presented to the House the Pendleton High School Marching Band State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3183
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3214
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3514
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	J. E. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	MARTIN, LONG, GOVAN, GILLIARD, BAMBERG and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3949
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	GARVIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4339
Date:	ADD:
04/30/25	GILREATH and CROMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3367
Date:	REMOVE:
04/30/25	KIRBY

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters, B. Newton, Henderson-Myers, Govan, Gilliard, Rivers, Anderson, Garvin, King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150

AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. COLLINS spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. BERNSTEIN spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brittain	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bowers	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilliam	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Pace
Terribile	White	Whitmire

Total--18

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of H. 3645. I intended to vote against the Bill.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND

MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

H. 3632 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

H. 4402 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026.

H. 4267 -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

S. 89--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH

CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 89 (LC-89.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-100(B)(1)(p), (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), and (x) and inserting:

(p) Chairperson of the Edgefield County Council;

~~(p)~~(q) Mayor of North Augusta;

~~(n)~~(~~q~~)(r) Mayor of Beaufort;

~~(o)~~(~~r~~)(s) Mayor of Charleston;

~~(p)~~(~~s~~)(t) Mayor of Columbia;

~~(q)~~(~~t~~)(u) Mayor of North Charleston;

~~(r)~~(~~u~~)(v) Mayor of Port Royal;

~~(s)~~(~~v~~)(w) Mayor of Sumter;

~~(t)~~(~~w~~) (x)one or more members of the Senate or the House of Representatives appointed by the Governor; and

~~(u)~~(~~x~~)(y) ~~five~~ six at-large members appointed by the Governor who have demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: economic development, defense industry, military installation operation, environmental issues, finance, local government, or senior military leadership, of whom:

(i) ~~four~~ five shall represent, respectively, the ~~four~~ five military ~~communities~~ counties of Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston, ~~Columbia,~~Richland, and Sumter, and each shall reside in the military ~~community~~ county that he is appointed to represent; and

(ii) the ~~fifth~~ sixth at-large member shall serve as the task force chairman.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. B. J. COX proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 89 (LC-89.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 25-11-100,

by adding a subsection to read:

(H) Members of the executive committee shall be recommended by the county legislative delegation to the Governor for consideration for appointment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3758--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3758 (LC-3758.WAB0001H), which

was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-1-435(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) and inserting:

(B) As used in this section, "discriminate" means to make a distinction in favor of or against a person on the basis of the group, class, or category to which the person belongs, rather than according to actual merit.

(C)~~(B)~~ A school district and charter schools shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and must not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject.

~~(C)~~(D)(1) To ensure that the school district does not discriminate against a student's publicly stated voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, and to eliminate any actual or perceived affirmative school sponsorship or attribution to the district of a student's expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, a school district and charter school shall adopt a policy which must include the establishment of a limited public forum for student speakers at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak. This policy must be adopted and implemented before the beginning of the 2026-2027 School Year. The policy regarding the limited public forum must also require the school district and charter school to:

(a) provide the forum in a manner that does not discriminate against a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject;

(b) provide a method, based on neutral criteria, for the selection of student speakers at school events and graduation ceremonies;

(c) ensure that a student speaker does not engage in obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, or indecent speech; and

(d) state, in writing, orally, or both, that the student's speech does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the district.

(2) ~~The~~A school district and charter school disclaimer ~~required by subsection (G)(7)~~ must be provided at all graduation ceremonies. The school district and charter school must also continue to provide the disclaimer at any other event in which a student speaks publicly for as long as a need exists to dispel confusion over the district's

nonsponsorship of the student's speech. The disclaimer must be stated in written or oral form, or both, such as, "The student giving the introduction for this event is a volunteering student selected on neutral criteria to introduce the event. The content of the introduction is the private expression of the student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school district".

(3) Student expression on an otherwise permissible subject may not be excluded from the limited public forum because the subject is expressed from a religious viewpoint.

~~(D)~~(E) A student may express his beliefs about religion in homework, artwork, and other written and oral assignments free from discrimination based on the religious content of his submission. Homework and classroom assignments must be judged by ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance and against other legitimate pedagogical concerns identified by the school district. A student may not be penalized or rewarded based on the religious content of his work.

~~(E)~~(F) Students may organize prayer groups, religious clubs, "see you at the pole" gatherings, or other religious gatherings before, during, and after school to the same extent that students are permitted to organize other noncurricular student activities and groups. Religious groups must be given the same access to school facilities for assembling as is given to other noncurricular groups without discrimination based on the religious content of the students' expression. If student groups that meet for nonreligious activities are permitted to advertise or announce meetings of the groups, the school district must not discriminate against groups that meet for prayer or other religious speech. A school district may disclaim school sponsorship of noncurricular groups and events in a manner that neither favors nor disfavors groups that meet to engage in prayer or religious speech.

(G) For each speaker, the district shall set a maximum time limit reasonable and appropriate to the occasion.

~~(F) Before the start of the 2026-2027 School Year, each school district shall adopt and implement a local policy regarding a limited public forum and voluntary student expression of religious viewpoints. If a school district voluntarily adopts and follows the model policy governing voluntary religious expression in public schools as provided in subsection (G), the district is in compliance with the provisions of this subchapter covered by the model policy.~~

~~(G) As used in this section:~~

~~(1) "discriminate" means to make a distinction in favor of or~~

~~against a person on the basis of the group, class, or category to which the person belongs, rather than according to actual merit.~~

~~(2) "model policy" means a local policy adopted by the school district that is substantially identical to the following:~~

~~(a) The school district shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and may not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject.~~

~~(b) The school district hereby creates a limited public forum for student speakers at all school events at which a student is to publicly speak. For each speaker, the district shall set a maximum time limit reasonable and appropriate to the occasion. Student speakers shall introduce:~~

~~(i) football games;~~

~~(ii) any other athletic events designated by the district;~~

~~(iii) opening announcements and greetings for the school day; and~~

~~(iv) any additional events designated by the district, which may include, without limitation, assemblies and pep rallies.~~

~~(3) The forum shall be limited in the manner provided by this article.~~

~~(4) Only those students in the highest two grade levels of the school and who hold one of the following positions of honor based on neutral criteria are eligible to use the limited public forum: student council officers, class officers of the highest grade level in the school, captains of the football team, and other students holding positions of honor as the school district may designate.~~

~~(5) An eligible student shall be notified of the student's eligibility, and a student who wishes to participate as an introducing speaker shall submit the student's name to the student council or other designated body during an announced period of not less than three days. The announced period may be at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the preceding school year so student speakers are in place for the new year, or, if the selection process will be repeated each semester, at the beginning of each semester or at the end of the preceding semester so speakers are in place for the next semester. The names of the volunteering student speakers shall be randomly drawn until all names have been selected, and the names shall be listed in the order drawn. Each selected student will be matched chronologically to the event for~~

~~which the student will be giving the introduction. Each student may speak for one week at a time for all introductions of events that week, or rotate after each speaking event, or otherwise as determined by the district. The list of student speakers shall be chronologically repeated as needed, in the same order. The district may repeat the selection process each semester rather than once a year.~~

~~(6) The subject of the student introductions must be related to the purpose of the event and to the purpose of marking the opening of the event, honoring the occasion, the participants, and those in attendance, bringing the audience to order, and focusing the audience on the purpose of the event. The subject must be designated, a student must stay on the subject, and the student may not engage in obscene, vulgar, offensively lewd, or indecent speech. The school district shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and may not discriminate against the student based on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject.~~

~~(7) For as long as there is a need to dispel confusion over the nonsponsorship of the student's speech, at each event in which a student will deliver an introduction, a disclaimer shall be stated in written or oral form, or both, such as, "The student giving the introduction for this event is a volunteering student selected on neutral criteria to introduce the event. The content of the introduction is the private expression of the student and does not reflect the endorsement, sponsorship, position, or expression of the school district."~~

~~(8) Certain students who have attained special positions of honor in the school have traditionally addressed school audiences from time to time as a tangential component of their achieved positions of honor, such as the captains of various sports teams, student council officers, class officers, homecoming kings and queens, prom kings and queens, and the like, and have attained their positions based on neutral criteria. Nothing in this policy eliminates the continuation of the practice of having these students, irrespective of grade level, address school audiences in the normal course of their respective positions. The school district shall create a limited public forum for the speakers and shall treat a student's voluntary expression of a religious viewpoint, if any, on an otherwise permissible subject in the same manner the district treats a student's voluntary expression of a secular or other viewpoint on an otherwise permissible subject and may not discriminate against the student based~~

~~on a religious viewpoint expressed by the student on an otherwise permissible subject.~~

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

ACTING SPEAKER B. NEWTON IN CHAIR

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3949--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3949 -- Reps. King, Duncan and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO"

TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 78--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 78 (LC-78.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-25-60(B) and inserting:

(B) Individuals who entered the teaching profession prior to July 1, 2025, with non-teaching occupational experience in, or related to, the content field of their teaching certificate may complete and submit the verification of relevant occupational experience form to the State Department of Education to have additional years of experience added

to their certificate for the purposes of advancing on the teacher salary schedule. If additional years of experience are awarded, the eligible individual is entitled to have their pay adjusted ~~for the current~~at the beginning of the next school year, from the effective date of the adjustment, to reflect the new experience step on the employing district's salary schedule. However, the individual is not entitled to retroactive pay for the increased years of experience during prior years of teaching or for any purpose other than advancement on the teacher salary schedule.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 78 (LC-78.WAB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. The State Department of Education shall not add a full-time equivalent (FTE) position or partial FTE position to evaluate and process certification requests as required to implement the provisions of this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3089--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3089 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-395 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM WITH A PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS AND EXPENSES.

Rep. SESSIONS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3089 (LC-3089.VR0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-7-495 and inserting:

Section 44-7-395. Hospitals, healthcare facilities, and other medical providers who have provided treatment or another service to an insured patient for a personal injury must ~~file a claim~~initiate the claim's process with the patient's primary health insurer within thirty days of providing the treatment or service. Failure to submit the claim in accordance with this section constitutes a forfeiture of the provider's right to reimbursement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a provider from seeking reimbursement from Medicare or Medicaid as permissible by law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Gagnon
Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
May	McCabe	White

Total--9

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3967--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman, Hixon, Duncan and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE "BIOMASS" AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. HADDON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan

Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3967. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Don Chapman

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recede until 1:50 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:50 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Hembree, Sabb and Adams to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on S. 156:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4381 -- Reps. Atkinson and Kirby: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME NESMITH CORNER ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF NESMITH IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY "COLUMBUS PRESSLEY AND CLAUDIE E. PRESSLEY MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4416 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OLD STAGECOACH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHUNE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM MCLAUGHLIN ROAD TO STEPHENS LANE "CHARLIE AND PAT STEPHENS INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4429 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AT 35Âº5'30" N BY 82Âº36' 53" W CONTAINING THE WORDS "ALAMO COVE" TO HONOR THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT TO CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THE PERSIMMON RIDGE FIRE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 523 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 31 AND SC 9 IN HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA THE "S.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER TONY K. COX INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 561 -- Senator Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF RIVER ROAD (STATE ROAD S-40) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PINE STREET (S-21-312) TO THE INTERSECTION OF SHIRLEY ROAD (S-21-1114) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "BILLY EADDY ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford and B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS

AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS A MERCHANT OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4303 -- Reps. Gatch, Cobb-Hunter, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Brewer, Rutherford, Gagnon, Guest, Guffey, Weeks, Hosey and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLS ON EACH CIGARETTE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4447 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY LOUISE "MARY LOU" REYNOLDS LEE, BELOVED SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT WILSON HALL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4448 -- Reps. Alexander, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL LAW OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4449 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND

THE CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4450 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. MARCELL D. BUSH, SENIOR PASTOR OF MAJORITY BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT MAJORITY BAPTIST AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4451 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4452 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER HILL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. MORRIS WAYMAR JR. AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR LONGSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4453 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY A CENTURY AND A QUARTER OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4454 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NEW DAY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. JAMES L. HAILSTOCK AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4455 -- Reps. Brittain, Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAQUAN LAFONTAINE UPON BEING NAMED THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYRTLE BEACH "OFFICER JOE MCGARRY MEMORIAL POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR" FOR 2024 AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE, DEDICATION TO DUTY, AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON HIS COMMUNITY AND STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3950--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3950 -- Reps. Hixon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-65-40, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE AS PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PERFORMING SOIL EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTIONAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE ENGINEERS MUST HAVE CERTAIN TRAINING, BONDING, AND INSURANCE.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3950 (LC-3950.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 44-55-827 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-55-827. (A) The department shall promulgate regulations for the licensure of persons who contract or advertise to offer

or provide services for installation, repair, modification, or final inspection and approval of onsite wastewater systems. These regulations must include:

(1) eligibility criteria to be licensed as an Onsite Wastewater Systems Contractor;

(2) a tiered licensing program defining various levels of competency and skill, including licenses that allow different combinations of installation, repair, modification, and final inspection and approval of onsite wastewater systems;

(3) a system for the department to monitor the quality of contractor installation, repair, modification, and final inspection and approval of onsite wastewater systems;

(4) minimum standards for training and continuing education for Onsite Wastewater Systems Contractors;

(5) bonding and insurance requirements for Onsite Wastewater Systems Contractors;

(6) the establishment and collection of administrative and licensing fees to cover the costs of this program; and

(7) enforcement guidelines and penalties for violations of the provisions of these regulations.

(B)(1) The eligibility requirements of subsection (A) do not apply to a professional engineer licensed by the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors who has been certified by the Department of Environmental Services as successfully completing their onsite wastewater training program, solely for purposes of performing soil evaluations in connection with a conventional onsite wastewater system, provided that the engineer has appropriate bonding and insurance.

(2) The Department of Environmental Services may revoke or suspend such certifications based on evidence of incompetence, incorrect classification of soils, or falsification or improper documentation of soil evaluation results, and/or may assess and collect a fine not to exceed $1,000 for each documented instance of incompetence, incorrect classification of soils, or falsification or improper documentation of soil evaluation results, to be submitted for deposit in the state general fund.

~~(B)~~(C) The department shall promulgate regulations pursuant to the requirements for licensure of an Onsite Wastewater Systems Contractor, as provided for in subsection (A), items (1) through (7).

~~(C)~~(D) Nothing in this chapter or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter affect the department's authority, under Section 44-1-140

and regulation, to issue permits for the installation and construction of individual onsite wastewater systems.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-65-40(8) and inserting:

(8) A professional engineer licensed by the South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors who has been certified by the Department of Environmental Services ~~as successfully completing their onsite wastewater training program, solely for purposes of performing soil evaluations in connection with a conventional onsite wastewater system, provided that the engineer has appropriate bonding and insurance~~in accordance with Section 44-55-827(B).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BURNS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey

Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3950. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3950. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Holman

S. 103--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HEWITT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 425--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 425 -- Senators Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

Rep. HADDON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer

Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	White

Total--15

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 367--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 367 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-210 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-230 SO AS TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-240 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BONA FIDE PLANS OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES AND DISPOSES OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESPONSIBLE PARTY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-270 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSELS THAT HAVE SUNK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-280 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN VESSELS DETERMINED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD OR A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT;

AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIXON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 165--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIXON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 345--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIXON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 219--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIXON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3214--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3214 -- Reps. Chumley, Magnuson, Taylor, Forrest, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHING PUBLIC SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY CANNERIES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY BRING LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE TO BE CANNED FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENCY.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3214. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3214. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Bill Whitmire

H. 3223--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3223 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR VETERINARY SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN OBSOLETE DEFINITION.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3223 (LC-3223.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-69-510(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), and (11) and inserting:

(1) “Telehealth” the overarching term that encompasses all uses of technology to virtually deliver medical and health information or education. Telehealth is not a specific service, but a collection of tools

that allow for enhanced veterinary care and client education.

(2) "Telemedicine" means the remote practice of veterinary medicine through the use of telecommunications technology that allows a licensed veterinarian with an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship to evaluate and treat a patient virtually.

~~(1) "Tele-advice" means the provision of any health information, opinion, or guidance by a veterinary professional that is not intended to diagnose, treat, or issue prognoses of the physical or behavioral illness or injury of an animal. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not required to provide tele-advice.~~

~~(2) "Teleconsulting" means a veterinarian who communicates with a veterinary specialist or other qualified expert using telecommunications technology to gain insight or advice regarding the care of a patient.~~

~~(3) "Tele-education" means the use of information and telecommunications technology for distance learning.~~

~~(4)(a) "Telehealth" means the use of telecommunications technology to provide veterinary services or to collect and deliver veterinary health information or education virtually and can encompass general veterinary services or patient-specific veterinary services.~~

~~(b) "Telehealth" may include tele-advice, teleconsulting, tele-education, telemedicine, telemonitoring, telereferral, telesupervision, teletriage, and other tools that help veterinary professionals deliver veterinary education and services virtually.~~

~~(5) "Telemedicine" means the remote practice of veterinary medicine through the use of telecommunications technology that allows a licensed veterinarian with an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship to evaluate, diagnose, and treat a patient virtually.~~

~~(6) "Telemonitoring" means the use of telecommunications technology to augment veterinary services by collecting and delivering health information from a patient.~~

~~(7) "Telereferral" means a veterinarian with an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship who refers the client to a veterinary specialist to provide veterinary services using telecommunications technology under the established veterinarian-client-patient relationship.~~

~~(8) "Telesupervision" means the supervision of individuals providing veterinary services using media such as audio, audio-visual conferencing, text messaging, e-mail, or other virtual or digital technologies.~~

~~(9) "Teletriage" means the safe, appropriate, and timely assessment~~

~~of an animal, or a group of animals, under conditions of uncertainty and urgency, and the possible referral to a licensed veterinarian, after discussion with the individual responsible for the animal or group of animals, using telecommunications technology. A veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not required for such an assessment or referral. "Teletriage" does not include the rendering of a diagnosis but may include the provision of tele-advice.~~

~~(10) "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means:~~

~~(a) The veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal through an in-person, physical examination of or visit to the premises where the animal is kept.~~

~~(b) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment.~~

~~(c) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal.~~

~~(d) The veterinarian is available or has arranged for emergency coverage for follow-up and evaluation.~~

~~(e) The client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions.~~

~~(f) The veterinarian-client-patient relationship lapses when the licensee has not seen the animal within one year.~~

~~(g) The veterinarian-client-patient relationship may extend to other licensed veterinarians working out of the same physical practice location as the veterinarian who established the veterinarian-client-patient relationship if the other licensed veterinarians have access to and have reviewed the patient's medical records.~~

~~(11) "Veterinary specialist" means a veterinarian who is formally recognized as a specialist from a specialty organization that is recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association's American Board of Veterinary Specialties, or its successor organization, or another association that recognizes veterinary specialists that the state board of veterinary medicine has approved by rule.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-69-520(B)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(B)~~(1)~~ A veterinarian-client-patient relationship only may be established by an in-person, physical examination of the animal or timely visits to the premises where the animal is kept.

~~(2) A veterinary specialist may use telecommunications technology to see a patient under another veterinarian's previously established veterinarian-client-patient relationship pursuant to Section~~

~~40-69-560.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-69-540(A) and inserting:

(A) A licensed veterinarian using ~~telehealth~~telemedicine to provide veterinary services shall conduct all necessary patient evaluations and treatment using the applicable standard of care for those evaluations and treatments.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 40-69-550(C) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Sections 40-69-560 and 40-69-570 and inserting:

Section 40-69-560. A licensed veterinarian shall ensure that a client's privacy and confidentiality are protected when the veterinarian is providing veterinary services using telehealth pursuant to the veterinarian's professional and legal obligations.~~(A) A veterinarian with an established veterinarian-client-patient relationship may refer a patient to a veterinary specialist.~~

~~(B) A veterinary specialist to whom a patient is referred may provide veterinary services using telecommunications technology for the patient and client under the referring veterinarian's veterinarian-client-patient relationship.~~

~~(C) A veterinary specialist to whom a patient is referred shall provide the referring veterinarian with information related to the diagnosis, treatment, and progress of the patient.~~

~~(D)(1) A veterinary specialist to whom a patient is referred shall not prescribe medications to the patient unless the veterinary specialist establishes a veterinarian-client-patient relationship through an in-person, physical examination of the patient.~~

~~(2) The licensed veterinarian with the established veterinarian-client-patient relationship may prescribe medications to the patient after consultation with the veterinary specialist to whom the patient was referred.~~

~~Section 40-69-570. A licensed veterinarian shall ensure that a client's privacy and confidentiality are protected when the veterinarian is providing veterinary services using telehealth pursuant to the veterinarian's professional and legal obligations.~~

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 40-69-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-69-20. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) "Animal" means an animal that is not a human and includes fowl, birds, reptiles, and fish which are wild or domestic, living or dead.

(2) "Board" means the South Carolina State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

(3) "Direct supervision" means that a veterinarian currently licensed to practice veterinary medicine in this State is available on the premises and within immediate vocal communication of the supervisee.

(4) "Emergency clinic" means a facility having as its primary function the receiving, treatment, and monitoring of emergency patients during its specified hours of operation.

(5) "Emergency hospital" means a facility whose primary function is the receiving, treatment, and monitoring of emergency patients during its specified hours of operation and includes the confinement of emergency patients.

(6) "Immediate supervision" means that a licensed veterinarian is within direct eyesight and hearing range.

(7) "Indirect supervision" means the supervising licensed veterinarian is available for immediate voice contact by telephone, radio, or other means, and shall provide consultation and review of cases at the veterinary facility.

(8) "Investigative Review Committee" (IRC) means an investigative review panel appointed by the board chairman, in consultation with the other members of the board. The IRC must be comprised of four members who are former board members or other experienced licensed veterinarians. The board chairman must appoint the Chairman of the IRC. Veterinarian members of the IRC must have a current license issued pursuant to this chapter to be eligible to serve. The IRC shall review any complaint against a licensed veterinarian or veterinary technician and make a recommendation as to whether the board should proceed with formal action. The board must consider the recommendation of the IRC, but the final determination whether to proceed with formal action must be made by the board.

(9) "License" means any permit, approval, registration, or certificate issued by the board.

(10) "Licensed veterinarian" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice veterinary medicine in this State.

(11) "Licensed veterinary technician" means a person who has received a degree in animal health technology from an American Veterinary Medical Association accredited school offering a program in animal health technology and who has been licensed to practice in this State. This person must be knowledgeable in the care and handling of

animals, in the basic principles of normal and abnormal life processes, and in routine laboratory and clinical procedures. The performance of the licensed veterinary technician must be under the supervision of a veterinarian licensed to practice in this State.

(12) "Mobile facility" means a vehicle with special medical or surgical facilities or a vehicle suitable only for making house or farm calls.

(13) "Practice of veterinary medicine" means to:

(a) diagnose, prescribe, or administer a drug, medicine, biologic, appliance, or application or treatment of whatever nature for the cure, prevention, or relief of a wound, fracture, or bodily injury or disease of an animal;

(b) perform a surgical operation, including cosmetic surgery, upon an animal;

(c) perform a manual procedure for the diagnosis or treatment for sterility or infertility of an animal, including embryo transplants;

(d) offer, undertake, represent, or hold oneself out as being qualified to diagnose, treat, operate, or prescribe for an animal disease, pain, injury, deformity, or physical condition;

(e) use words, letters, or titles in such connection or under such circumstances as to induce the belief that the person using them is engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine.

(14) "School of veterinary medicine" means a veterinary school or college that offers the D.V.M. or equivalent degree and whose course of study conforms to the standards required for accreditation by the American Veterinary Medical Association and approved by the board.

~~(15) "Telemedicine" is an audio, video, or data communication of medical information.~~

~~(16)~~(15) "Temporary license" means temporary permission to practice veterinary medicine or animal technology issued pursuant to this chapter.

~~(17)~~(16) "Therapeutic options or alternate therapies" means, but is not limited to, the veterinary practice of acupuncture, manipulation and adjustment, magnetic field therapy, holistic medicine, homeopathy, herbology/naturopathy, massage, and physical therapy.

~~(18)~~(17) "Veterinarian" means a person who has received a doctor's degree or equivalent in veterinary medicine.

~~(19)~~(18) "Veterinary aide" means a nurse, attendant, intern, technician, or other employee of a veterinarian, other than a licensed veterinary technician.

(19) "Veterinarian-client-patient relationship" means:

(a) The veterinarian has recently seen and is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal through an in-person, physical examination of or visit to the premises where the animal is kept.

(b) The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the animal and the need for medical treatment.

(c) The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal to initiate a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the animal.

(d) The veterinarian is available or has arranged for emergency coverage for follow-up and evaluation.

(e) The client has agreed to follow the veterinarian's instructions.

(f) The veterinarian-client-patient relationship lapses when the licensee has not seen the animal within one year.

(g) The veterinarian-client-patient relationship may extend to other licensed veterinarians working out of the same physical practice location as the veterinarian who established the veterinarian-client-patient relationship if the other licensed veterinarians have access to and have reviewed the patient's medical records and the complaint is related to a prior medical condition.

(20) "Veterinary medicine" includes veterinary surgery, obstetrics, dentistry, and all other branches or specialties of veterinary medicine.

(21) "Veterinary student preceptee" means a person who is a student enrolled and in good standing in a recognized college of veterinary medicine. The student's presence in a practice may be as part of a normal preceptorship program of the college or as an informal arrangement between the student and a veterinarian licensed by the board.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4257--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4257 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell, Yow, Brittain, Jordan, B. Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4257 (LC-4257.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTIONS 1 and 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 59-1-462 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-1-462. Each school district, within ninety days after the effective date of this section, shall adopt a policy, to include language to ensure that participants are academically in good standing, that

authorizes a student to be excused from school absences, not to exceed ten school days per school year, to participate in a Career and Technical Student Organization experience in which student participation and learning outcomes are directed by a certified teacher for assessment of competencies or participation in any interscholastic activity authorized for student participation by the school or school district, regardless of whether the activity is sanctioned by the South Carolina High School League or other entity that governs, sanctions, or operates interscholastic athletic and intramural activities and competitions. Participation in such Career and Technical Student Organization experience may include, but is not limited to, scheduled events of state-level Future Farmers of America (FFA) organizations, the national FFA organization, and 4-H programs as part of organized competitions or exhibitions. The student and his parent or legal guardian are responsible for obtaining and completing assignments missed while the student participates in any such Career and Technical Student Organization experiences or interscholastic activity authorized for student participation by the school or school district.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BALLENTINE asked unanimous consent to recall S. 11 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. CROMER objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3762 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. TAYLOR objected.

S. 522--RECALLED FROM CHARLESTON DELEGATION

On motion of Rep. STAVRINAKIS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Charleston Delegation:

S. 522 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ACT 1235 OF 1970 SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AIRPORT DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

H. 3430--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Reps. W. NEWTON and JORDAN proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3430 (LC-3430.DG0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability

insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stop serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate

limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) have less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirement of item (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted

or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within sixty calendar days of

employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best-evidence practice standards, offered by providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online-designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department, with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server

certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the

provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or~~ conduct involving ~~the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or~~ the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim

impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under

terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

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SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law

or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has

an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act,

and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS

TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION

58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS,

AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR

CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. GATCH moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, May 1, which was agreed to.

H. 4025--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

H. 4026--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 6, which was agreed to.

H. 3196--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple, Grant, Hartnett, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Govan, Calhoon, Ligon, Lawson, Yow, Edgerton, Cromer, Reese, Gilliard, Alexander, Rivers, Oremus, Hartz and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE PERMANENT UNLESS REVOKED OR SUSPENDED AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE NO TEACHER MAY BE REQUIRED TO RENEW A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE A TEACHER WITH A PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE SHALL CONTINUE TO COMPLETE ONGOING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-420, RELATING TO NOTICES CONCERNING ANNUAL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONTRACT ACCEPTANCES SUBMITTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY NOTIFICATION DEADLINE MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT REPORT SUCH WITHDRAWALS AS A BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425,

RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION; INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3832--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. BANNISTER for the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments.

Rep. RUTHERFORD for the minority, submitted an unfavorable report on:

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rose, Robbins, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bamberg, Govan, Grant, Kirby and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4456 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GLORIA ERNESTINE HODNETT OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS FILLED WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4457 -- Rep. Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4458 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510,

RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TOP MARGINAL RATE TO FIVE PERCENT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4459 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-3-230, RELATING TO PENN CENTER HERITAGE DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL PARADE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4460 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEED RESTRICTION, COVENANT, OR A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION DOCUMENT MUST NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM THAT CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THE STREET OR COMMON AREA SURROUNDING A RESIDENCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4461 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 47 RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF LARGE WILD CATS, NON-NATIVE BEARS, AND GREAT APES, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO PRIMATES AND TO LIMIT THE POSSESSION AND ACQUISITION OF COVERED ANIMALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4462 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-270 SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF IN-DISTRCT COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4463 -- Reps. Jones, McDaniel, Clyburn, Dillard, Spann-Wilder, Govan, Hosey, Gilliard, Rivers, White, Grant, Alexander, Howard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO ENSURE THAT NO LEGISLATOR IS PREVENTED FROM HAVING A BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR; TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF BILLS A MEMBER MAY INTRODUCE EACH SESSION; TO CREATE A BIPARTISAN REVIEW COMMITTEE IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL BILLS BEYOND THAT LIMIT; AND TO REINFORCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITMENT TO MERITOCRACY IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4464 -- Reps. Alexander and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-230 SO AS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES THROUGH MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR PHASED IN UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION PAID, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4465 -- Reps. Cromer, Teeple and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 35 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES ACT," TO DEFINE TERMS, TO REQUIRE SAFETY AND PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4466 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-6-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A PERSON ON THE BASIS OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-57-330 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A PERSON ON THE BASIS OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4467 -- Reps. Grant, Garvin, Jones, Teeple, Rose, Luck, Waters, Howard, Wetmore, Rivers, Bauer, Bamberg, J. L. Johnson, Spann-Wilder and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION IMPACT RELIEF ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SMALL BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION IMPACT RELIEF PROGRAM" CONSISTING OF LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4468 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-33-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BY ITS RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND PURPOSES OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; AND TO PROVIDE DEADLINES FOR THE CREATION OF RELATED MODEL BYLAWS, THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL, AND THE FIRST MEETINGS OF EACH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 146 -- Senators Nutt, Corbin, Cromer, Matthews, Martin, Zell, Alexander, Walker and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-81-40, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS MAY DESIGNATE ONE PERSON WHO IS PERMITTED TO VISIT THE RESIDENT IN THE EVENT THAT ACCESS TO THE FACILITY IS LIMITED OR PROHIBITED DUE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM A DISASTER OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 221 -- Senators Ott and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 357 -- Senators Rankin, Alexander, Young, Hembree, Reichenbach, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-190, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MAIL THEFT AND PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 416 -- Senators Hembree and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR WHICH TRUSTEES MAY EXPEL, SUSPEND, OR TRANSFER PUPILS; PETITIONS FOR READMISSION; AND EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, OR TRANSFER, SO AS TO PROHIBIT EXPELLED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS INCLUDING ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING A SCHOOL BUS, TO FURTHER PROHIBIT SUSPENDED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF A STUDENT DETERMINED TO HAVE BROUGHT A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQURE A STUDENT TO BE EXPELLED FOR NO LESS THAN ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR KNOWINGLY BRINGING A FIREARM TO A SCHOOL, TO ESTABLISH THE EXPULSION HEARING BE CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO ALLOW AN EXPELLED STUDENT TO RECIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ALTERNATIVE SETTINGS TO INCLUDE VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-250,

RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PUPILS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT A BOARD MAY TRANSFER A PUPIL WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND REQUIRE NOTIFICATION AND INPUT FROM THE PRINCIPAL AT THE RECEIVING SCHOOL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 507 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 582 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice and Garrett: A BILL TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Rep. ANDERSON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:47 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. POPE, adjourned in memory of Christine Stikeleather, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, May 1, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 61:1: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of our Lord’s favor.”

Let us pray. Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that Your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget Your goodness to us. Awesome God, help us to live a life that reflects Your power and glory meant for us and all the World. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to make this State great. We pray for our men and women who serve our country and who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MARTIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Patrick "Pops" McClure, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Patrick "Pops" McClure.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5342
Agency: Department of Public Health

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.
Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026
Revised: January 25, 2026

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GILREATH a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. PACE a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BALLENTINE presented to the House the Dutch Fork High School "Dazzlers" Junior Varsity Dance Team State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BALLENTINE presented to the House the Dutch Fork High School "Dazzlers" Varsity Dance Team State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. DILLARD presented to the House the Greenville High School "Red Raiders" AAAAA Division II Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HIXON presented to the House the North Augusta High School Girls Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BAMBERG presented to the House the Denmark Olar High School "Vikings" 1-A Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. DAVIS presented to the House the Berkeley High School "Lady Stags" AAAAA Division II Girls Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GARVIN presented to the House the Blythewood High School "Lady Bengals" AAAAA Division I Girls Basketball Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Laurence Manning Academy "Swampcats" AAAA SCISA Co-ed Bowling Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House Laurence Manning Academy "Lady Swampcats" AAAA Girls Softball Championship Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on

second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3049
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	CROMER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3186
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	SESSIONS and FORREST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3335
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	GARVIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3802
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	FRANK

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	LANDING

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3876
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	HENDERSON-MYERS and ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4176
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	GARVIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4247
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4306
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4339
Date:	ADD:
05/01/25	GUFFEY

Further proceedings were interrupted by the Joint Assembly.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 11:00 a.m. the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Reading Clerk of the House read the following Concurrent Resolution:

H. 4348 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 1, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE

30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026.

The President fo the Senate recognized Rep. HERBKERSMAN, Vice Chairman of the Public Utilities Review Committee.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS

SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a member for Seat 2.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the Public Utilities Review Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened, found qualified, and placed their names in nomination: Florence P. Belser and Richard N. McIntyre.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN stated that Richard N. McIntyre had withdrawn from the race, and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Florence P. Belser, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Florence P. Belser was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a member for Seat 4.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the Public Utilities Review Committee, stated that the following candidate had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination: H. David Britt.

On the motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that H. David Britt was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 6

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a member for Seat 6.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the Public Utilities Review Committee, stated that the following candidate had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination: Justin T. Williams.

On the motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Justin T. Williams was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 1, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A), I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following elections to the Public Service Commission because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

1. Member for the Second Congressional District
2. Member for the Fourth Congressional District
3. Member for the Sixth Congressional District

Please note this in the House Journal for May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Phillip Bowers
District 3

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3. Member for the Sixth Congressional District

Please note this in the House Journal for May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.
District 67

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT announced that under the terms of the Concurrent Resolution the Joint Assembly would recede from business.

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 11:13 a.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KING a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 522--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 522 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ACT 1235 OF 1970 SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AIRPORT DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 522--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 522 be read the third time tomorrow.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY RECEIVE CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS

ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.

H. 3949 -- Reps. King, Duncan and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

H. 3089 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-395 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS AND OTHER MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO FILE AN INSURANCE CLAIM WITH A PATIENT'S HEALTH INSURER FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS AND EXPENSES.

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman, Hixon, Duncan and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE "BIOMASS" AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. 3950 -- Reps. Hixon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-65-40, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE AS PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PERFORMING SOIL EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTIONAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE ENGINEERS MUST HAVE CERTAIN TRAINING, BONDING, AND INSURANCE.

H. 3214 -- Reps. Chumley, Magnuson, Taylor, Forrest, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A THREE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHING PUBLIC SCHOOL-BASED COMMUNITY CANNERIES WHERE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC MAY BRING LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE TO BE CANNED FOR THEIR PERSONAL USE, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENCY.

H. 3223 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR VETERINARY SERVICES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN OBSOLETE DEFINITION.

H. 4257 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell, Yow, Brittain, Jordan, B. Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, andt be enrolled for ratification:

S. 425 -- Senators Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS.

S. 103--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

Rep. HADDON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 103--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HADDON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 103 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 367--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 367 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-210 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-230 SO AS TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-240 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BONA FIDE PLANS OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES AND DISPOSES OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESPONSIBLE PARTY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-270 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSELS THAT HAVE SUNK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-280 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN VESSELS DETERMINED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD OR A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT;

AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters

Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 367--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 367 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MOSS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 165--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

Reps. HARRIS, EDGERTON, FRANK, MAGNUSON, KILMARTIN, BEACH, WHITE, CROMER and MORGAN requested debate on the Bill.

S. 345--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION

AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 345--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 345 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 219--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 219--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 219 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4216--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4216 -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Forrest, Neese, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Bowers, Gilliam, Teeple, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE TO A FLAT 3.99 PERCENT AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Reps. B. NEWTON, EDGERTON, ERICKSON, GUFFEY, HIOTT, HEWITT, MAGNUSON, BEACH, POPE, MARTIN, BALLENTINE, WHITE, KILMARTIN, FRANK, TAYLOR, HARRIS, KIRBY, RIVERS, ANDERSON, GILLIARD, BAMBERG, SPANN-WILDER, GARVIN, DILLARD, WEEKS and JONES requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3489--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3489 -- Reps. Ballentine and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guffey	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3489--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3489 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3115--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4137--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4137 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Caskey, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Wooten and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-3920, RELATING TO BINGO TAX ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERANS' TRUST FUND" AND "VETERANS' ORGANIZATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4020, RELATING TO CLASSES OF BINGO LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A CLASS G LICENSE FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4030, RELATING TO ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS G LICENSE HOLDER MAY IMPOSE A CERTAIN ENTRANCE FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4070, RELATING TO DOMICILES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4190, RELATING TO BINGO CARD CHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE AND RETAIN CERTAIN FEES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CROMER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HIOTT moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

By a division vote of 77-20, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4137 (LC-4137.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 12-21-3920, by adding items to read:

(24) “American Heroes Bingo” or “game” means a specific game of chance, commonly known as bingo, in which prizes are awarded based on designated numbers or symbols on an electronic card conforming to numbers or symbols selected at random. American Heroes Bingo uses a caller to draw balls from a cage. A new drawing of bingo balls is to be drawn daily or once the game-ending pattern is called. The caller or automatic aid inputs the resulting ball draw sequence into a location-based server via electronic interface. The player then utilizes an electronic bingo aid to purchase, play, and daub electronic cards based on the outcome of the ball draw sequence. The electronic bingo aid then communicates to the player using various stimuli of visual and audial queues if the electronic card has accurately achieved a preannounced configuration match.

(25) “Electronic Card” means a nonprinted design, which may include an electronic representation on which there are arranged five horizontal rows and five vertical columns forming twenty-five squares. Numbers are printed in twenty-five of the squares. The five columns are denominated from left to right and must be a minimum of one-half inch by one-half inch.

(26) “Location-based server” means a computer server that is physically located on the licensed premises of the veteran’s organization. The location-based server is used in connection with the electronic bingo aids to accurately identify instances of preannounced configuration matches and nonmatches. The location-based server is not connected to any other location-based server.

(27) “Electronic bingo aids” means an electronic device used in connection with a location-based server that will identify, display, and communicate bingo outcomes accurately via automatic electronic daub. The electronic bingo aid may be equipped with currency and voucher equipment which allows for additional purchases of electronic cards and provide for a voucher or other medium considered to be appropriate to redeem prizes won in the bingo game via a medium from the electronic bingo aid. The location-based server maintains track of the player’s credit balance, while the electronic bingo aid displays the same information. The electronic bingo aid must show an electronic representation of the bingo card on screen while the player is using the device. Electronic bingo aids are excluded from the definitions included in Chapter 21, Title 12 and Chapter 19, Title 16.

(28) “Net hold” means the total revenue, coin, currency, tickets, or equivalent placed into the electronic bingo aids or otherwise paid by players, less any prizes paid out to players.

(29) "Vendor" means any individual, firm, association, limited liability company, or corporation that was a resident of, or domiciled in this State for a period of two years or more before January 1, 2026, that provides electronic bingo aids to a veteran's organization.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 12-21-4020(7) and inserting:

(7)(a) CLASS G: A veteran's organization operating ~~a bingo~~American Heroes Bingo game offering prizes, which do not exceed ~~eight~~ fifty thousand dollars ~~a session~~per game, shall obtain a Class G bingo license at a cost of one thousand dollars. The holder of a Class G license may not conduct more than ~~five~~ six bingo sessions a week. ~~The bingo games must be conducted in the same manner as provided under the Class C license.~~

(b) Not withstanding anything in this article to the contrary, American Heroes Bingo must be played in the following manner, and the following procedures apply to the conduct of the game:

(i) American Heroes Bingo is played by a player and a caller, the latter of which is associated with the veteran's organization. Each player may pay face value for each electronic card to be played during a game and may purchase additional electronic cards during the course of a session.

(ii) Before each game begins, the potential winning patterns are available to view by the players of the configuration or configurations that will win the game. A configuration consists of a number of grids covered in the manner and sequence announced by the caller. Any method of playing the game is allowed if the method is shown before each game's beginning and prominently displayed in the facility. The configuration or configurations must be prominently visible on the electronic bingo aids.

(iii) The caller shall draw and announce numbers from the cage one at a time. After the number is announced, it must be prominently displayed on the master board and on the electronic bingo aids.

(iv) A player then uses an electronic bingo aid to purchase electronic cards, participate in the game via electronic daub, and redeem prizes. The electronic bingo aid communicates to the player if the electronic card played has accurately achieved a preannounced configuration match using various visual and audial stimuli. The location-based server adjusts the player's credit balance as required by the results of the game and the electronic bingo aid displays this information to the player.

(v) Electronic bingo aids may be used to offer visual and audio feedback for all players including, but not limited to, easy to read bingo cards on screen, symbols representative of bingo card wins and bonus wins, and entertaining displays and sounds designed to easily identify accurately achieved preannounced configuration matches.

(vi) A veterans' organization may enter into any contract with any vendor for the vendor to operate electronic bingo aids, concessions, security, or any other service on behalf of the veterans' organization.

(vii) A veterans' organization may not hold more than one American Heroes Bingo license. Multiple veterans' organizations may operate or cause the operation of American Heroes Bingo in a building, provided that there is a single specified license holder per building. This applies to all buildings regardless of ownership, primary use, or original use.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 12-21-4070 and inserting:

Section 12-21-4070. No license, as provided by this article, may be issued to an organization, promoter, vendor, veteran's organization, or individual that has not been domiciled in this State for at least three ~~two~~ years immediately preceding the license application. In the case of the organization or vendor, the organization or vendor must also have been active in this State for at least two years.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 12-21-4190(A) and inserting:

(A) The department shall charge and retain ten cents for each dollar of face value for each bingo card sold for AA, B, D, and E licenses. The department shall charge and retain five cents for each dollar of face value for each bingo card sold for an F license. The department shall charge and retain four cents for each dollar of face value for each bingo card sold for a C license. ~~The department shall charge and retain twenty-five cents for each dollar of face value for each bingo card sold for a G license.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 12-21-4190(D) and inserting:

(D)(1) The provisions of ~~subsection~~subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to holders of a Class G ~~licenses~~license. ~~Of the amount charged and retained from Class G licenses, sixty percent must be distributed to the Veterans' Trust Fund. An amount of forty percent must be distributed equally to the South Carolina state headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Daughters of the American~~

~~Revolution, and AMVETS.~~ An amount of fifteen percent of the net hold for a month derived from American Heroes Bingo of each veteran's organization must be remitted to the Veteran's Trust Fund. A total amount of ten percent of the net hold for a month derived from American Heroes Bingo of each veteran's organization must be split and remitted equally to the South Carolina state headquarters of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Disabled American Veterans. Other chartered Veteran's Service Organizations with membership in excess of four thousand also may submit a claim to the proceeds derived from American Heroes Bingo. Such payments are due on or before the twentieth day of the following month.

(2) All revenues received and deposited into the Veterans' Trust Fund from American Heroes Bingo are subject to an annual budget process. A budget outlining all anticipated expenditures of such funds must be prepared and submitted to the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs for approval. Disbursement of funds derived from American Heroes Bingo may not be made without the prior approval of the Secretary.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 33-57-100 (A) and (D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A lottery or raffle of any type whatsoever is unlawful unless it is authorized by the following:

(1) Chapter 150, Title 59, the Education Lottery;

(2) Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12, Charitable Bingo; ~~or~~

(3) Chapter 57, Title 33, Nonprofit Raffles for Charitable Purposes~~.~~; or

(4) Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12, American Heroes Bingo.

(D) Except for raffles conducted by the South Carolina Lottery Commission pursuant to Chapter 150, Title 59 or Charitable Bingo authorized by Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12, or American Heroes Bingo authorized by Article 24, Chapter 21, Title 12, the provisions of this chapter provide the sole means by which activities associated with conducting raffles are authorized. The provisions of this chapter must be narrowly construed to ensure that tax-exempt entities conducting a nonprofit raffle pursuant to this chapter are in strict compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4137--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. J. COX, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4137 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3858--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J. E. Johnson and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-

37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 127--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 127 (LC-127.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 9 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 9-11-28. (A) After December 31, 2025, any person who is a full-time master-in-equity shall participate in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System for his service as a master-in-equity.

(B) From July 1, 2025, to January 1, 2026, a full-time master-in-equity who elects to transfer credited service received under the South Carolina Retirement System to the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System may do so upon payment of the accumulated employer and employee contributions and interest in the South Carolina Retirement System plus five percent of his annual salary in effect as of June 30, 2025, for each year of service prorated for periods of less than

a year. After January 1, 2026, a master-in-equity may elect to transfer credited service received under the South Carolina Retirement System to the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System as provided in Section 9-11-40(9).

SECTION X. Section 9-11-90(4)(a)(ii) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(D) the member has not been engaged to perform services for a participating employer in the system or any other system provided in this title for compensation in any capacity, whether as an employee, independent contractor, leased employee, joint employee, or other classification of worker, for a period of at least twelve consecutive months subsequent to retirement. The exemption provided under this subitem does not apply unless the member first certifies to the system that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption. If a member inaccurately certifies that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption provided in this subitem, the member is responsible for reimbursing the system for any benefits wrongly paid to the member; or

(E) compensation received by the retired member from the covered employer is for employment in a critical needs law enforcement position as determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council. For the provisions of this subitem to apply, the Law Enforcement Training Council must review and approve, from the documentation provided by the covered employer, that no qualified, nonretired member is available for employment in the position, and that the member selected for employment meets the requirements of this subitem. No later than January 1, 2026, and each January first thereafter, the Law Enforcement Training Council must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the positions requested for inclusion in the earnings limitation exception under this subitem for the following fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2026, and each July first thereafter, the earnings limitation exception provided in this subitem only applies to those positions approved by action of the General Assembly for the fiscal year in response to the report submitted by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The Law Enforcement Training Council shall develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified and may not require recertification through basic training for those that have been inactive for a year or more.

SECTION X. Section 9-1-1790(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(d) the member has not been engaged to perform services for a

participating employer in the system or any other system provided in this title for compensation in any capacity, whether as an employee, independent contractor, leased employee, joint employee, or other classification of worker, for a period of at least twelve consecutive months subsequent to retirement. The exemption provided under this subitem does not apply unless the member first certifies to the system that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption. If a member inaccurately certifies that he satisfies the requirements for the exemption provided in this subitem, the member is responsible for reimbursing the system for any benefits wrongly paid to the member.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 127--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 127 be read the third time tomorrow.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. WOOTEN moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3514--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3514 -- Reps. Wooten, Mitchell, Pedalino, Guest, Crawford and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN FLAGS UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The Ways and Means Committee proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3514 (LC-3514.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 11-1-130 and inserting:

Section 11-1-130. A state department, agency, institution, or political subdivision of the State, including a school district, may not use public funds to purchase a flag of the United States of America or the State of South Carolina unless the flag has been one hundred percent manufactured in the United States from articles, materials, or supplies that have been grown or one hundred percent produced or manufactured in the United States. A state department, agency, institution, or political subdivision of the State, including a school district, may continue the use of previously purchased flags until a replacement flag is necessary.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3514--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3514 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3049--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3049 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Taylor, Long, Cobb-Hunter and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT"; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS HARM FROM A PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE, INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO LIABILITY.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3049 (LC-3049.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 15-75-310(9) and inserting:

(9) “Intimate image” means ~~a photograph, film, video recording, or other similar medium that shows~~:

(a) ~~the uncovered genitals, pubic area, anus, or female post pubescent nipple of a depicted individual; or~~a photograph, film, video recording, or other similar medium, including any still or videographic image that is indistinguishable from an authentic visual depiction of the individual, and that is generated or substantially modified using machine learning techniques or any other computer generated or machine generated means to falsely depict an individual’s appearance or conduct; and

(b) ~~a depicted individual engaging in or being subjected to sexual conduct.~~that shows:

(i) the uncovered genitals, pubic area, anus, or female post-pubescent nipple of a depicted individual; or

(ii) a depicted individual engaging in or being subjected to sexual conduct.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3049--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. T. MOORE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3049 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4300--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4300 -- Reps. Bannister, Jordan, W. Newton, Yow, Mitchell and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-50, RELATING TO SERVICE CREDIT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES ARE VESTED IN THE SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING EIGHT YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES' AND SOLICITORS' ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF JUDGES FROM SEVENTY-TWO TO SEVENTY-FOUR.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery

T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4300. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jay Kilmartin

H. 4300--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4300 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4337--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND

THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4337--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4337 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. POPE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 3335--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3335 -- Reps. Dillard, Spann-Wilder and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3335--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3335 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3929--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3929 -- Reps. King and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY MAINTAIN CANTEENS AT ALL PRISONS OR INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO AUDITS BIENNIALLY.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 1, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3929 by adding Section 24-3-990 so as to provide the Department of Corrections may maintain canteens at all prisons or institutions under its jurisdiction that must be subject to audits biennially. Out of an abundance of caution, I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself, a family member, and/or a business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative April Cromer
House District Number 6

H. 3929--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3929 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4000--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4000 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy, W. Newton, Duncan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL

LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4000 (LC-4000.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 61-2-100, by adding a subsection to read:

(k) notwithstanding any other provision of law, a license or permit may be issued to a municipality that manages an amphitheater as defined in Sections 61-6-2016(D)(6) and 61-4-515(D)(6), which is considered to be the applicant pursuant to Section 61-2-160. The municipality must submit an application and a sworn affidavit provided by the department. The department, by regulation, must establish the necessary information contained in the affidavit and make that information publicly accessible. The affidavit must contain sufficient information to establish the individual submitting the application has the authority to act on behalf of the municipality.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 61-4-515(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A) In addition to the permits authorized pursuant to the provisions of this article, the department also may issue a biennial permit to the owner, or his designee, of a motorsports entertainment complex, tennis specific complex, soccer complex, performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or baseball complex located in this State, which authorizes the purchase and sale for on-premises consumption of beer and wine at any occasion held on the grounds of the complex year round on any day of the week. The nonrefundable filing fee and the fees for the motorsports, tennis complex, soccer complex, performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or baseball complex biennial permit are the same as for other biennial permits for on-premises consumption of beer and wine, with the revenue therefrom used for the purposes provided in Section 61-4-510. Notwithstanding another provision of this article, the issuance of this permit authorizes the permit holder to purchase beer and wine from licensed wholesalers in the same manner that a person with appropriate licenses issued pursuant to this title purchases beer and wine from licensed wholesalers. The department in its discretion may specify the terms and conditions of the permit, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 61, and other applicable provisions under Title 61.

(B) The department may require such proof of qualifications for the

issuance of these permits as it considers necessary, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 61, and these permits may be issued whether or not the motorsports entertainment complex, tennis specific complex, soccer complex, performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or baseball complex is located in a county or municipality which pursuant to Section 61-6-2010 successfully has held a referendum allowing the possession, sale, and consumption of beer or wine or alcoholic liquors by the drink for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours.

(C) The owner or designee of the motorsports entertainment complex, the tennis specific complex, the soccer complex, performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or the baseball complex may designate particular areas within the complex where patrons of events who have paid an admission price to attend or guests who are attending private functions at the complex, whether or not a charge for attendance is made, may possess and consume beer and wine provided at their own expense or at the expense of the sponsor of the private function.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, Section 61-4-515(D), by adding an item to read:

(6) "amphitheater" means an open air facility that is owned by a municipality and seats at least four hundred people.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-6-2016(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A) In addition to the other provisions of this chapter, the owner, or his designee, of a motorsports entertainment complex, tennis specific complex, soccer complex, or performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or baseball complex that is located in this State may be issued, upon application, a biennial license that authorizes the purchase and sale for on-premises consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink at any occasion held on the grounds of the complex under the same terms and conditions provided in Section 61-4-515, and the nonrefundable filing fee and license fee are the same as for other biennial licenses issued by the department for on-premises consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink. In the event that the owner or his designee applies for both a permit to purchase and sell for on-premises consumption beer and wine and a license to purchase and sell for on-premises consumption alcoholic liquors by the drink, only one fee is required, which is the same as the fee for the fifty-two week local option permit under Section 61-6-2010 with the revenue therefrom used for the same purposes as provided in Section 61-6-2010.

(B) The department may require such proof of qualifications for the

issuance of these licenses as it considers necessary, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 6, Title 61, and these licenses may be issued whether or not the motorsports entertainment complex, tennis specific complex, soccer complex, or performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or baseball complex is located in a county or municipality, which pursuant to Section 61-6-2010 has successfully held a referendum allowing the possession, sale, and consumption of beer or wine or alcoholic liquors by the drink for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours.

(C) The owner or designee of the motorsports entertainment complex, the tennis specific complex, the soccer complex, performing arts and convention complex, amphitheater, or the baseball complex may designate particular areas within the complex where patrons of events who have paid an admission price to attend or guests who are attending private functions at the complex, whether or not a charge for attendance is made, may possess and consume alcoholic liquors by the drink provided at their own expense or at the expense of the sponsor of the private function.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, Section 61-6-2016(D), by adding an item to read:

(6) "amphitheater" means an open-air facility that is owned by a municipality and has permanent seating of at least four hundred people.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Article 5, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-4-523. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sale of beer and wine at collegiate sporting venues pursuant to Section 61-4-520 is prohibited unless the holder of the permit:

(1) requires all sales personnel to complete mandatory alcohol server training approved by the department;

(2) utilizes internal, random checks of sales locations during an event of sufficient frequency to reasonably determine that sales procedures and identification verification procedures comply with established protocol;

(3) utilizes forensic digital identification systems, or other means acceptable to the department, to verify the authenticity of identification at the point of sale;

(4) prohibits sales of beer and wine in student sections with designated concession areas; and

(5) prohibits sales of beer and wine to customers presenting

vertical identification cards.

(B) The department shall consider these preventative measures and other factors described in Section 61-4-590(C) when assessing administrative penalties in the event violations of this chapter occur and may reduce any administrative penalty when the department finds the permit holder acted in good faith to prevent a violation.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-590 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(C) In administering the provisions of this section, the department shall develop and implement an alternate revenue and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues which recognizes the unique characteristics of such venues including, but not limited to, the number of sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue, sales volume and number of patrons served per event held at such collegiate sporting venue, number of sales personnel necessary to staff sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue, and frequency of events held at such collegiate sporting venue during which sales of beer and wine occur. The department shall develop and implement the alternative revenue procedure and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues not later than August 31, 2025. The department shall determine the seating capacity necessary for a collegiate sporting venue to be subject to the alternate revenue procedure and penalty structure.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BRITTAIN proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4000 (LC-4000.SA0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 61-6-2016(D)(6) and inserting:

(6) "amphitheater" means an open-air facility that is owned by a municipality and ~~has permanent seating of~~seats at least four hundred people.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 97; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Terribile	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Gibson	Hager
Luck	McCravy	Morgan
Rankin	Vaughan	Willis
Yow		

Total--10

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the House Chamber working on the Liquor Liability Bill during the vote on H. 4000. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 4000--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4000 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 28--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 28 (LC-28.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, solicits, or possesses with intent to distribute, a visual depiction or representation ~~of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting~~ that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned ~~not less than two years nor~~ no more than ten years. ~~No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum sentence.~~

(C) Any person who knowingly possesses a visual depiction or representation ~~of any kind, including a drawing, cartoon, sculpture, or painting,~~ that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(F) and inserting:

(F)(1) This section does not apply to an employee of a law enforcement agency, including the State Law Enforcement Division, a prosecuting agency, including the South Carolina Attorney General's Office~~, the defendant's counsel,~~ or the South Carolina Department of Corrections, who, while acting within the employee's official capacity in the course of an investigation or criminal proceeding, is in possession of material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation. An employee's official capacity in the course of such investigation or criminal proceeding includes making materials available for inspection to the defendant's counsel in response to discovery requests.

(2) This section does not apply to a provider of a telecommunications service or an information service, as those terms are defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 153, for content provided by another person.

(G)(1) Any warrant for arrest for an alleged crime or offense under this section may only be issued upon:

(a) a return of a "true bill" of an indictment by the state grand jury, or

(b) a finding of probable cause following an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in conjunction with the Attorney General's office.

(2) If an arrest warrant is issued under subsection (G)(1)(b), the prosecution must be handled by the Attorney General's office or his designee.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for

on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stop serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) have less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirement of item (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following

definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or

other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within sixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best-evidence practice standards, offered by providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic

beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online-designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department, with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each

body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee

during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or~~ conduct involving ~~the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or~~ the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first

offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section,

the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the

mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts,

abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years

preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate

Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 28--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. T. MOORE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 28 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HOSEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. T. MOORE moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

S. 29--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE

DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 29 (LC-29.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 16-15-375, by striking the first undesignated paragraph before the first item and inserting:

The following definitions apply to Section 16-15-385, disseminating or exhibiting to minors harmful material or performances; Section 16-15-387, employing a person under the age of eighteen years to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity in a public place; Section 16-15-395, first degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-405, second degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-410, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-412, morphed image of an identifiable minor; arrest warrant; Section 16-15-415, promoting prostitution of a minor; and Section 16-15-425, participating in prostitution of a minor.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered

SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-15-412. (A) Any warrant for arrest for an alleged crime or offense under Section 16-15-395, first degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-405, second degree sexual exploitation of a minor; or, Section 16-15-410, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor, that concerns a morphed image of an identifiable minor may only be issued upon:

(1) a return of a "true bill" of an indictment by the state grand jury, or

(2) a finding of probable cause following an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in conjunction with the Attorney General's office.

(B) If an arrest warrant is issued under subection (A)(2), the prosecution must be handled by the Attorney General's office or his designee.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for

on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stop serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) have less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirement of item (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the

risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within sixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best-evidence practice standards, offered by

providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training

designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online-designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the

provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department, with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates

for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or~~ conduct involving ~~the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or~~ the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section,

the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no

enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may

not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary

alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 29--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. T. MOORE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 29 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 136--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL

POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 136 (LC-136.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's

duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy

with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stop serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) have less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirement of item (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is

sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department

pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within sixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best-evidence practice standards, offered by providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to

all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online-designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department,

with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or~~ conduct involving ~~the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or~~ the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person

is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is~~

~~prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the

completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged

loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch

Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gibson	Gilliam	Hiott
McCravy	G. M. Smith	

Total--5

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 136--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 136 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 287--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett, Graham and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 307--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 307 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Williams and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 307. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

S. 307--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 307 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 176--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, SO AS TO CORRECT A CROSS REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIONS OF "ATTEST," "PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING," AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS FOR ISSUANCE OF A REPORT BY A PERSON OTHER THAN CPA OR PA, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA TAGS AMONG THE ITEMS THAT MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE TITLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ABBREVIATIONS CPA AND PA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, REVISE WHAT AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE ON RECORD WITH THE BOARD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, REVISE CERTAIN TIME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE CPA EXAM, AND REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PERFORMS COMPILATION SERVICES MUST HOLD A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-40 AND PROVIDE THAT

OWNERSHIP MAY ALSO BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO LICENSING OF PERSONS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REVISE HOW PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES CAN BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-2-20(18), SECTION 40-2-35(H), AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) OF THE S.C. CODE.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 176 (LC-176.WAB0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-2-35(C)~~(1)~~(2)(f) and inserting:

(f) ~~merges~~mergers and acquisitions;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-2-35(C)~~(1)~~(4)(b) and inserting:

(b) Applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree, or a baccalaureate degree ~~and an additional thirty semester credit hours of education,~~ with at least one hundred fifty total semester credit hours, must also satisfy the experience requirements in subsection 40-2-35(G)(1)(b), which requires one year of relevant experience.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 40-2-35(E)(3) and inserting:

(E)(3) in addition to the requirements of (C)(2) and (C)(3), the applicant must have on record with the board official transcripts ~~that meet the education requirement and that demonstrate successful completion of of at least one hundred twenty semester hours credit, including: the requirements of subsection (C)(1), (2), and~~

~~(3).~~demonstrating successful completion of either:

(a) at least one hundred twenty semester hours of credit; or

(b) a conferred baccalaureate degree.

~~(a) at least twenty-four semester hours of accounting in course areas that are applicable to a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree, including a minimum of six semester credit hours at the undergraduate level or three semester credit hours at the graduate level of principles or introductory accounting. The remaining semester credit hours, or the substantial equivalent, must cover some or all of the following subject matter content: financial accounting for business organizations, financial statement auditing and attestation services, taxation, accounting information systems, financial accounting for government and not-for-profit entities, managerial or cost accounting, mergers and acquisitions, accounting-based data analytics and interrogation techniques, financial planning, fraud examination, internal controls and risk assessment, financial statement analysis, accounting research and analysis, tax research and analysis, accounting professional ethics, and other areas approved by the board; and~~

~~(b) at least twenty-four semester hours of business courses that are applicable to a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree and that cover some or all of the following subject matter content: business law, economics, management, marketing, finance, business communications, statistics, quantitative methods, data analytics, data interrogation techniques, business data acumen, information systems or technology, business ethics, and other areas approved by the board, which may include semester credit hours, or the substantial equivalent, in accounting content not used toward meeting the requirement in subitem (a).~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(1)~~(1)~~(b) and inserting:

(b) applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree, or a baccalaureate degree ~~and an additional thirty semester credit hours of education,~~ with at least one hundred fifty total semester credit hours, must complete one year of relevant experience;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(8) and inserting:

(8) The accounting experience required by this subsection may ~~only be attained after an applicant satisfies the requirements of subsections (C)(1), (2), and (3).~~begin upon successful completion of subsections (C)(2) and (C)(3), and:

(a) at least one hundred twenty semester hours of credit, or

(b) a conferred baccalaureate degree.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 176. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

S. 176--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 176 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 101--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 101 (LC-101.WAB0003H), which

was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 40-80-10(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Employer" means any fire department ~~or other entity~~ which puts an individual or employee in service as a firefighter or assigns any person to work or to official duties as a firefighter whether or not the firefighter receives financial compensation.

(2) "Employment date" means the date the fire chief certifies the firefighter has been added to the fire department's roster as a recruit or is trained and prepared to perform firefighting duties.

(3) "Fire chief" means the highest ranking officer or official in charge of a fire department, whether or not called by some other title.

(4) "Fire department" means ~~any organization providing rescue, fire suppression, and related activities including any public or government sponsored organizations engaged in rescue, fire suppression, and related activities.~~any legally organized fire department or fire service in this State that:

(a) engages in fire suppression and other related fire service activities;

(b) provides fire protection to a dedicated response district, other than their own property and must be officially recognized, created or chartered by a town, municipality, county, or the state;

(c) has a Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating through the Insurance Services Office (ISO). This rating may be as an individual department or in conjunction with neighboring districts;

(d) is dispatched by a 911 dispatch center or a local government-owned Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Effective no later than July 1, 2026 the fire department must be verified by the State Fire Marshal's Office and issued a valid South Carolina Fire Department (SCFD) number and is eligible for a National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) number; and

(e) is registered and maintains a roster of its members with both the State Fire Marshal and the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association.

(5) "Firefighter" means any person, male or female, paid or unpaid, who engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities under the supervision of a fire chief or fire department.

(6) "Firefighting duties" means duties relating to rescue, fire

suppression, public safety, and related activities as assigned by a fire chief.

SECTION X. Section 40-80-40(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) A firefighter who works for or serves more than one fire department must be registered by each fire department.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 101. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

S. 101--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 101 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 171--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS;

BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 171 (LC-171.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 44-96-170(N)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) ~~For sales made on or after November 1, 1991, t~~There is imposed a fee of two dollars for each new and used tire sold with a Department of Transportation number to the ultimate consumer, whether or not the tire is mounted by the seller. This fee is applicable to all ~~tires included in new and used retail motor vehicles~~unmounted tire sales. The wholesaler or retailer receiving new tires from unlicensed wholesalers is responsible for paying the fee imposed by this subsection. This fee shall not be collected on farm or agricultural tires, including tires designed for use in the production of farm products as defined in Section 46-1-75(E)(1).

(2) The Department of Revenue shall administer, collect, and enforce the tire recycling fee in the same manner that the sales and use taxes are collected pursuant to Chapter 36 of Title 12. The fee imposed by this subsection must be remitted on a monthly basis. ~~Instead of the discount allowed pursuant to Section 12-36-2610, the taxpayer may retain three percent of the total fees collected as an administrative collection allowance. This allowance applies whether or not the return is timely filed.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 79; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Davis	Duncan	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Grant
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Martin	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bradley	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gilliam
Guest	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Mitchell	Rankin	Reese
White	Yow	

Total--23

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 171. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

S. 171--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 171 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 51--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 51 -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Rep. GATCH explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 1, 2025
The Honorable Speaker G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8- 13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on S.51 relating to a Joint Resolution to encourage Santee Cooper to issue a request for proposal to solicit proposals on utilizing assets associated with V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3, and for considerations related to a request for proposal out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Heath Sessions
House District Number 46

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on S. 51 on May 1, 2025. I should have abstained.

Rep. Heath Sessions

S. 51--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 51 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 275--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 275 -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHER PROVIDER THAT OFFERS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS UNDER THE SAME FEES AND CONDITIONS OFFERED TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

Rep. GATCH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 275--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 275 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4247--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4247 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE

THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM

FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was absent from the Chamber during the vote for H. 4247. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 4247.

Rep. Bill Taylor

H. 4247--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. WOOTEN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4247 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. KIRBY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3813--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 3813:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Campsen, Turner and Ott to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. HIXON, HIOTT and MCDANIEL to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck, Atkinson, Bamberg and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3974 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Erickson, Schuessler, Bauer, Guffey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder, Weeks, Gilreath, Cromer and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT

MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF A LICENSEE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2025.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING, AND TO PROVIDE NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing, Teeple, Edgerton, Magnuson, J. L. Johnson, Bamberg, Sanders, Bowers, Pope, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4444 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A ONE-MILE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 378 FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN SALUDA COUNTY WEST TOWARDS THE TOWN OF SALUDA "FIREMAN LANDON 'CALE' BODIE

MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4445 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 391 IN SALUDA COUNTY FROM THE LEXINGTON/SALUDA COUNTY LINE EXTENDING ONE MILE NORTH THE "FIRE CHIEF CHAD SATCHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4446 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF POWELL ROAD IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SINGLETON ROAD TO HAROLD ROAD "DEPUTY SHERIFF LEROY GASQUE SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4385 -- Reps. Jones, B. J. Cox, J. L. Johnson, King, Williams, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, Bauer, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3453 -- Reps. Rose, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-20, RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN'S CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE TUITION IF THAT CHILD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE BIRTH.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS

FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4189 -- Reps. Davis and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-

1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, 44-7-240, 44-7-250, 44-7-260, 44-7-320, 44-7-325, 44-7-370, 44 7-392, 44-7-510, 44-7-1420, 44-7-1440, 44-7-1490, 44-7-1590, 44-7-1660, 44-7-1690, 44-7-2420, 44-7-2430, 44-7-2940, 44-7-3430, 44-7-3460, 44-8-10, 44-8-20, 44-8-60, 44-9-70, 44-20-270, 44-29-10, 44-29-15, 44-29-20, 44-29-30, 44-29-40, 44-29-50, 44-29-60, 44-29-70, 44-29-80, 44-29-90, 44-29-100, 44-29-110, 44-29-115, 44-29-120, 44-29-130, 44-29-135, 44-29-136, 44-29-140, 44-29-145, 44-29-146, 44-29-150, 44-29-160, 44-29-170, 44-29-180, 44-29-185, 44-29-190, 44-29-195, 44-29-200, 44-29-210, 44-29-230, 44-29-240, 44-29-250, 44-30-20, 44-30-90, 44-31-10, 44-31-20, 44-31-30, 44-31-105, 44-31-110, 44-31-610, 44-32-10, 44-32-20, 44-32-120, 44-33-10, 44 33-310, 44-34-10, 44-34-20, 44-34-100, 44-35-10, 44-35-20, 44-35-30, 44-35-40, 44-35-50, 44-35-60, 44-35-70, 44-35-80, 44-35-90, 44-35-100, 44-36-20, 44-36-30, 44-36-50, 44-36-320, 44-36-520, 44-37-20, 44-37-30, 44-37-40, 44-37-50, 44-37-70, 44-38-30, 44-38-380, 44-38-630, 44-39-20, 44-40-30, 44-40-60, 44-41-10, 44-41-60, 44-41-340, 44-44-20, 44-44-30, 44-44-40, 44-49-40, 44-52-10, 44-53-10, 44-53-50, 44-53-110, 44-53-160, 44-53-280, 44-53-290, 44-53-310, 44-53-320, 44-53-360, 44-53-362, 44-53-375, 44-53-430, 44-53-480, 44-53-490, 44-53-500, 44-53-630, 44-53-620, 44-53-710, 44-53-720, 44-53-730, 44-53-740, 44-53-750, 44-53-930, 44-53-1320, 44-53-1630, 44-53-1640, 44-55-20, 44-55-30, 44-55-40, 44-55-45, 44-55-50, 44-55-60, 44-55-70, 44-55-120, 44-55-210, 44-55-220, 44-55-230, 44-55-240, 44-55-250, 44-55-260, 44-55-270, 44-55-275, 44-55-280, 44-55-290, 44-55-410, 44-55-420, 44-55-430, 44-55-440, 44-55-450, 44-55-460, 44-55-610, 44-55-620, 44-55-630, 44-55-640, 44-55-650, 44-55-660, 44-55-670, 44-55-680, 44-55-690, 44-55-700, 44-55-820, 44-55-822, 44-55-825, 44-55-827, 44-55-830, 44-55-860, 44-55-1310, 44-55-2320, 44-55-2360, 44-55-2390, 44-56-20, 44-56-30, 44-56-60, 44-56-100, 44-56-130, 44-56-160, 44-56-200, 44-56-210, 44-56-405, 44-56-410, 44-56-420, 44-56-495, 44-56-840, 44-59-10, 44-59-30, 44-61-20, 44-61-30, 44-61-40, 44-61-50, 44-61-60, 44-61-70, 44-61-80, 44-61-130, 44-61-310, 44-61-320, 44-61-340, 44-61-350, 44-61-510, 44-61-520, 44-61-530, 44-61-540, 44-61-630, 44-61-650, 44-63-10, 44-63-20, 44-63-30,

44-63-80, 44-63-86, 44-63-110, 44-63-161, 44-63-163, 44-69-20, 44-69-30, 44-69-50, 44-70-20, 44-71-20, 44-71-70, 44-74-50, 44-74-60, 44-78-15, 44-78-65, 44-80-10, 44-81-30, 44-87-10, 44-89-30, 44-89-90, 44-93-20, 44-93-160, 44-96-40, 44-96-60, 44-96-85, 44-96-100, 44-96-120, 44-96-165, 44-96-170, 44-96-250, 44-96-440, 44-96-450, 44-99-10, 44-99-30, 44-99-50, 44-113-20, 44-115-80, 44-115-130, 44-117-50, 44-122-50, 44-125-20, 44-128-20, 44-128-50, 44-130-20, 44-130-70, 44-139-40, 44-139-50, 45-4-30, 45-4-70, 46-1-130, 46-1-140, 46-3-240, 46-7-100, 46-7-110, 46-9-120, 46-13-110, 46-13-150, 46-45-10, 46-45-60, 46-45-80, 46-49-60, 46-51-20, 46-57-20, 46-57-50, 47-1-80, 47-3-420, 47-4-150, 47-5-20, 47-9-60, 47-17-40, 47-17-120, 47-17-130, 47-17-140, 47-17-320, 47-19-35, 47-20-165, 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-110, 48-1-280, 48-2-20, 48-2-60, 48-2-70, 48-2-80, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-3-10, 48-3-140, 48-5-20, 48-6-50, 48-6-60, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-34-40, 48-39-10, 48-39-35, 48-39-45, 48-39-50, 48-39-250, 48-39-270, 48-39-280, 48-39-290, 48-39-320, 48-39-345, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 48-40-50, 48-40-60, 48-40-70, 48-43-10, 48-43-30, 48-43-40, 48-43-50, 48-43-60, 48-43-100, 48-43-390, 48-43-510, 48-43-520, 48-43-570, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 48-62-30, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-60, 49-4-20, 49-4-80, 49-4-170, 49-5-30, 49-5-60, 49-6-10, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, 49-11-170, 49-11-260, 49-23-60, 50-5-35, 50-5-360, 50-5-910, 50-5-955, 50-5-965, 50-5-997, 50-11-90, 50-15-430, 50-16-30, 50-19-1935, 50-21-30, 54-6-10, 55-1-100, 56-1-221, 56-3-9800, 56-5-170, 56-5-2720, 56-35-50, 56-35-60, 56-35-80, 58-27-255, 58-33-140, 59-1-380, 59-1-450, 59-31-330, 59-32-10, 59-32-30, 59-36-20, 59-47-10, 59-63-75, 59-63-95, 59-111-720, 59-123-125, 59-152-60, 61-4-220, 61-4-1515, 61-4-1750, 61-6-1610, 61-6-2410, 62-1-302, 63-1-50, 63-7-1210, 63-9-730, 63-9-910, 63-11-1720, 63-11-1930, 63-11-2240, 63-11-2290, 63-13-80, 63-13-180, AND 63-17-70, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RESTRUCTURING PROVIDED BY ACT 60 OF 2023; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-3-110, 44-3-120, 44-3-130, 44-3-140, 44-7-310, 44-11-30, 44-11-40, 44-55-1320, 44-55-1330, 44-55-1350, 44-55-1360, 59-111-510, 59-111-520, 59-111-530, 59-111-540, 59-111-550, 59-111-560, 59-111-570, AND 59-111-580 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 221 -- Senators Ott and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4469 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GALLOWAY AND MOSELEY JEWELRY STORE IN SUMTER COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE OWNERS BRITTON MOSELEY AND DANNY CHANDLER UPON THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STORE'S SPARKLING PRESENCE IN SUMTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4470 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLARISSA T. ADAMS, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-ONE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STATE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4471 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND REMEMBER J. WILBUR WALKER, PRINCIPAL OF WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL IN GREENVILLE, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4472 -- Reps. Willis, Gilliam, Rankin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS R. HIGGS II, LAURENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED

SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES HIS POST TO BECOME COLLETON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4473 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF COLUMBIA AND ITS MEMBERS UPON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO THANK THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 4474--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following was introduced:

H. 4474 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RALPH KING ANDERSON JR. OF FLORENCE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 616 -- Senators Matthews and Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC 46 FROM S-97 (EPPS AVENUE) TO I-95 IN JASPER COUNTY "MAYOR BRONCO BOSTICK HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 617 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SHAWS CREEK BRIDGE ON US 1 IN AIKEN COUNTY AS THE "VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 633 -- Senators Bennett, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Nutt, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams, Young and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 2025 AS "LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4475 -- Reps. Guffey, Sessions and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4476 -- Reps. Rutherford, Bamberg, J. Moore and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 ENTITLED "SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION" SO AS TO

ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4477 -- Rep. Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEIRS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DETERMINING WHEN AN ASSESSIBLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TRANSFERS MADE AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF HEIRS' PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 114 -- Senators Adams, Grooms, Rice and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-340 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE CALL LOCATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OF THE USER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SECTION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OBTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FROM WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO FACILITATE A REQUEST FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 196 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 91 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS, AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE, PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR EXAMINATION, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL, SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ADJUSTERS, AND TO

PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE AND PENALTIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 92 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE AND PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO EXAMINATION, PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, REQUIRE A BOND OR LETTER OF CREDIT, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ALLOW FOR FEES, AND SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTERS 47 AND 48 OF TITLE 38.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 583 -- Senators Davis, Massey and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINIUNG EDUCATION INSTRUCTION, AND TO DEFINE "PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE."

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 623 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Referred to Georgetown Delegation

Rep. LANDING moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. BUSTOS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

April 30, 2025
The Honorable Christopher R. “Chris” Hart
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chris:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the Judiciary Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity and for your previous service on the Medical, Military and Public and Municipal Affairs Committee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House
Received as information.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4478 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-50, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER PROHIBITING FIRES, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF THE PROHIBITION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DIVISION FOR BROADCAST OF THE PROHIBITION ON ALL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA.

On motion of Rep. BURNS, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 618 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 389 OF 1907, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO RESTATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAFFNEY, TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER OF ELECTION AND OF ELECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL ACT 205 OF 1953 AND ACT 128 OF 1967 RELATED TO THE BOARD.

On motion of Rep. LAWSON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4305--AMENDED, POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4305 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS BY WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, REQUIRE REGISTRATION INCLUDING AN APPLICATION AND FEES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, EXEMPT BROKERS FROM REGISTERING, AND TO PROVIDE FINES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER WHEN REQUIRED.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4305 (LC-4305.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 38 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 105

Wellness Reimbursement Programs

Section 38-105-10. As used in this chapter:

(1) “Broker” means an independent health insurance agent licensed in this State.

(2) "Director" means the director of the Department of Insurance or his designee.

(3) "Person" means a natural person, corporation, mutual company, unincorporated association, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust, estate, foundation, not-for-profit corporation, unincorporated organization, government, or governmental subdivision or agency.

(4) "Wellness reimbursement program" means a self-insured medical reimbursement plan or a wellness and integrated medical plan expense reimbursement plan:

(a) that is created pursuant to 26 C.F.R. 1.105-11 and Sections 105 and 125 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) that has issued a contract to provide services and pay claims pertaining to reimbursements of qualified medical expenses relating to Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(c) that is intended, created, marketed, and sold as an ancillary product to an individual or group health insurance coverage or self-insured group health plan.

"Wellness Reimbursement program" does not include any underlying individual or group health insurance coverage or a self-insured group health plan.

(5) "Wellness reimbursement program administrator" means any person who manages the operation of a wellness reimbursement program.

Section 38-105-20. (A) No wellness reimbursement program administrator may sell, offer, market, promote, or operate a wellness reimbursement program without first being licensed by the director.

(B) Application for a license must be on forms prescribed by the director and must be accompanied by an initial license fee of five thousand dollars, annual financial statements or reports for the two preceding calendar years, and any other documents that the director may require to ensure that the wellness reimbursement program administrator meets the requirements for licensure set forth in this chapter. Thereafter, an application fee for a renewal offering must be five hundred dollars. These fees must be retained by the director to offset the costs of processing and maintaining the registration of wellness reimbursement programs required by the chapter.

(C) In addition to the documents required under subsection (B), a wellness reimbursement program administrator must submit a letter or document from the Internal Revenue Service or the U.S. Department of Labor approving of the specific wellness reimbursement program in

question.

(D) A wellness reimbursement program administrator must make and keep a full and correct record of its business and affairs and the director shall inspect these records at least every three years. The information from these records must be furnished to the director on demand and the original books or records must be open to examination by the director when demanded. The cost of the examination must be borne by the wellness reimbursement program administrator.

(E) A wellness reimbursement program administrator must file and maintain with the director a surety bond in favor of the State executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in this State. The director may set the requirements of such surety bond as necessary.

(F) Before granting any license, the director or his designee must be satisfied that the wellness reimbursement program administrator is competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, has a good personal and business reputation, has not had an insurance license revoked, suspended, or denied in any jurisdiction within the preceding five years, and has not been convicted of a crime involving fraud, dishonesty, or moral turpitude in any jurisdiction. For purposes of this section, "convicted" includes a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere.

(G) The director may revoke or suspend any license issued to a wellness reimbursement program administrator when he finds that any condition exists which would have prohibited issuance of the original license, that the wellness reimbursement program administrator has violated any provision of this chapter, or that the wellness reimbursement program administrator has deceived or dealt unjustly with the citizens of this State. In lieu of revocation or suspension of license, the director may impose an administrative monetary penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each offense.

(H) Any wellness reimbursement program administrator who fails to obtain a license is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both, and is subject to revocation of any licenses issued by the director. Any fine revenue received may be retained by the director to offset the expenses of enforcing this chapter.

Section 38-105-30. (A) A wellness reimbursement program administrator must attest to the director and to the employer or employee that the wellness reimbursement program complies with all federal and state laws.

(B) A wellness reimbursement program administrator must not cause or knowingly permit the use of any advertisement, promotion,

solicitation, representation, proposal, or offer that is untrue, deceptive, or misleading.

(C) In the event the wellness reimbursement program results in a taxable event for either the employer or the employee associated with the wellness reimbursement program, the wellness reimbursement program administrator must defend the employer and its employees against any and all claims or suit that arises out of or by virtue of the wellness reimbursement program and must indemnify the employer and its employees for a loss or judgment incurred by them as a result of the claim or suit.

Section 38-105-40. (A) A broker is not required to register as a wellness reimbursement program administrator to acquire commissions paid by such company.

(B) A broker is not an employee of the wellness reimbursement program administrator and is only necessary to facilitate the partnership of the wellness reimbursement program administrator and the respective employee group enrolling in the wellness reimbursement program being that the services of the wellness reimbursement program are not straight-to-market services.

(C) Notwithstanding subsections (A) and (B), a broker must not cause or knowingly permit the use of any advertisement, promotion, solicitation, representation, proposal, or offer that is untrue, deceptive, or misleading.

(D) A broker must exercise good faith and fair dealing to a person when offering, selling, marketing, or promoting a wellness reimbursement program.

Section 38-105-50. (A) The director shall enforce this chapter.

(B) A person who violates any part of this chapter must be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both, for each violation, and is subject to revocation of any license issued by the director. Any fine revenue received may be retained by the director to offset the expenses of enforcing this chapter.

(C) The director may promulgate rules and regulations as it deems necessary to implement this
chapter.

Section 38-105-60. Nothing in this chapter applies to any health or wellness programs or activities offered by an individual or group health coverage or self-insured group health plan to its enrollees.

SECTION 2. Every three years after the effective date of this act, the Department of Insurance shall prepare a report, to be filed with the House Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee, the Senate Banking

and Insurance Committee, and the General Assembly, addressing the implementation of Section 38-105-10, et. Seq., as it relates to the requirements for the programs outlined in this chapter, and any other information requested by the General Assembly to be included within the report.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4305 (LC-4305.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 38-105-10(4) and inserting:

(4) "Wellness reimbursement program" means a self-insured medical reimbursement plan or a wellness ~~and~~ integrated medical plan expense reimbursement plan:

(a) that is created pursuant to 26 C.F.R. 1.105-11 and Sections 105 and 125 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(b) that has issued a contract to provide services and pay claims pertaining to reimbursements of qualified medical expenses relating to Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(c) that is intended, created, marketed, and sold as an ancillary product to an individual or group health insurance coverage or self-insured group health plan.

"Wellness Reimbursement program" does not include any underlying individual or group health insurance coverage or a self-insured group health plan.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 38-105-20(C)

and inserting:

(C) In addition to the documents required under subsection (B), a wellness reimbursement program administrator must comply with Federal ERISA requirements, or submit a letter or document from the Internal Revenue Service or the U.S. Department of Labor approving of the specific wellness reimbursement program in question.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. PACE made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

By a division vote of 71-15, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total—88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	

Total--14

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4305--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4305 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 220--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. GATCH moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

By a division vote 78-16, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders

Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Edgerton	Harris	Huff
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Morgan	Pace	Rankin
Terribile		

Total--13

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 220--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. GATCH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 220 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 210--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS

TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 210 (LC-210.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 38-90-20(A) and inserting:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not

insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.;

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining liquor liability insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 210--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 210 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3876--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford, B. L. Cox, Henderson-Myers and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND

REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS A MERCHANT OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CRAWFORD made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4303--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4303 -- Reps. Gatch, Cobb-Hunter, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Brewer, Rutherford, Gagnon, Guest, Guffey, Weeks, Hosey and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLS ON EACH CIGARETTE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4303 (LC-4303.DG0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-21-620(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) upon all cigarettes for heating made of tobacco or any substitute for tobacco, ~~one and one-quarter~~fourteen and one-quarter mills on each cigarette;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Crawford	McCravy	Mitchell
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Wetmore

Total--6

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 1, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 4303 by amending Section 12-21-620, relating to tax rates on products containing tobacco, so as to tax cigarettes for heating one and one-quarter mills on each cigarette. Out of an abundance of caution, I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and/or a business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace
House District Number 117

H. 4303--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4303 be read the third time tomorrow.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3762 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. LONG objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. B. NEWTON asked unanimous consent to recall S. 507 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. CROMER objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WILLIS asked unanimous consent to recall S. 11 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. CROMER objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4186 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. EDGERTON objected.

H. 4342--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL, MILITARY, PUBLIC AND MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs:

H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall S. 534 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. LONG objected.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3309--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND

DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE

PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO

CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

FUND," AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN A UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3947--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION.

Rep. HIXON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 62--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION OF FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND THE ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT'S PROGRAM; NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE

APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES ; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Rep. ERICKSON were ordered printed in the Journal.

REMARKS BY REPRESENTATIVE ERICKSON

Mr. Speaker:

Providing parents with more options for educating their children is in the best interest of students, parents, and the State of South Carolina.

Every child has unique educational needs, and those needs are often best served in settings other than a child’s zoned public school.

Parents are the first and most important educators for their children, and can responsibly exercise decision-making power over which educational setting best fits their child's unique needs.

South Carolina has long embraced school choice in other areas, including higher education and early childhood education.

Senate Bill 62 is modeled on existing school choice programs, including Higher Education Tuition Grants, the South Carolina Education Lottery Act, and the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program in the South Carolina Read to Succeed Act.

The General Assembly has carefully and respectfully crafted this Act to comply with the South Carolina Supreme Court's interpretation of Article XI, Section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution in Eidson v. S.C. Department of Education and specifically finds that Chief Justice Kittredge's description of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund program represents how the program created by this act is structured.

This Bill has intentionally selected a trust mechanism to effectuate the aims of this Act in a way that is structurally akin to other statutory legal trusts that, like this one, involve a trustee holding and administering funds that, when placed and held in that fund are not funds of the State but, instead, are equitably owned by the beneficial owners who are the trust beneficiaries (here, the scholarship recipients), and in which the funds cannot revert to the grantor for general discretionary use; and

The Education Scholarship Trust Fund is not like some other trust funds set out in state law where the trust concept only designates the funds as segregated accounts within the state treasury, but, instead, the General Assembly intends that the Trust Fund operate as a legally enforceable trust like the South Carolina Retirement System.

Based on the South Carolina Supreme Court's decision in Hartness v. Patterson, and the subsequent constitutional amendment that adopted Article XI, Section 4, the funds deposited in the South Carolina Education Scholarship Trust Fund cease to be public funds upon that deposit and any benefit conferred on any religious or other private educational institution is indirect only.

The scholarships provide educational services that directly benefit school-aged children and where the funds go stems immediately from the parent's decision.

Mr. Speaker, I move to concur with the Senate amendments to Senate Bill 62.

Rep. Shannon Erickson

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

Rep. GARVIN spoke against the Senate Amendments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GOVAN a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. GARVIN continued speaking.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. GARVIN continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 73; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	B. J. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
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Total--73

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Dillard
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kirby	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Waters
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 3309--RECONSIDERED

Rep. GATCH moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill, which was agreed to:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan

and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING

ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET, AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37 TO INCLUDE ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO

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H. 3309--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF

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Rep. GATCH proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 3309 (LC-3309.HA0110H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 6.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 11.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 14, by striking Section 58-37-70(C)(1) and inserting:

(C)(1) Electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority ~~shall~~may evaluate the potential for deploying small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A “suitable site” may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities

have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 15.A., by striking Section 58-37-120(A)(1) and inserting:

Section 58-37-120. (A)(1) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall promptly provide a public comment period if required by regulation and shall review and issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to undertake review of and take final action upon the application within the six-month review period, as defined in subsection (A)(3), the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation of such approval.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 15.A., by striking Section 58-37-120(D) and (E) and inserting:

(D) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all technical and administrative deficiencies within thirty days of receipt, or if a public comment period is required, fifteen days from the end of the comment period. The identification by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

~~(E) No later than sixty days prior to filing any permit applications under this section, a public utility that plans to construct or has entered into agreements to construct any energy infrastructure project which may result in the use of eminent domain must provide written notice, via certified U.S. mail, to any property owners whose properties may be acquired or condemned. This notice must clearly state the need for the project, its preferred and any alternative locations or routes, a phone number or email that property owners may contact at the utility, and an appropriate contact at the Office of Regulatory Staff. No later than thirty days after filing an application, the utility must also hold a public meeting to solicit feedback from interested members of the affected community and on the date an application is filed, must provide notice of said meeting in a newspaper or other publication of general circulation in each county where the project may be located and in writing to all landowners whose property may be condemned.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 20, by striking Section 58-42-10(F)(3) and inserting:

(3) the expiration of any existing contracts ~~for~~ with qualifying facilities pursuant to the Public Utility Regulatory ~~Practices~~ Policies Act.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, by striking Section 58-37-

40(C)(2) and inserting:

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors:~~In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the ~~Southeastern Electric~~ SERC Reliability ~~Council~~ Corporation, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility's demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 29, by striking Section 58-37-20(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) The commission ~~shall~~may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve ~~demand-side management pilot programs and~~ any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, ~~and~~provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission ~~may~~must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs ~~that achieve net energy savings of at least 0.66 percent of total retail sales as of May 15, 2027, or a higher level as~~in an amount to be determined by the commission. ~~Energy efficiency shall be considered a component of the requirement for a utility to make every reasonable effort to minimize fuel costs as outlined in Section 58-27-865(F) and the commission may grant a proportional disallowance based on evidence in record.~~ If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. ~~Such a program shall be funded through the existing energy efficiency rider mechanism, with those funds transferred to the third-party administrator.~~ Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side

management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTIONS 43, 44.A, 44.B, and 44.C.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 58-4-50(A)(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A)(9) to serve as a facilitator or otherwise act directly or indirectly to resolve disputes and issues involving matters within the jurisdiction of the commission. In accordance with the mission of the Office of Regulatory Staff as provided for in Section 58-4-10 and in the context of settlement negotiations, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall consider any applicable requirements set out for the Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 58-3-140;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey

Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Jones
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Wetmore		

Total--13

The amendment was then adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 1, 2025
The Honorable Speaker G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3309 relating to the "South Carolina Energy Security Act". Out of an abundance of caution, I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Phillip Bowers
House District Number 3

H. 4381--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4381 -- Reps. Atkinson and Kirby: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME NESMITH CORNER ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF NESMITH IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY "COLUMBUS PRESSLEY AND CLAUDIE E. PRESSLEY MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4416--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4416 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OLD STAGECOACH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHUNE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM MCLAUGHLIN ROAD TO STEPHENS LANE "CHARLIE AND PAT STEPHENS

INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4429--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4429 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AT 35Âº5'30" N BY 82Âº36' 53" W CONTAINING THE WORDS "ALAMO COVE" TO HONOR THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT TO CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THE PERSIMMON RIDGE FIRE.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

S. 523--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 523 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 31 AND SC 9 IN HORRY COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA THE "S.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONER TONY K. COX INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 561--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 561 -- Senator Reichenbach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF RIVER ROAD (STATE ROAD S-40) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PINE STREET (S-21-312) TO THE

INTERSECTION OF SHIRLEY ROAD (S-21-1114) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "BILLY EADDY ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 3832--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 4176--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rose, Robbins, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bamberg, Govan, Grant, Kirby, Alexander and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 165--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

Rep. WILLIAMS proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 165 (LC-165.PH0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 6, Title 48 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 48-6-90. (A) The South Carolina Conservation Education Fund is established for the purpose of connecting youth with nature through classroom and outdoor natural resource conservation education.

(B) The fund is eligible to receive appropriations of state general funds, federal funds, local government funds, donations, gifts, and grants.

(C) Revenues for the fund must be remitted to the State Treasurer and credited to an account that is separate and distinct from the general fund. Balances in the fund must be retained and carried forward annually and interest earned on balances in the fund must be credited to the fund.

(D) Revenues from the fund must only be used by the department for the purpose of connecting youth with nature through classroom and outdoor natural resource conservation education programs approved by the department, to include, but is not limited to:

(1) funding for natural resource conservation education classes and programs approved by the department; and

(2) funding for youth to attend outdoor natural resource conservation education programs approved by the department.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	Morgan
Pace	Terribile	

Total--11

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 165--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 165 be read the third time tomorrow.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4479 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN COLUMBIA AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR KIM JONG-HYUN AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE KOREAN COMMUNITY IN THE MIDLANDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4480 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR CELEBRATED PERFORMER WILLIAM RHINEHART FOR HIS DISTINGUISED CAREER AS AN ACCOMPLISHED AMERICAN MUSICIAN AND ENTERTAINER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4481 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHESTERFIELD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4482 -- Reps. Williams, Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff,

J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND PASTOR MICHAEL R. CANNON UPON HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF CHERRY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN DARLINGTON AND TO EXTEND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO HIM ON THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE OF CONDUCTING HIS RECENT INSTALLATION SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4483 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHARLENE SANSBURY WILLIAMS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIRST BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A

JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4485 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DOUGLAS FURTICK, ALSO KNOWN AS 803FRESH, ON THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS OF HIS HIT SONG "BOOTS ON THE GROUND," TO HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTHERN SOUL MUSIC, AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS A NATIVE OF THE WAGENER-SALLEY AREA WHO CONTINUES TO REPRESENT SOUTH CAROLINA WITH PRIDE ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4484 -- Reps. Lawson, Erickson, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF MAY 18 THROUGH 24, 2025, AS THE FIFTY-FIRST "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAMS MAKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 614 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME HOLLY HALL ROAD IN BEAUFORT COUNTY "REVEREND JEANNINE R. SMALLS ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 620 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NAME THE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY 276 AT 35Âº5'30" N BY 82Âº36'53" W IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "ALAMO COVE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 625 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 340 AND I-20 IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "GOVERNOR DAVID M. BEASLEY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 627 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE LAKE PRESTWOOD BRIDGE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "SPEAKER JAY LUCAS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

S. 268 -- Senators Bennett, Leber and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ONLINE SERVICE SHALL TAKE CARE IN THE USE OF A MINOR'S PERSONAL DATA AND IN THE DESIGN AND

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SERVICE TO PREVENT HARM TO MINORS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ONLINE SERVICE MUST PROVIDE MINORS WITH EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOOLS TO LIMIT TIME SPENT ON THE SERVICE AND PROTECT PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE LIMITS ON HOW MUCH OF A MINOR'S DATA THE SERVICE MAY COLLECT AND RESTRICT THE USE OF SUCH DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST OFFER PARENTS TOOLS TO HELP THEM PROTECT MINORS USING THE SERVICE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO REPORT HARMS TO MINORS ON ONLINE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT ON THE SERVICE'S PRACTICES PERTAINING TO MINORS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Rep. HEWITT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F. CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4474 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RALPH KING ANDERSON JR. OF FLORENCE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:10 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MARTIN, adjourned in memory of Patrick "Pops" McClure, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Micah 5:4: "He shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord."

Let us pray. Shepherding God, keep watch over Your children and draw us into Your love. Protect these men and women who strive to do the work for the people. Protect them, guide them, feed them, and watch over them. We thank You for Your promise of never failing us. Continue watching over us and protecting us as we go into the weekend. Bless them as they rest and prepare for another week of duty. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our first responders and those who defend us at home and abroad. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our women and men who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3489 -- Reps. Ballentine and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

H. 4137 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Caskey, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Wooten and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-3920, RELATING TO BINGO TAX ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERANS' TRUST FUND" AND "VETERANS' ORGANIZATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4020, RELATING TO CLASSES OF BINGO LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A CLASS G LICENSE FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4030, RELATING TO ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS G LICENSE HOLDER MAY IMPOSE A CERTAIN ENTRANCE FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4070, RELATING TO DOMICILES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4190, RELATING TO BINGO CARD CHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE AND RETAIN CERTAIN FEES.

H. 3514 -- Reps. Wooten, Mitchell, Pedalino, Guest, Crawford and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN FLAGS UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.

H. 3049 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Taylor, Long, Cobb-Hunter and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT"; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS HARM FROM A PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE, INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO LIABILITY.

H. 4300 -- Reps. Bannister, Jordan, W. Newton, Yow, Mitchell and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-50, RELATING TO SERVICE CREDIT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES ARE VESTED IN THE SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING EIGHT YEARS OF EARNED

SERVICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES' AND SOLICITORS' ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF JUDGES FROM SEVENTY-TWO TO SEVENTY-FOUR.

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."

H. 3335 -- Reps. Dillard, Spann-Wilder and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

H. 3929 -- Reps. King and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY MAINTAIN CANTEENS AT ALL PRISONS OR INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO AUDITS BIENNIALLY.

H. 4000 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy, W. Newton, Duncan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE

LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.

H. 4247 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

H. 4305 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS BY WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, REQUIRE REGISTRATION INCLUDING AN APPLICATION AND FEES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, EXEMPT BROKERS FROM REGISTERING, AND TO PROVIDE FINES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER WHEN REQUIRED.

H. 4303 -- Reps. Gatch, Cobb-Hunter, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Brewer, Rutherford, Gagnon, Guest, Guffey, Weeks, Hosey and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLS ON EACH CIGARETTE.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF

IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, SO AS TO CORRECT A CROSS REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIONS OF "ATTEST," "PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING," AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS FOR ISSUANCE OF A REPORT BY A PERSON OTHER THAN CPA OR PA, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA TAGS AMONG THE ITEMS THAT MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE TITLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ABBREVIATIONS CPA AND PA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, REVISE WHAT AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE ON RECORD WITH THE BOARD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, REVISE CERTAIN TIME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE CPA EXAM, AND REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PERFORMS COMPILATION SERVICES MUST HOLD A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-40 AND PROVIDE THAT OWNERSHIP MAY ALSO BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO LICENSING OF PERSONS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REVISE HOW PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES CAN BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-2-20(18), SECTION 40-2-35(H), AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) OF THE S.C. CODE.

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF FIREFIGHTERS BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS.

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS

TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 522 -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ACT 1235 OF 1970 SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AIRPORT DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCT

THAT IS CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO DEFINE CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT.

S. 367 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-210 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-230 SO AS TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-240 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT OF BONA FIDE PLANS OF REMOVAL FOR CERTAIN VESSELS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES AND DISPOSES OF AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL MAY COMMENCE A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A RESPONSIBLE PARTY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-270 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF VESSELS THAT HAVE SUNK; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-280 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN VESSELS DETERMINED TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NAVIGATIONAL HAZARD OR A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

S. 307 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Williams and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

S. 51 -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

S. 275 -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC

VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY OR OTHER PROVIDER THAT OFFERS AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS UNDER THE SAME FEES AND CONDITIONS OFFERED TO PRIVATE PROVIDERS OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 6.

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Numbers 30:2: "When a man makes a vow to the Lord or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said."

Let us pray. Almighty God, plant into the hearts and minds of these Representatives the desire to continue in their pledge to uphold their promise to You and the people of this State. Keep their minds centered on doing what is required and bless them in their work. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who serve in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom, at home and abroad, as they protect us. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. W. NEWTON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Mary Bolen Vaux, which was agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. BURNS the invitation was accepted.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 507 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4486 -- Rep. Ligon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025, PROVIDED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, hereby authorize Palmetto Boys State to use the chamber of the House of Representatives on Friday, June 13, 2025, for its annual State House meeting. If the House is in statewide session or if the chamber is otherwise unavailable, then the chamber of the House may not be used.

Be it further resolved that the use of the chamber and the available

committee hearing rooms by Palmetto Boys State must be in strict accordance with the policies and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with applicable procedures of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Operations Director of Palmetto Boys State and to House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms Mitchell G. Dorman.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4487 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THELMER "T.M." COOK OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4488 -- Reps. B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss,

Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH HAYNE RAINEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 21 AND TO COMMEMORATE HIS HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4489 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE ST. PHILLIP AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF EASTOVER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4490 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JACK DAVID PLATING OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4491 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE M.D. FLOYD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4492 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE TIDELANDS HEALTH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXPRESS THE GRATEFUL THANKS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR TIDELANDS'

MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4493 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND YVONNE B. SIMMONS GREGG, PASTOR OF GREATER ST. PAUL AME CHURCH IN DORCHESTER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4494 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMY COOPER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER, TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO STUDENTS, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER EDUCATIONAL CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4495 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CELINE MILLER UPON BEING NAMED 2025-2026 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4496 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, ANNA HOPE HARTLEY, UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4497 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CIELO HOLT UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO STUDENTS, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER EDUCATIONAL CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4498 -- Reps. Reese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTION TO ADDRESS ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES, AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, ITS COMPOSITION, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION BE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to a prior conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BEACH a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Mr. Charles Reid, Clerk
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. Reid,

I was late to the legislative session today because I was sick this morning. Please excuse my tardiness. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Rep. Dr. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers
SC House District 31

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Justine DeCastro of Charleston County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from

the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3453
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	FORREST and OREMUS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4103
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	MCDANIEL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4339
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4343
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	ALEXANDER and SPANN-WILDER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4478
Date:	ADD:
05/06/25	MCGINNIS and HADDON

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3934
Date:	REMOVE:
05/06/25	M. M. SMITH

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., May 5, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Judge James Otto Spence as Lexington County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Spence qualified and the Lexington County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Lexington County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable James Otto Spence
6521 Edmund Highway
Lexington, South Carolina 29073

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 65; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Ballentine
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Bustos	Caskey

Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilreath	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	B. Newton	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rose	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Taylor	Terribile
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--65

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to confirm the Governor's appointment of the Lexington County Master-in-Equity. If I had been present, I would have voted to confirm Judge James Otto Spence.

Rep. James Teeple

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to confirm the Governor's appointment of the Lexington County

Master-in-Equity. If I had been present, I would have voted to confirm Judge James Otto Spence.
Rep. RJ May III

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., May 5, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Judge Joe M. Crosby as Georgetown County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Crosby qualified and the Georgetown County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Georgetown County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable Joe M. Crosby
405 Dozier Street
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 69; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	May	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rose	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--69

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., May 5, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Judge Roy Robinson Hemphill as Abbeville County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Hemphill qualified and the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for reappointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Abbeville County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable Robinson Hemphill
917 Olde Pucketts Ferry Road
Greenwood, South Carolina 29649

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 68; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam

Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
B. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Teeple	Terribile
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Yow	

Total--68

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 618--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 618 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 389 OF 1907, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO RESTATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAFFNEY, TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER OF ELECTION AND OF ELECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL ACT 205 OF 1953 AND ACT 128 OF 1967 RELATED TO THE BOARD.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3115--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3858--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX

EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 287--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett, Graham and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

Reps. HEWITT, B. NEWTON, MAGNUSON, EDGERTON, WHITE, BALLENTINE, T. MOORE, B. L. COX, GILREATH, M. M. SMITH, LANDING, TEEPLE, HARTNETT, GUEST, CRAWFORD, ROSE and MCCABE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3876--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford, B. L. Cox, Henderson-Myers and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN

TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS MERCHANTS OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 4129--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck, Atkinson, Bamberg and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3974--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3974 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Erickson, Schuessler, Bauer, Guffey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3974 (LC-3974.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-510(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) and inserting:

~~(1) "Evaluation" includes, but is not limited to, the following criteria:~~

~~(a) diagnosis;~~

~~(b) determination of intervention type;~~

~~(c) determination of intervention length;~~

~~(d) identification of the goals of a student;~~

~~(e) identification of the impact of student behavior on the~~

~~student's educational program; and~~

~~(f) planning for involvement of the student's family in the student's treatment plan.~~

~~(2) "Private provider" means a provider who renders health, behavioral health, or therapeutic services and is licensed by this State and in good standing or, if state licensure is not available, a provider who is certified by and in good standing with a national certification or accreditation organization. A private provider includes, but is not limited to:~~

~~(a) speech language pathologists, occupational therapists, and physical therapists;~~

~~(b) psychiatrists;~~

~~(c) psychologists;~~

~~(d) clinical social workers;~~

~~(e) licensed professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists; and~~

~~(f) behavioral interventionists and specialists including, but not limited to:~~

~~(i) board certified behavior analysts;~~

~~(ii) board certified assistant behavior analysts;~~

~~(iii) board certified assistant behavior analyst doctoral practitioners; and~~

~~(iv) certified registered behavior technicians under the appropriate supervision of a board certified behavior analyst or board certified assistant behavior analyst.~~

~~(3) "Classroom aide" means a private paraprofessional who works under the supervision of a private provider to assist students with disabilities and deliver direct services to such students at school during the school day. A classroom aide is not a teacher aide as defined in Section 59-1-140 or other employee of a school district.~~

~~(4) "Evaluator" means a private provider who is:~~

~~(a) licensed to perform a medical, behavioral, or therapeutic evaluation at a parent or guardian's request;~~

~~(b) not an employee of a public school district or the State Department of Education; and~~

~~(c) licensed by this State and in good standing or, if state licensure is not available, a provider who is certified by and in good standing with a national certification or accreditation organization.~~

~~(5) "Medically necessary service" means a service recommended or ordered by a healthcare provider who is:~~

~~(a) licensed in this State or another state and provides services~~

~~within twenty-five miles of the border of this State;~~

~~(b) acting within the scope of the provider's license; and~~

~~(c) covered by an independent third-party payor.~~(1) "Private provider" means a provider who:

(a) renders Applied Behavior Analysis therapy or performs an evaluation or observation pursuant to such therapy, and includes:

(i) board certified behavior analysts;

(ii) board certified assistant behavior analysts;

(iii) board certified behavior analyst-doctoral; and

(iv) registered behavior technicians under the appropriate supervision of a board certified behavior analyst or board certified assistant behavior analyst;

(b) provides or seeks to provide services in a South Carolina public school;

(c) is licensed by this State and in good standing or, if state licensure is not available, is certified by and in good standing with a national certification or accreditation organization; and

(d) is not an employee of a public school district or the State Department of Education.

(2) "Medically necessary service" means services that meet the following requirements:

(a) ordered by a health care provider within the scope of the health care provider's license for the treatment or remediation of functional impairments associated with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder;

(b) not for experimental or investigational purposes;

(c) within the generally accepted standards of medical care in the community;

(d) not solely for the convenience or personal preference of the insured, the insured's family, or the provider; and

(e) is medically necessary during school hours in the school setting.

(3) "Third party payor" includes, but is not limited to, Medicaid, self-funded health plans, and commercial insurance.

(4) "Undue burden" has the same meaning as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 793, as amended, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 42 U.S.C. section 12101, et seq., as amended.

(5) "Fundamental alteration" has the same meaning as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. section 793, as amended, and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 42

U.S.C. section 12101, et seq., as amended.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 59-10-520, by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

~~A school board may not uniformly prohibit:~~

~~(1) an evaluator from performing an evaluation of a student at a public school during school hours if the parent or legal guardian of the student requests such an evaluation from the evaluator; or~~

~~(2) a private provider or classroom aide from providing medically necessary services authorized by an independent third-party payor to a student at a public school during school hours if the parent or legal guardian of the student requests such services from the provider or aide. For purposes of this section, an independent third-party payor includes, but is not limited to, Medicaid and commercial insurance.~~Districts must consider on a case-by-case basis a request from a parent or legal guardian of a student for a private provider to provide medically necessary services authorized by an independent third-party payor to a student at a public school during school hours, including the ability of a private provider to observe or evaluate the student and the environment where services will be provided.

(1) If a parent or legal guardian of a student requests medically necessary services in excess of what the district has determined is appropriate pursuant to its obligations under the IDEA and the child's IEP and is providing to the student, the school must review the medically necessary service pursuant to an ADA analysis, which would allow a private provider to render the service as a reasonable accommodation as long as it does not impose an undue burden on or fundamental alteration to school operations as contemplated by the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

(2) The collaboration of school personnel and private providers is intended to enhance but not supplant or replace the obligations or responsibilities of districts under the IDEA.

(3) Districts may not apply or use a district's determination about its obligations in a child's IEP pursuant to the IDEA to deny or limit a student's access to medically necessary services from a private provider pursuant to the ADA.

(4) Districts may utilize existing review processes or create new ones to review a request for medically necessary services pursuant to the ADA. Requests may be reviewed by a student's IEP team or 504 committee or another group convened to review the request; however, the participants must apply the appropriate ADA standards to review a request for medically necessary services.

(5) If a parent or legal guardian requests a medically necessary service pursuant to the ADA for a student who does not currently have an IEP or 504 plan, the district must initiate the appropriate evaluation to determine if the child is entitled to services under the IDEA or Section 504 in addition to evaluating the ADA request.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-530(A) and inserting:

(A) The State Board of Education shall develop a model policy setting the parameters for ~~evaluators to perform evaluations and for private providers and classroom aides~~private providers to observe and evaluate a student or to provide medically necessary services during the school day, including during instructional time, in compliance with this chapter.~~:~~

~~(1) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. Section 1400, et seq.;~~

~~(2) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. Section 701; and~~

~~(3) the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, 42 U.S.C. Section 12101.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-530(B)(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) and inserting:

(2) ~~clarify the types of evaluators and private providers covered by the model policy~~set forth a process for evaluating a request for medically necessary, disability-based services and supports pursuant to the ADA, which is a separate determination not limited to or determined by what is necessary for a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) under the IDEA or Section 504;

(3) ~~require evaluators, private providers, and classroom aides to complete and pay for a criminal background check conducted by SLED unless such background check is already required for licensure as a private provider or evaluator~~require private providers to submit documentation of completed background to checks to the district prior to entering a school building;

(4) determine the appropriate amount of ~~general~~professional liability insurance coverage for ~~evaluators,~~ private providers~~, and classroom aides~~ and require them to maintain ~~general~~ professional liability insurance coverage;

(5) allow for services to be provided during instructional time if:~~in English/language arts, mathematics, or science if the school district and the private provider agree that doing so is in the best interest of the student~~

(a) the team, committee, or group convened to review the ADA request determines those services appropriate at that time; and

(b) services can be provided in a manner that does not interfere with the delivery of instruction to other students or otherwise prevent a classroom teacher from effectively managing and implementing classroom policies and procedures;

~~(6) require any instructional time missed due to services being provided must be forgiven and may not require the student to make up missed instruction;~~

~~(7)~~(6) require the parent or legal guardian of a student receiving a service from a private provider to execute and submit to the district:

(a) a written confirmation of the funding source for services provided by the private provider;

(b) a parent or guardian authorization for the provision of services at school during the school day; and

(c) a consent to release information form between the private provider and the school district;~~ and~~

(7) require private providers to complete a written agreement with a school district that, at minimum, outlines:

(a) the school, teacher, and district's responsibilities;

(b) the duration and type of services to be provided;

(c) that the medically necessary services do not interfere with or impede other mandated services without collaboration and agreement between the service providers;

(d) expectations and requirements related to FERPA and any other applicable state and federal law;

(e) guidelines for any missed instructional time and assignments;

(f) expectations and guidelines for providers when interacting with students other than those receiving services with a goal of minimizing such interactions to the greatest extent possible;

(g) that a private provider must not be listed on a federal, state, or other child abuse or sex offender registries or otherwise be prohibited by state law from working in a school;

(h) expectations that the private provider must follow school policies and procedures; and

(i) allocation of liability between or among the parties; and

(8) provide procedures for a school district to establish sanctions, including termination of the authorization to provide services on any school campus, against ~~an evaluator,~~ a private provider~~, or classroom aide~~ for failure to comply with the policy of the district.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-540

and inserting:

Section 59-10-540. The board shall finalize its model policy by ~~November 1, 2025~~January 6, 2026. Districts must adopt the model policy or develop their own policy that meets the minimum requirements of the model policy and is subject to department approval by ~~January~~July 1, 2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore

Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Magnuson
McCabe	Pace	White

Total--9

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4339--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder, Weeks, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4339 (LC-4339.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-10-325(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning July 1, 2027, any public school, excluding charter schools, participating in a federally funded or assisted meal program shall not serve meals~~, sell,~~ or allow a third party to sell ultraprocessed food to students on school premises during the ~~academic school year~~regular instructional day. This subsection does not prevent a student's parent or guardian from providing ultraprocessed food ~~to their child~~ for personal consumption.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-10-325(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) Each public school shall annually submit a standardized certification form to the State Department of Education Office of School Nutrition, attesting compliance with this section.

(2) The State Department of Education shall:

(a) post the certification form and a list of compliant schools on its website; and

(b) conduct random audits of school meal samples every two years to verify compliance, using third-party laboratory testing if necessary.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-10-325(D)(3)(a), (b), and (c) and inserting:

(a) the school and supplier shall receive a warning from the State Department of Education and sixty calendar days to correct the violation. School or district personnel responsible for procuring food served to students for school breakfast and lunch during the instructional day must undergo training from the State Department of Education regarding the purchase and procurement of food allowed under this section;

(b) a second violation incurs a fine of up to ~~$1,000~~$5,000 per supplier. The fine must be paid to the school and used for the purpose of improving or establishing a vegetable garden on school grounds. The school shall report expenditures to the State Department of Education;

(c) a third violation may disqualify the supplier from providing school meals for one fiscal year; and

(d) each violation must be reported by the school to its respective school district immediately upon notice of a violation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-10-325(E)(1) and inserting:

(1) Every five years, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the State Department of Agriculture, shall review scientific evidence and international regulations to determine if additional additives should be prohibited.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-10-325(F) and inserting:

(F) The State Department of Education shall oversee implementation and ensure compliance with this section. The department also shall issue a model policy and promulgate regulations as it deems necessary to comply with this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest

Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4334. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Alan Morgan

S. 269--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF A LICENSEE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. ERICKSON continued speaking.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 117; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson

Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--117

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 77--AMENDED, REQUESTS FOR DEBATE AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2025.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 77 (LC-77.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-19-85(D)(4) and inserting:

(4) A public school governing body may not adopt or follow a livestream policy that prevents or impedes in-person participation by the public~~ except as may be reasonable and necessary for the orderly transaction of its business~~.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. HAYES and WOOTEN requested debate on the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 77. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

S. 79--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING, AND TO PROVIDE NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 79 (LC-79.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-18-1115, by adding a subsection to read:

(F) The Department of Education shall not add a full-time equivalent (FTE) position or partial FTE position to implement the provisions of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 79. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

H. 3802--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing, Teeple, Edgerton, Magnuson, J. L. Johnson, Bamberg, Sanders, Bowers, Pope, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4385--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4385 -- Reps. Jones, B. J. Cox, J. L. Johnson, King, Williams, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, Bauer, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13, which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. DAVIS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3115--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 4343--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing,

McDaniel, Waters, Alexander and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4343 (LC-4343.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-33-31(C) and (D) and inserting:

~~(C) The provisions of this section do not apply to certified registered nurse anesthetists.~~

~~(D)~~(C) The State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules to implement this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-47-39(A)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) In addition to other requirements of this article, successful completion of a one-hour human trafficking awareness and prevention course meeting the requirements of subsection (B) is a continuing education requirement for renewal of a physician license pursuant to Section 40-47-40 or the reinstatement or reactivation of a physician license pursuant to Section 40-47-30 for licensees practicing emergency medicine, primary care, internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, or as a hospitalist, and those licensees working in public health clinics, emergency departments, urgent care centers, and community based centers. All licensees subject to this section shall complete this course requirement before:

(a) January 1, 2028, and every six years thereafter, for persons licensed before January 1, 2026; or

(b) two years after initial licensure and every six years thereafter, for persons initially licensed on or after January 1, 2026

(2) The requirements of this subsection ~~are in addition to any~~

~~other~~are to be counted as part of required continuing education requirements and in addition to any other requirements for any initial licensure, license renewal, and license reinstatement or reactivation in this article.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4343. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Don Chapman

H. 3453--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3453 -- Reps. Rose, Pope, Spann-Wilder and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-20, RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN'S CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE TUITION IF THAT CHILD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE BIRTH.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3453 (LC-

3453.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-112-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-112-50. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, ~~during the period of their assignment to duty in South Carolina,~~ members of the Armed Services, retired military personnel, and honorably discharged veterans of the United States ~~stationed in South Carolina~~ and their dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates. When these armed service personnel are ordered away from the State, their dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the state institution in which they are enrolled at the time the assignment ends or transfer to an eligible institution during the term or semester, excluding summer terms, immediately following their enrollment at the previous institution. In the event of a transfer, the receiving institution shall verify the decision made by the student's previous institution in order to certify the student's eligibility for in-state tuition rates. ~~It is the responsibility of the transferring student to ensure that all documents required to verify both the previous and present residency decisions are provided to the institution.~~ These persons and their dependents are eligible for in-state tuition rates after their discharge from the armed services even though they were not enrolled at a state institution at the time of their discharge~~, if they have evidenced an intent to establish domicile in South Carolina and if they have resided in South Carolina for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding their discharge~~. Active duty military personnel, retired military personnel, and honorably discharged veterans may be charged less than the undergraduate tuition rate for South Carolina residents for courses that are presented on a distance basis, regardless of residency.

(B)(1) Active duty military personnel, retired military personnel, honorably discharged veterans, and their dependents may be charged less than the undergraduate tuition rate for South Carolina residents for courses that are presented on a distance basis, regardless of residency.

(2) For purposes of this section, “active duty military personnel” includes, but is not limited to, active duty guardsmen and active duty reservists.

(C)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered individual enrolled in a public institution of higher education and receiving educational assistance under Chapter 30, Chapter 31, and Chapter 33, Title 38 of the United States Code are entitled to pay in-state tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the covered

individual has resided in this State.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is defined as:

(a) a veteran who served ninety days or longer on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard;

(b) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code by virtue of the person's relationship to the veteran described in subitem (a);

(c) a person using transferred benefits under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code while the transferor is on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard;

(d) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3311(b)(9), Title 38 of the United States Code; or

(e) a person who is entitled to and is receiving assistance under Section 3102(a), Title 38 of the United States Code.

(3) A covered individual must live in this State while enrolled at the in-state institution.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Edgerton
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Forrest	Gilliam	Luck
Moss	Oremus	Rankin
Yow		

Total--7

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4165--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

Reps. EDGERTON, FRANK, MAGNUSON, CROMER, GILREATH and WHITE requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4189--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4189 -- Reps. Davis and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-

10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, 44-7-240, 44-7-250, 44-7-260, 44-7-320, 44-7-325, 44-7-370, 44 7-392, 44-7-510, 44-7-1420, 44-7-1440, 44-7-1490, 44-7-1590, 44-7-1660, 44-7-1690, 44-7-2420, 44-7-2430, 44-7-2940, 44-7-3430, 44-7-3460, 44-8-10, 44-8-20, 44-8-60, 44-9-70, 44-20-270, 44-29-10, 44-29-15, 44-29-20, 44-29-30, 44-29-40, 44-29-50, 44-29-60, 44-29-70, 44-29-80, 44-29-90, 44-29-100, 44-29-110, 44-29-115, 44-29-120, 44-29-130, 44-29-135, 44-29-136, 44-29-140, 44-29-145, 44-29-146, 44-29-150, 44-29-160, 44-29-170, 44-29-180, 44-29-185, 44-29-190, 44-29-195, 44-29-200, 44-29-210, 44-29-230, 44-29-240, 44-29-250, 44-30-20, 44-30-90, 44-31-10, 44-31-20, 44-31-30, 44-31-105, 44-31-110, 44-31-610, 44-32-10, 44-32-20, 44-32-120, 44-33-10, 44 33-310, 44-34-10, 44-34-20, 44-34-100, 44-35-10, 44-35-20, 44-35-30, 44-35-40, 44-35-50, 44-35-60, 44-35-70, 44-35-80, 44-35-90, 44-35-100, 44-36-20, 44-36-30, 44-36-50, 44-36-320, 44-36-520, 44-37-20, 44-37-30, 44-37-40, 44-37-50, 44-37-70, 44-38-30, 44-38-380, 44-38-630, 44-39-20, 44-40-30, 44-40-60, 44-41-10, 44-41-60, 44-41-340, 44-44-20, 44-44-30, 44-44-40, 44-49-40, 44-52-10, 44-53-10, 44-53-50, 44-53-110, 44-53-160, 44-53-280, 44-53-290, 44-53-310, 44-53-320, 44-53-360, 44-53-362, 44-53-375, 44-53-430, 44-53-480, 44-53-490, 44-53-500, 44-53-630, 44-53-620, 44-53-710, 44-53-720, 44-53-730, 44-53-740, 44-53-750, 44-53-930, 44-53-1320, 44-53-1630, 44-53-1640, 44-55-20, 44-55-30, 44-55-40, 44-55-45, 44-55-50, 44-55-60, 44-55-70, 44-55-120, 44-55-210, 44-55-220, 44-55-230, 44-55-240, 44-55-250, 44-55-260, 44-55-270, 44-55-275, 44-55-280, 44-55-290, 44-55-410, 44-55-420, 44-55-430, 44-55-440, 44-55-450, 44-55-460,

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RESTRUCTURING PROVIDED BY ACT 60 OF 2023; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-3-110, 44-3-120, 44-3-130, 44-3-140, 44-7-310, 44-11-30, 44-11-40, 44-55-1320, 44-55-1330, 44-55-1350, 44-55-1360, 59-111-510, 59-111-520, 59-111-530, 59-111-540, 59-111-550, 59-111-560, 59-111-570, AND 59-111-580 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

Reps. B. NEWTON, FORREST, KIRBY, HIOTT, BEACH, WHITE, KILMARTIN, FRANK, LIGON, B. L. COX, GILREATH, CROMER, ROBBINS and GILLIAM requested debate on the Bill.

S. 221--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 221 -- Senators Ott and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 221 (LC-221.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect ~~upon~~sixty days following approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WOOTEN proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 221 (LC-221.PH0005H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately

numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 53, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-53-60. (A) It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to possess or consume a "consumable hemp product." A "consumable hemp product" is defined as a hemp, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabinoid product that is a hemp- or cannabinoid- derived good intended for human ingestion, absorption, or consumption made from a cannabinoid that is naturally occurring in a hemp plant or made from a cannabinoid that is chemically derived or otherwise synthetically manufactured that has been extracted or purified from an agricultural product. The following chemically derived hemp cannabinoids are specifically included in the definition of a consumable hemp product:

(1) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC);

(2) Tetrahydrocannabinol acetate ester (THCo);

(3) Tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCp);

(4) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol;

(5) Delta 10 Tetrahydrocannabinol;

(6) Delta 4 Tetrahydrocannabinol;

(7) Delta 11 Tetrahydrocannabinol;

(8) Delta 6a10a Tetrahydrocannabinol;

(9) Hexahydrocannabinol Acetate (HHC-O);

(10) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabiphorol;

(11) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabihexol;

(12) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl;

(13) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol methyl ether (THC-M);

(14) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl;

(15) Delta 7 Tetrahydrocannabinol; or

(16) any synthetic derivative or analog of the above compounds.

(B) It is unlawful for a person under twenty-one years of age to:

(1) knowingly purchase, possess, or accept receipt of a consumable hemp product; or

(2) knowingly present purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person for the purpose of purchasing or receiving a consumable hemp product.

(C) A person violating subsection (B) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or must be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

(D) No person may knowingly:

(1) sell or distribute a product containing a consumable hemp

product to a person who is under twenty-one years of age or purchase a product containing a consumable hemp product on behalf of a person who is under twenty-one years of age;

(2) persuade, entice, send, or assist a person who is under twenty-one years of age to purchase, acquire, receive, or attempt to purchase a consumable hemp product. This section does not preclude law enforcement efforts involving:

(a) the use of a minor if the minor's parent or legal guardian has consented to this action; or

(b) the use of a person under twenty-one years of age who is not a minor if the individual has consented to this action;

(3) distribute samples of consumable hemp product in or on a public street, sidewalk, or park; or

(4) sell or distribute a consumable hemp product without having first obtained proof of age from the purchaser or recipient.

(E) A person violating subsection (D) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

(1) for a first offense, must be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined not less than four hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. GATCH raised the rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 2 was not germane S. 221.

Rep. WOOTEN argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment out of order.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 6, 2025
The Honorable Speaker G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,
I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on S. 221 by enacting the "South Carolina Kratom Consumer Protection Act" by adding Article 20 to Chapter 53, Title 44 so as to provide for the regulation of the sale of kratom products by retailers and processors and to create penalties for violation of the provisions of the article. Out of an abundance of caution, I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace
House District Number 117

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recede until 3:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. BURNS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 614 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME HOLLY HALL ROAD IN BEAUFORT COUNTY "REVEREND JEANNINE R. SMALLS ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 617 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SHAWS CREEK BRIDGE ON US 1 IN AIKEN COUNTY AS THE "VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 620 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY 276 AT 35º5'30" N BY 82º36'53" W IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "ALAMO COVE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 625 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 340 AND I-20 IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "GOVERNOR DAVID M. BEASLEY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 627 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE LAKE PRESTWOOD BRIDGE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "SPEAKER JAY LUCAS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4499 -- Reps. Moss, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE EMMA LOUISE JEFFERIES HOUSTON ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FOURTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4500 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Herbkersman, Hager, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RITA WILSON, CO-OWNER AND OPERATOR OF ALPHAGRAPHICS BEAUFORT, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEMALE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 3115--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-110, RELATING TO FEES CHARGED FOR COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO WAIVE THE FEES FOR HOMELESS PERSONS.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13, which was agreed to.

H. 4478--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4478 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott, Pope, McGinnis and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-50, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER PROHIBITING FIRES, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF THE PROHIBITION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR BROADCAST OF THE PROHIBITION ON ALL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rep. BURNS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4342--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4342 (LC-4342.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 40-15-175 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-15-175. (A) The State Board of Dentistry may issue a restricted instructor's license to a dentist who:

(1) holds a valid license to practice dentistry in another state, country, or territory;

(2) has met or been approved under the credentialing standards of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program which must be situated in this State and with which the person is to be affiliated;

(3) has successfully completed:

(a) the final two years of a program leading to the doctor of dental surgery degree (D.D.S.) or doctor of dental medicine degree (D.M.D.) at an accredited dental school approved by the board;

(b) at least a two-year Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved advanced education program in a dental specialty recognized by the American Dental Association; or

(c) has successfully completed at least a two-year CODA-approved advanced education program in general dentistry;

(4) has not been refused a license or had a license revoked in this State or another state, country, or territory;

(5) passes an examination on jurisprudence as prescribed by the board; and

(6) is teaching dental medicine in South Carolina full-time at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program situated in this State.

(B) The board may waive requirement found in subsection (A)(3)

if the applicant has a full-time academic faculty appointment at the rank of assistant professor or greater in a dental school in this State accredited by CODA.

~~(B)~~(C) A dentist with a restricted instructor's license is authorized to practice at or on behalf of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program situated in this State. The holder of a restricted instructor's license may practice general dentistry or in his area of specialty, but only in a clinic or office affiliated with the dental school or with a hospital-based residency program. A restricted instructor's license issued to a faculty member under this section terminates immediately and automatically, without any further action by the board, if the holder ceases to be a faculty member at the dental school or at a board-recognized, hospital-based residency program in this State.

~~(C)~~(D) A restricted instructor's license must be renewed biennially in accordance with procedures and fees as established by the board in regulation.

~~(D)~~(E) A dentist holding a restricted instructor's license issued pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of this chapter and regulations promulgated under this chapter unless otherwise provided for in this section. The board may revoke a restricted instructor's license for a violation of this chapter or regulations promulgated under this chapter or if the holder fails to supply the board, within ten days of its request, with information as to his or her current status and activities in the teaching program.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was not agreed to by a division vote of 25 to 73.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:
Gibson

Total--1

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4342. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3813--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED

Rep. HIXON moved that the Committee of Conference on the following Bill be resolved into a Committee of Free Conference and briefly explained the Conference Committee's reasons for this request:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the motion to resolve the Committee of Conference into a Committee of Free Conference was agreed to.

The Committee of Conference was thereby resolved into a Committee of Free Conference. The SPEAKER appointed Reps. HIXON, HIOTT

and MCDANIEL to the Committee of Free Conference and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 3813--FREE CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 5, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF FREE CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 50-11-430 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-430. (A)(1) The open season for hunting and taking bear in Game Zone 1 is as follows:

(a) for still gun hunts, October 11 through October 23 on private land and October 11 through October 16 on wildlife management areas; and

(b) for dog hunts, October 17 though October 30 on private land and on wildlife management areas. ~~A party dog hunt in Game Zone 1 may not exceed twenty-five participants per party and shall register with the department by September first. Party participants, except those not required to have licenses shall submit their hunting license number in order to register.~~

(2) In all other game zones, the General Assembly finds it in the best interest of the State to allow the taking of black bear under strictly controlled conditions and circumstances. The department may establish a bear management program that allows for hunting and selective removal of bear in order to provide for the sound management of the animals and to ensure the continued viability of the species. The department must promulgate regulations to set the conditions for taking, including methods of take, areas, times, limits, and seasons, and other

conditions to properly control the harvest of bear.
appropriate quota of bear to be harvested in each game zone, or county within a game zone, and shall further promulgate regulations necessary to properly control the harvest of bear. The department may close an open season at any time, provided that the department gives at least twenty-four hours' notice to the public of the closure. (C) In Game Zones 2, 3, and 4 where the department declares an open season for hunting and taking bears on wildlife management areas, and all other areas under the ownership, control, or lease of the department, the season will be set by the department. The department may close an open season at any time, provided that the department gives at least twenty-four hours' notice to the public of the closure.

(D) Any bear taken must be tagged with a valid bear tag and reported by midnight of the day of the harvest to the department as prescribed. The tag must be attached to the bear as prescribed by the department before being moved from the point of kill.

(E) It is unlawful to:

(1) hunt, take, or attempt to take a bear except during the open season;

(2) possess an untagged bear;

(3) take more than one bear per person during all seasons. In Game Zone 1 ~~a registered party dog hunt may take up to five bear per season per party;~~ a person who has taken a bear during the season may participate in a ~~registered~~ dog hunt as long as the hunting license shows the bear tag endorsement, but the person may not take another bear;

(4) take or attempt to take a sow bear with cubs;

(5) possess or transport a freshly killed bear or bear part except during the open season for hunting and taking bear. This prohibition does not apply to bear lawfully taken in other jurisdictions. The department may issue a special permit for possession or transportation of a freshly killed bear or bear part outside of the season;

(6) possess a captive bear except pursuant to a permit issued by the department. A violation of the terms of the permit may result in revocation or a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars, or both. An appeal must be made in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act;

(7) pursue bear with dogs; except during the open season for hunting and taking bear with dogs;

(8) hunt or take bear by the use or aid of bait; or attempt to hunt or take bear by use or aid of bait; hunt or take bear on or over a baited area. As used in this item:

(a) "Bait" means salt or shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, or other foodstuffs that could constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement for bear.

(b) "Baiting" or "to bait" means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering bait.

(c) "Baited area" means an area where bait is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and the area remains a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all bait. Nothing in this section prohibits the hunting and taking of bear on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited and where:

(i) there are standing crops on the field where grown, including crops grown for wildlife management purposes; or

(ii) shelled, shucked, or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, or seeds that have been distributed or scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural practice as prescribed by the Clemson University Extension Service or its successor;

(9) buy, sell, barter, or exchange or attempt to buy, sell, barter, or exchange a bear or bear part;

(10) take or attempt to take a bear from a watercraft or other water conveyance or molest, take, or attempt to take a bear while the bear is swimming in a lake or river;

(11) fail to report a bear harvest in the manner provided by law.

(F)(1) Each of the acts provided for in subsection (E) is a violation of this section and is a separate offense.

(2) A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both. Hunting and fishing privileges of a person convicted under the provisions of this section must be suspended for three years. In addition, each person convicted of a violation of this section shall pay restitution to the department of not less than one thousand five hundred dollars for each bear or bear part that is the subject of a violation of this section. The magistrates court retains concurrent jurisdiction for offenses contained in this section.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Campsen	/s/Rep. Hiott
/s/Senator Ott	/s/Rep. Hixon
/s/Senator Turner	/s/Rep. McDaniel
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
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Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Free Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 4:09 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall S. 534 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. TAYLOR objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. RUTHERFORD asked unanimous consent to recall S. 146 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. DAVIS objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3762 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. TAYLOR objected.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman,

Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 4025--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Reps. BANNISTER, WHITMIRE, STAVRINAKIS, LOWE, BALLENTINE, CRAWFORD, MOSS, HEWITT and MURPHY proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-h2-amend back.docx), which was adopted:

AMEND THE BILL, AS AND IF AMENDED, BY STRIKING ALL AFTER THE ENACTING WORDS AND INSERTING THE BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH 12, 2025, WHICH IS HEREBY INCORPORATED INTO THIS AMENDMENT.

Amend the bill further, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 3, line 5, opposite /SUMMER READING CAMPS/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

1,618,758

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 4, immediately after line 33, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6

HIGH-QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 272,750

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 19, opposite /SCIENCE PLUS (A850)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

500

Amend the bill further, Part IA, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 22, opposite /GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS & HUMANITIES (H640)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

145,590

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 24, opposite /WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL (H710)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

53,216

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 26, opposite /SCHOOL FOR DEAF & BLIND (H750)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

328,437

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 31, opposite /JOHN DE LA HOWE SC (L120)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

100,708

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 5, line 32, opposite /CLEMSON AGRICULTURE EDUCATION TEACHERS (P200)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

255,625

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 1,

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 6, opposite /CALL ME MISTER (H120)/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
705,000	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 11, opposite /GOV SCHOOL FOR MATH & SCIENCE (H650)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
201,416	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 15, opposite /DEPT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE (N120)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
97,500	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 24, opposite /DEPT OF CORRECTIONS (N040)/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
76,000	

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 14, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY (EDUCATION & GENERAL), page 29, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
10,196,972	10,196,972

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 14, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY (EDUCATION & GENERAL), page 32, line 19, opposite /UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
12,196,972	12,196,972

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 15, UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, page 35, line 4, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
67,589	67,589

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 18, LANDER UNIVERSITY, page 40, immediately after line 5, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT		

50,000 50,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 18, LANDER UNIVERSITY, page 40, immediately after line 7, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6

NEW POSITIONS - DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

110,000 110,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 18, LANDER UNIVERSITY, page 40, line 9, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

364,800 364,800

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 18, LANDER UNIVERSITY, page 40, line 23, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

75,200 75,200

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 43, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

12,436,186 12,436,186

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 43, line 15, opposite /UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

14,436,186 14,436,186

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20a, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 43, immediately after line 21, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6

CENTER FOR CIVIL RIGHTS HISTORY AND RESEARCH

500,000 500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 43, immediately after line 21, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

2,000,000 2,000,000

Amend the bill further, Part IA, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 77, line 8, opposite /AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
937,000	937,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 84, line 31, opposite /PROVIDER SUPPORT/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,000,000	1,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 85, line 5, opposite /CLTC - COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
8,744,349	8,744,349

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 85, line 6, opposite /COORDINATED CARE/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
9,000,000	9,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 35, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, page 89, line 4, opposite /ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1	1

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 111, line 29, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
55,559	55,559

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 111, immediately after line 30, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS – PROGRAM COORDINATOR II		
	55,559	55,559

(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 112, line 18, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6
244,065 244,065

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 112, immediately after line 18, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
97,472 97,472
(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 112, immediately after line 18, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT
66,488 66,488
(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 112, immediately after line 18, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM MANAGER I
80,105 80,105
(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 43, FORESTRY COMMISSION, page 119, immediately after line 15, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5 Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM COORDINATOR II
75,000 75,000
(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 43, FORESTRY COMMISSION, page 119, line 17, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6
60,000 60,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 43, FORESTRY

COMMISSION, page 120, line 10, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
35,000	35,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 44, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, page 122, line 29, opposite /OTHER OPERATIG EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,000,000	1,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 157, line 32, opposite /FAMILY COURT JUDGE/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
423,698	423,698

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 157, immediately after line 33, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - FAMILY COURT JUDGE	
635,547	635,547
(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 158, line 1, opposite /UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
88,000	88,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 158, immediately after line 2, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	
130,000	130,000
(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 158, line 4, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
96,698	96,698

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 158, line 34, opposite /UNCLASSIFIED

POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
195,000	195,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 159, immediately after line 1, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - COURT REPORTER I	
210,000	210,000
(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 160, line 16, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
234,453	234,453

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 58, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, page 161, line 6, opposite /UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
145,000	145,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 58, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, page 161, line 13, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
55,100	55,100

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 167, immediately after line 5, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITION - COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN	
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 167, immediately after line 16, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II	
(4.00)	(4.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 167, line 18, by adding:

	Column 5	Column 6
	(1.00)	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 167, immediately after line 28, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - CRIMINALIST I		
	(4.00)	(4.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 167, immediately after line 28, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS – FORENSIC TECHNICIAN II		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 168, immediately after line 6, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - SENIOR DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 168, immediately after line 6, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ENDPOINT TECHNICIAN I		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 168, immediately after line 6, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ENDPOINT TECHNICIAN II		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 168, immediately after line 14, by

inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 169, immediately after line 3, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS – STATISTICAL AND RESEARCH ANALYST II		
	(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 169, immediately after line 12, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER III		
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 169, immediately after line 20, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II		
	(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 63, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, page 171, line 19, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
500,000	500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 63, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, page 172, line 20, opposite /SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
17,431,247	17,431,247

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 72, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, page 187, line 4, opposite

/CHAIRMAN/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
70,684	70,684

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 72, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, page 187, line 6, opposite /COMMISSIONERS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
424,104	424,104

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 72, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, page 187, line 8, opposite /CLASSIFED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
46,512	46,512
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 78, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, page 194, immediately after line 22, by inserting a new line to read:

Column 5	Column 6
NEW POSITIONS - ACTUARY	
150,000	150,000
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 78, DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, page 195, line 26, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
64,500	64,500

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 91A, LEG. DEPT - THE SENATE, page 214, line 7, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,000,000	1,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 93, DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION, page 222, line 9, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
275,000	275,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 93, DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION, page 225, line 4, opposite /ENTERPRISE TECHNOLOGY & REMEDIATION/ by increasing the amount(s) in

Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
3,141,942	3,141,942

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 100, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, page 235, line 27, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,000,000	1,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 101, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, page 238, line 16, opposite /CASE SERVICES/ by decreasing the amounts in Column 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
16,400,000	14,400,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 240, line 26, opposite /AID TO COUNTIES - ELECTION COMMISSION/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
307,000	307,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 106, STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, page 246, line 7, opposite /HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
16,610,277	16,610,277

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 269, proviso 1.3, line 23, by striking /0.65/ and inserting /*0.35*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 270, proviso 1.3, line 27, by inserting:

/*( ) The South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall review the student weightings used in the State Aid to Classrooms funding formula and examine methods to improve the alignment of State Aid to Classrooms funding with student enrollment while ensuring districts and charter authorizers receive more consistent distributions. The agency must consider input from policymakers and relevant stakeholders as determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. Any recommendations for changes to the formula must be submitted to*

the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Governor, and the Superintendent of Education by December 1, 2025. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 305, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SDE: Charter School Authorizer Contracts) If a public or independent institution of higher learning charter authorizer ceases operations, any charter school under a current contract with the authorizer may apply to a new authorizer for the remainder of the charter school's contract term. Any charter school with an approved application that has not yet executed a contract as of the effective date of this act may elect to request that a new authorizer consider its application. Of the funds appropriated, the Department of Education shall create a LEA closure protocol to be fully implemented by June 1, 2026 and a timeline for the transfer of any charter schools and the receipt and review of any applications by a new authorizer for this purpose. Schools shall not be required to resubmit a full application unless the new authorizer specifically identifies an area of concern.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1a, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 327, proviso 1A.63, by striking lines 12-13 and inserting:

/ *(8) $6,000,000 to the Statewide Implementation of the Imagination Library; and*

(9) the balance of $18,114,175 to the Department of Education for the purchase of instructional materials. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1A, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 328, proviso 1A.69, lines 24-30, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (SDE-EIA: Developmental Education and Therapy Services) Of the funds appropriated for Developmental Education and Therapy Services for students with multiple documented disabilities, ~~$486,486~~ *$651,501* shall be allocated to the Meyer Center, ~~$1,513,514~~ *$1,648,499* shall be allocated to Pattison's Academy, and ~~$1,300,000~~ *$1,000,000* shall be allocated to the SC Public Charter School District for Palmetto Excel. The funding allocated to the Public Charter School District is estimated to serve 150 students. If less students are served, the money must be retained and not expended by the Public Charter School District on a pro rata basis. *Funds shall be disbursed by the department to the district in full not later than December 1, and the district shall remit the total allocation to the schools within 30 calendar days.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 338, after line 14, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(LEA: Purchase of Lottery Tickets) For the current fiscal year, Section 59-150-70(D)(2) is suspended.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 336, proviso 3.7, line 3, by striking /*$5,000,000*/ and inserting /*$4,172,999*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 336, proviso 3.7, after line 3 by inserting:

/ *( ) Commission on Higher Education – Newberry College Dyslexia Program $ 1,000,000.*

( ) State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education – Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Pilot Program $ 700,000; /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 336, proviso 3.7, line 8, by striking /*$19,848,953*/ and inserting /*$10,848,952*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 336, proviso 3.7, after line 11, by inserting:

/ *( ) Commission on Higher Education – Higher Education Excellence Enhancement Program (HEEEP) $9,000,000; and*

( ) Commission on Higher Education – Technology – Public Four-Year, Two-Year, and State Technical Colleges $1. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 28, ARTS COMMISSION, page 356, after line 6, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(ARTS: Greenville Cultural and Arts Center) The City of Greenville is authorized to disperse a portion of the $7,000,000 appropriated in Act 91 of 2019 in Proviso 118.16(41)(9) to the Greenville Cultural and Arts Center to a relevant arts entity.*/

Amend the bill further, Part IB, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 366, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DPH: Florence Health Department HVAC) The funds appropriated in Act 226 of 2024, section 118.20(B)(26)(D) to the Department of Public Health for Florence Health Department HVAC shall be redirected for the Department of Public Health's Florence Office Relocation and furniture.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 49, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 399, after line 16, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(PRT: Pine Island State Park Access) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the department shall restrict public access of Pine Island State Park to scheduled visitors only. All visitors must have confirmed appointments, and such appointments shall be staggered to prevent overcrowding and ensure safety of the surrounding area.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 49, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 399, after line 16, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(PRT: Sports Marketing – Motorsports Entertainment Complex) For the current fiscal year, of the funds appropriated for Sports Marketing, $2,000,000 shall be allocated for the marketing and promotion of a motorsports entertainment complex, as defined in Section 12-21-2425, that hosts more than one National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing national touring race in this State.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 403, after line 33, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(CMRC: Economic Development Funds) Funds appropriated by Act 3 of 2023, Section 1(C), are reallocated for use by the Department of Commerce to support economic development infrastructure and other economic development purposes.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 82, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, page 449, after line 20, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DMV: E-titling) (A) Of the funds appropriated in Part IA, Section 82, Department of Motor Vehicles, for Administration – Classified Positions, the Department must complete the procurement process as established in the South Carolina Procurement Code to award a contract for and establish a timeline to implement an electronic/digital titling program. The electronic/digital title program must provide electronic vehicle title processing services to include the transfer of vehicle ownership and the placement and release of liens for business customers including automotive dealers, lenders, and auctioneers.*

(B) The department shall select and contract with a third-party vendor to create the program with a clear timeline of implementation established and approved by the applicable stakeholders by June 30,2026. The department must provide the timeline of implementation to

the Committees of Senate Finance, Senate Transportation, House Ways and Means, and House Education and Public Works by June 30, 2026. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 83, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, pages 447-448, proviso 83.7, lines 29 - 12, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 84, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, page 450, after line 18, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ (DOT: Waiver Valuations) For federal funds appropriated to the department, cost estimates of twenty thousand dollars or less for uncomplicated acquisitions of real property, defined as those involving unimproved strips of land with no damages, no changes in highest and best use, or no significant costs to cure, are considered waiver valuations as defined by the Federal Highway Administration. Licensed or certified appraisers, licensed pursuant to S.C. Code Title 40, Chapter 60, preparing or reviewing a waiver valuation are precluded from complying with Standards Rules 1,2,3, and 4 of the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice," as promulgated by the Appraisals Standards Board of The Appraisal Foundation. The department shall submit a detailed report on the waiver valuations to the Senate Transportation Committee and the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30, 2026. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 91, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, page 458, after line 2, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/(LEG: LAC Third-Party Agency Operational Review) (A) The following applies to the funds appropriated in Proviso 118.22(65) of this Act for Government Efficiency RFP Review:

(1) "Council" means the Legislative Audit Council.

(2) "Independent third-party" means a person or entity that has no personal, familial, or business relationship, and no economic interest, that is distinct from that of the general public, in connection with the agency under review.

(i) To be qualified, a person or entity must not be affiliated with, or act on behalf of, any entity that appears before, is regulated by, or conducts business directly or indirectly with an agency selected for review.

(ii) A person or entity is disqualified from serving as the independent third party if they are regulated by the agency, conduct business with the agency, or are associated with a regulated entity in a

way that creates a continuing or frequent conflict with the duties imposed by this provision.

(3) "Economic interest" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 8-13-100(11) of the South Carolina Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act

(4) "Agency means an authority, board, branch, commission, committee, department, division, or other instrumentality of the executive or judicial departments of state government, including administrative bodies. "Agency" includes a body corporate and politic established as an instrumentality of the State.

(B) From the funds appropriated to the council, or from funds otherwise authorized by the General Assembly for this purpose, the council shall issue a Request For Procurement to engage an independent third-party to conduct operational and expenditure reviews of no fewer than two agencies to be selected at the discretion of the council.

(1) In making its determination, the council may consider relevant factors including, but not limited to, the total amount of funds appropriated to the agency, number of full-time employees or the equivalent thereof, breadth of regulatory or service responsibilities, within the State.

(2) This provision shall not be construed to allow the inclusion of entities with narrowly defined missions, limited regulatory impact, or minimal administrative infrastructure.

(C) The scope of each third-party review shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) identifying opportunities to streamline agency operations, improve internal efficiencies, reduce procurement and operational expenses, eliminate wasteful government spending, evaluate existing agency contracts for potential cost savings or restructuring, modernize government operations and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy, and achieve overall spending reductions;

(2) identifying duplicative or inefficient functions that may be consolidated within an agency, across departments of the same agency;

(3) reviewing for the adequacy and continuing relevance of regulations promulgated by the agency and identifying regulations that are inconsistent with the statute, obsolete, or expand their meaning beyond the intent of the statute;

(4) ensuring effective use of taxpayer dollars; and

(5) leveraging innovative practices that focus on transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility.

(D) To carry out the provisions of this item, the council is

authorized to enter into Memorandums of Understanding with the selected agencies to access and share relevant data, documents, and records with the independent third-party reviewer. The agency under review shall cooperate in good faith with requests for information made by the council, subject to applicable state and federal confidentiality and privacy laws.

(E) The council shall serve as the gatekeeper of agency data, documents, and records and is responsible for ensuring that all data, documents, and records shared with the independent third party has been reviewed and, where required by law, appropriately redacted or anonymized by the selected agencies. In facilitating access to such data, the council shall take reasonable measures to ensure the nondisclosure of any personal identifiable information, protected health information, or other confidential information, in accordance with the Family Privacy Protection Act (Section 30-2-10, et seq.), the Freedom of Information Act (Section 30-4-10, et seq.), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1320, et seq.), and other applicable provisions of state and federal law.

(F) The independent third-party must enter into a data-sharing and confidentiality agreement with the council and shall not retain or disclose any confidential information obtained in the course of the review. The third party shall take reasonable security measures to prevent unauthorized access to or disclosure of data and shall return or destroy all agency information at the conclusion of the review, as required by the terms of the agreement or applicable law.

(G) The third party shall not use or disclose any confidential or internal information obtained through the agency review in a manner that would affect an economic interest held by the independent third party, a member of its personnel or executive leadership, a member of their immediate families, or any individual or business with which the independent third party is associated.

(H) The provisions of Sections 8-13-700, 8-13-705, 8-13-710, 8-13-725, and 8-13-730 shall apply to the conduct of the independent third-party as if the third party were a public official or employee.

(I) Unless otherwise authorized by law, the third party shall not willfully examine, nor aid or abet the examination of, any individual tax return, workers' compensation record, health or medical record, or social services record in the possession or control of the agency if the purpose of such examination is improper or otherwise unrelated to the scope of the review.

(J) By January 1, 2026, the independent third party shall submit

a written report to the Council, General Assembly and the Governor detailing all findings, recommendations, and actions taken pursuant to this provision./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 459, after line 5, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SCOR: Hurricane Helene Habitat for Humanity Collaboration) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the South Carolina Office of Resilience (SCOR) for Fiscal Year 2025–26, $2,000,000 shall be allocated for the Hurricane Helene Home Repair Program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina. This program shall expand the Common Housing Operating Picture (CHOP) to repair owner-occupied residential homes for Low to Moderate Income households located in FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)–designated counties.*

(B) Grant funds shall be awarded to Habitat for Humanity South Carolina and distributed by county based on criteria established by SCOR, including demonstrated need, program capacity, local unmet needs, and alignment with the South Carolina Hurricane Helene Housing Strategy.

(C) SCOR shall develop program guidelines, including subaward Procedures, reporting requirements, and accountability measures. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall coordinate with SCOR to manage program obligations and oversee local Habitat affiliates responsible for conducting repairs.

(D) Homeowner eligibility shall be determined by SCOR via CHOP, unless otherwise authorized by SCOR. Grant funds may be used for home repairs. A minimum of 55 homes damaged by Hurricane Helene shall be repaired across no fewer than 10 FEMA IA–declared counties. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall submit quarterly outcome and budget reports to SCOR.

(E) By June 30th of the fiscal year, SCOR shall submit a report to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees detailing grant allocations, participating affiliates, homes repaired, and the program's impact on post-disaster housing recovery. Unexpended funds shall be carried forward and used for the same purpose in the following fiscal year./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 482, proviso 108.6, lines 22-27, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (PEBA: State Health Plan) Of the funds authorized for the State Health Plan pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(2) ~~of the 1976 Code~~, an

employer premium increase of ~~11.8~~ *4.6* percent and a subscriber premium increase of zero percent will result for the standard State Health Plan for Plan Year ~~2025~~ *2026*. Notwithstanding the foregoing, pursuant to Section 1-11-710(A)(3), the Public Employee Benefit Authority may adjust the plan, benefits, or contributions of the State Health Plan during Plan Year ~~2025~~ *2026* to ensure the fiscal stability of the Plan. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 544, proviso 117.152, line 11, by striking / *$10,196,972* / and inserting /*$12,196,972*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 544, proviso 117.152, line 12, by striking / *$2,752,554* / and inserting / *$2,820,143* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 544, proviso 117.152, line 17, by striking / $*12,436,186* / and inserting / *$14,436,186* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, proviso 117.193, lines 4-12, by amending the proviso to read:

/ *(GP: FTE Management) In order to better manage the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions across state government, not later than ninety days after the passage of the General Appropriations Act or by October 1, whichever comes later, the Executive Budget Office (EBO), in consultation with the State Division of Human Resources (DSHR) shall eliminate 25% of each agency's vacant FTE positions as of February 1, 2025, unless specifically exempted elsewhere in this act. The elimination of 25% of vacant FTE positions will be adjusted to reflect FTE positions received in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 General Appropriations Act or the Fiscal Year2024-25 General Appropriations Act. Agencies shall consult with EBO and DSHR to identify which vacant positions should be eliminated, but the eliminations must align to the funding source for the identified vacant FTE positions. During agency consultations, EBO and DSHR shall determine if agencies have fewer than 5 vacancies or other extenuating circumstances and exempt those agencies from the required reduction. Extenuating circumstances may include that the agency or institution has reduced its authorized FTE count in the last several fiscal years or that it is in the process of hiring positions essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and/or critical operations of the State and the reduction would interfere with filling those positions. EBO must report the number of FTEs deleted by agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1st of the*

current fiscal year. This proviso does not supersede proviso 57.15 or proviso 91.23 /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, proviso 117.196, lines 17 - 23, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Tax Rate) For the current fiscal year, Section 12-6-510(B)(2) and (3) is suspended.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Fund Investment) In the current fiscal year, the Office of State Treasurer may not invest any funds under their control in investments that utilize in any material, substantive manner an investment or business operational factor, policy, or practice including, but not limited to, commonly described Social, Environmental, and Governance (ESG) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) factors, policies, and practices whose pecuniary effect is not directly tied to maximizing investment returns or other strictly financial interests or objectives. /*

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board) (A) With the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services in South Carolina, there is created the Interim Neurological and Critical Care Hospital Board at the University of South Carolina. The Interim Board shall serve for the purpose of assisting in the University's establishment of the state's first Clinical Neurological and Rehabilitation Hospital. Upon receipt of the certificate of occupancy for the facility, the Interim Board shall be dissolved unless extended by separate action by the General Assembly. In addition to the funds appropriated by the General Assembly to DHHS for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services, DHHS is authorized to transfer an additional $200,000,000 of agency funds to the University of South Carolina for the same purposes. The board shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed on or before July 31, 2025, and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing official:*

(1) one member appointed by the Chairman of Senate Finance

Committee;

(2) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

(3) one member appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee;

(4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(5) one member appointed by the Governor; and

(6) two members from the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees, of which one must be the Chairman of the USC Board at July 1, 2025 and the other Chairman of the USC Health and Medical Affairs Committee at July 1, 2025.

(B) The Chairman of the Interim Board shall be one of the members appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the President of the Senate, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, or the Speaker of the House to be elected by the board.

(C) The board shall be administratively supported by the University of South Carolina.

(D) The University of South Carolina is authorized to undertake permanent improvements necessary for Neurological Critical Care and Rehabilitation Services. Further, the funds appropriated for this purpose may be carried forward and expended for the necessary permanent improvements. The funds must be accounted for separately, and the university shall report semiannually to the Chairman of the Joint Bond Review Committee on the amount of funding carried forward, the amount remaining to be expended, the overall status of the project, and any other information requested by the committee./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Trust Fund) For the current fiscal year, Section 11-11-150(D) is suspended.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 585, proviso 118.21, line 14, after /equals/ by striking /6.2%/ and inserting /*6.0%*/ and after /which the/ by striking /6.2%/ and inserting /*6.0%*/.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, pages 585-591, proviso 118.22, by striking the proviso in its entirety and inserting:

/ *(SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following sources:*

(1) $332,294,362 from Contingency Reserve Fund;

(2) $557,547,400 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Surplus;

(3) $34,054,856 from Litigation Recovery Account;

(4) $109,752,745 from Excess Debt Service;

(5) $6,254,723 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;

(6) $1,643,873 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Projected Debt Service Lapse;

(7) $2,290,000 from Fiscal Year 2024-25 Governor Vetoes;

(8) $4,000,000 from Workers' Compensation – Overage of IT project;

(9) $80,000,000 from Tax Relief Trust Fund; and

(10) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2024-25 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2025-26.

This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2025-26 after September 1, 2025, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2024-25.

(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2025, for the purposes stated:

(1) F010 General Reserve Fund

General Reserve Fund Contribution $ 99,695,200;

(2) H630 Department of Education

(a) Education Scholarship Trust Fund $ 15,000,000;

(b) High Quality Instructional Materials $ 1;

(c) School of Workforce Innovation Pilot - Phase 2 $ 1;

(3) H620 First Steps

Innovation Investments $ 1,250,000;

(4) H710 Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

(a) Building and Office Maintenance $ 600,000;

(b) Student Recreational $ 125,000;

(5) H750 School for the Deaf and the Blind

(a) CLRC - Roof Repairs $ 1,000,000;

(b) HVAC - Memminger Hall, CLRC and Dobson House $ 1,000,000;

(c) Walker Hall Maintenance and Repairs $ 500,000;

(6) L120 Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe

(a) De la Howe Hall Site Work $ 2,000,000;

(b) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery $ 4,000,000;

(7) H670 Educational Television Commission

(a) Combined Control Room Modernization $ 1,500,000;

(b) Facility Security Update $ 1,000,000;

(c) Fire Suppression$ 400,000;

(d) HVAC Replacement $ 5,000,000;

(8) H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities

(a) Film Equipment for New Art Program $ 100,000;

(b) Gallery/Flexible Instructional Space$ 1,000,000;

(9) H650 Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Replacement of 6 Des Champs HVAC Units for Residence Halls $ 1,850,000;

(10) H090 The Citadel

(a) Deas Hall Renovation $ 7,000,000;

(b) Engineering Building Replacement $ 12,900,000;

(c) Renovation of Workforce Housing$ 2,000,000;

(11) H120 Clemson University

(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(b) NextGen Computing Complex $ 1;

(12) H150 University of Charleston

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 4,000,000;

(13) H170 Coastal Carolina University

Wheelwright Auditorium Renovation$ 4,488,000;

(14) H180 Francis Marion University

(a) Hyman Fine Arts Center Building Renovation $ 5,000,000;

(b) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building Renovation $ 1,320,000;

(15) H210 Lander University

(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(b) Marion Carnell Learning Center Renovation $ 5,940,000;

(16) H240 South Carolina State University

(a) Renovation of Dr. Maceo O. Nance Hall $ 15,000,000;

(b) Replacement of Smith Hammond Middleton Convocation Center $ 5,000,000;

(17) H270 University of South Carolina - Columbia

(a) Battery Center Facility $ 13,200,000;

(b) Maintenance Repair and Renovation: Coker College Maintenance Renovation $ 1;

(18) H290 University of South Carolina - Aiken

Science Building Enhancement and Modernization $ 8,350,000;

(19) H340 University of South Carolina - Upstate

(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 10,000,000;

(b) Recreation and Tourism Management Center$ 6,000,000;

(20) H360 University of South Carolina - Beaufort

New Convocation Center $ 9,250,000;

(21) H370 University of South Carolina - Lancaster

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1,320,000;

(22) H380 University of South Carolina - Salkehatchie

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1,320,000;

(23) H390 University of South Carolina - Sumter

(a) Collaboration Lab $ 5,506,900;

(b) Facilities Management Center $ 3,000,000;

(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(24) H400 University of South Carolina – Union

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1,320,000;

(25) H470 Winthrop University

(a) Academic Renovations & New Strategic Academic

Programs $ 2,309,996;

(b) Administrative Building Renovation $ 4,620,000;

(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(26) H510 Medical University of South Carolina

(a) College of Medicine Academic Building $ 1;

(b) Lancaster Medical Center Graduate Medical Education

(GME) Program $ 5,802,000;

(c) Southeastern Health AI Consortium $ 6,600,000;

(27) H590 State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

(a) Make It In SC $ 500,000;

(b) readySC $ 1;

(c) SC WINS $ 1;

(d) Aiken Technical College

(i) Demolition of the 100/200 and 300 buildings$ 606,000;

(ii) Equipment Funding $ 1,818,550;

(iii) ITC Roof Replacement $ 594,000;

(iv) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(v) Parking Lot Refurbishment $ 792,000;

(e) Technical College of the Lowcountry

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(f)Denmark Technical College

New Building - Cybersecurity, Energy, Healthcare $ 2,310,000;

(g) Florence-Darlington Technical College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(h) Greenville Technical College

(i)Center for Industrial Cyber Security and AI$ 16,000,000;

(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(i) Horry-Georgetown Technical College

(i)Equip Grand Strand Speir Healthcare Building $ 1;

(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(j) Midlands Technical College

(i)Advanced Trades Center $ 16,000,000;

(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(k) Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

(i)Health Sciences Building $ 5,086,000;

(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(l) Piedmont Technical College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 2,000,000;

(m) Spartanburg Community College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(n) Central Carolina Technical College

(i)Kershaw Campus Expansion $ 5,000,000;

(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(iii) Technical High School Workforce Center$ 15,000,000;

(o) Tri-County Technical College

(i) Diesel Mechanic Training Facility $ 1;

(ii) Forestry Technician Program Facility $ 1;

(iii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 511,666;

(p) Trident Technical College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 4,271,487;

(q) Williamsburg Technical College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1,000,000;

(r) York Technical College

(i)Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $ 1;

(ii) Trades Program Expansion $ 12,000,000;

(28) H790 Department of Archives and History

(a) Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion $ 1,250,000;

(b) SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission $ 1,300,000;

(29) H910 Arts Commission

Support Grants for Community Arts Organizations$ 1,000,000;

(30) H950 State Museum Commission

(a) Imagery Server Repository and Backup Expansion $ 100,000;

(b) Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement

Project $ 1;

(c) Security Alarm System & Wayfinding Emergency Public Announcement System $ 300,000;

(31) H960 Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission

(a) Conrad Wise Chapman Paintings $ 150,000;

(b) International Aspect of the American Civil War Exhibit $ 750,000;

(c) Main Gallery Exhibits Updates $ 500,000;

(d) South Carolina Vietnam Veterans' Oral Interviews $ 30,000;

(32) J060Department of Public Health

(a) Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies $ 1,600,000;

(b) Modernizing IT Infrastructure Support Systems $ 10,000,000;

(c) SCBio $ 500,000;

(33) H730 Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

(a) Dorm Building VR Center – Heat Pump Unit Replacement $ 73,750;

(b) Evaluation VR Center / State Office Repaving $ 150,000;

(c) ITTC/Rehabilitation Engineering Building Repaving $ 150,000;

(34) J020Department of Health and Human Services

(a) Children's Hospital Collaborative$ 2,000,000;

(b) Statewide Pediatric Bed Enhancements $ 1;

(35) J120Department of Mental Health

(a) Alternative Transportation Program $ 1;

(b) Berkeley and Orangeburg County Jail Based Programs$ 800,000;

(c) Inpatient Services Capital Needs $ 9,370,000;

(36) J160Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

(a) Residential Services $ 3,500,000;

(b) South Carolina Genomic Medicine Initiative $ 1,000,000;

(37) L040 Department of Social Services

(a) Economic Services System Application Modernization

(ESSAM) – DDI Phase $ 1;

(b) SNAP Employment and Training Funding $ 400,000;

(38) L080 Department of Children's Advocacy

IT Operations $ 77,000;

(39) L320 Housing Finance and Development Authority

First-time Homebuyers Workforce Housing $ 1;

(40) P120 Forestry Commission

(a) Computer-Aided Dispatch and Related IT $ 550,000;

(b) Mechanic Recruitment and Retention & Vehicle and

Supplies $ 63,000;

(c) Prescribed Fire Capacity $ 1;

(41) P160 Department of Agriculture

(a) Equipment Replacement $ 1,120,000;

(b) Regional Farmers Markets $ 2,000,000;

(42) P200 Clemson University Public Service Activities

PSA Planned Maintenance and Critical Infrastructure $ 1;

(43) P210 SC State University Public Service Activities

(a) Agriculture Innovation Research $ 500,000;

(b) Animal Research & Education Center (AREC) $ 1;

(c) Statewide Extension Agribusiness Development $ 650,000;

(44) P240 Department of Natural Resources

(a) Disaster Relief Grant Match Funding $ 1;

(b) Field & Regional Building Maintenance & Construction $ 2,000,000;

(c) Law Enforcement Equipment $ 1,000,000;

(d) State Lakes - High Hazard Dams and Spillway Repair $ 27,755,000;

(e) Statewide Flood Inundation Map Modeling $ 1,500,000;

(f) Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance $ 1,500,000;

(g) Waterways Protection Fund (S. 367) $ 750,000;

(45) P280 Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

(a) Agency Property Development $ 15,000,000;

(b) Beach Renourishment Grants $ 1,524,000;

(c) Destination Specific Marketing Grants $ 6,000,000;

(d) Film Incentives $ 4,000,000;

(e) SCATR - Regional Promotions $ 1,100,000;

(f) Sports Marketing $ 4,000,000;

(g) State Park Maintenance and Repairs $ 1,000,000;

(h) Tourism Development $ 9,573,000;

(46) P320 Department of Commerce

(a) Airport Enhancements $ 80,000,000;

(b) LocateSC - Site Readiness $ 80,000,000;

(46.1) The funds in item (46)(a) shall be distributed to primary commercial airports as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) which had a minimum of 500,000 enplanements per calendar year 2023 data available from the FAA. The funds shall be distributed as follows: 46% to Charleston International Airport, 25% to Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport, 19% to Myrtle Beach International Airport, and 10% to Columbia Metropolitan Airport. The Secretary of Commerce may utilize up to ten million dollars of these funds for the purposes of airport enhancements to further aviation industry economic

development at non-primary commercial airports owned by a subdivision of the State of South Carolina.

(47) P400 SC Conservation Bank

(a) Conservation Grant Funding $ 9,000,000;

(b) State Resource Agency Strategic Land Acquisition $ 1;

(c) Working Ag Lands Grant $ 1;

(48) P450 Rural Infrastructure Authority

(a) Rural Infrastructure Fund $ 12,000,000;

(b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund $ 15,000,000;

(49) P500 Department of Environmental Services

Electrical Utilities Permitting $ 4,700;

(50) B040 Judicial Department

(a) Bamberg County Courthouse $ 8,500,000;

(b) Case Management System Modernization $ 25,000,000;

(51) E200 Attorney General's Office

(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program $ 19,452,149;

(b) Legal Fees $ 6,000,000;

(52) D100 State Law Enforcement Division

(a) Agency IT Operating $ 1,000,000;

(b) Agency Operating $ 1,000,000;

(c) Personnel Equipment $ 500,000;

(53) K050 Department of Public Safety

(a) 9-1-1 IVR costs for SCDPS Implementation $ 1,000,000;

(b) DMV Headquarters Ground Floor HVAC Renovation $ 1;

(c) Law Enforcement Equipment $ 1,000,000;

(d) Radio Replacement Life Cycling $ 500,000;

(e) School Safety Program $ 8,324,448;

(54) N040 Department of Corrections

(a) Cell Phone Interdiction $ 3,500,000;

(b) Deferred Maintenance $ 2,500,000;

(c) Prison Industries Operating Costs $ 1,000,000;

(d) Security Equipment Replacement $ 500,000;

(55) N080 Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

(a) Agency Fleet Cost $ 350,000;

(b) IT Modernization $ 750,000;

(56) N120 Department of Juvenile Justice

IT Ongoing Security Assessment and Remediation $ 1,300,000;

(57) R200 Department of Insurance

Safe Homes Program $ 1;

(58) R600 Department of Employment and Workforce

(a) Graduation Alliance $ 1,000,000;

(b) Statewide Education & Workforce Development Portal $ 10,300,000;

(59) U120 Department of Transportation

(a) Bridge Modernization $ 200,000,000;

(b) Hurricane Helene $ 35,000,000;

(c) Off-State Litter $ 1;

(60) U150 Infrastructure Bank Board

Act 37 Adjustments $ 1,300,000;

(61) U300 Division of Aeronautics

Airport Safety and Development $ 5,000,000;

(62) A010 The Senate

Operating Expenses $ 500,000;

(63) A050 House of Representatives

Operating Expenses $ 5,000,000;

(64) A170 Legislative Services Agency

Enterprise Software System $ 6,500,000;

(65) A200 Legislative Audit Council

Government Efficiency RFP Review $ 10,000;

(66) D300 Office of Resilience

(a) Data Collection/Coordination $ 1,000,000;

(b) Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund Replenishment $ 40,000,000;

(c) MUSC Charleston Medical District Elevated Walkway $ 18,000,000;

(d) Watershed Coordination & Planning $ 5,000,000;

(67) D500 Department of Administration

(a) Independent Compliance Consultant$ 1,800,000;

(b) Modernized IT Service Management Platform $ 9,000,000;

(c) State Facilities Master Planning $ 725,000;

(d) State-Owned Buildings Security Upgrades $ 2,929,318;

(68) E160 State Treasurer's Office

Database Services $ 192,000;

(69) E240 Adjutant General's Office

(a) Armory Revitalization $ 1,500,000;

(b) SCEMD - Safeguarding Tomorrow Revolving Loan Fund$ 1,000,000;

(c) SCEMD - SC Public Assistance Program $ 1;

(d) Wireless Network support to NG Armories and key facilities $ 1;

(70) E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs

(a) E. Roy Stone State Veteran Home Facility Maintenance Improvements $ 1,400,000;

(b) Military Enhancement Fund $ 5,000,000;

(71) E280 Election Commission

(a) Annual Election Costs $ 708,000;

(b) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant $ 200,000;

(c) Statewide voting system upgrade $ 10,970,755; and

(72) E550 State Fiscal Accountability Authority

SCPro Procurement Module $ 3,200,000.

(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.

(D) After funding has been disbursed for the above items, to the extent that revenues are available in excess of what has been spent, $35,000,000 shall be used to settle pending lawsuits as approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--17

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C035.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, paragraph 118.22(B), after line 14, by adding an appropriatley numbered proviso to read:

/ ( ) Town of Eastover – Lower Richland
Tech Academy $500,000 /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT moved cloture on the entire matter.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 65; Nays 48

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--65

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Cromer
Dillard	Edgerton	Frank
Garvin	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Harris
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
J. Moore	Morgan	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--48

So, cloture was ordered.

Rep. BANNISTER spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
W. Newton	Pace	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	B. Newton	Reese
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Weeks
White	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted “no” on Amendment No. 2A to H. 4025, but I meant to vote “yes.” I wish to have this recorded in the House Journal.

Representative Brandon Newton
District Number 45

Further proceedings were interrupted by the reconsideration of adjourning debate on H. 3430.

H. 3430--RECONSIDERED

Rep. POPE moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill, which was agreed to:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam,

Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

H. 3430--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 3430 (LC-3430.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 15-38-15. (A) In an action to recover damages resulting from personal injury, wrongful death, or damage to property or to recover damages for economic loss or for noneconomic loss such as mental distress, loss of enjoyment, pain, suffering, loss of reputation, or loss of companionship resulting from tortious conduct, if indivisible

damages are determined to be proximately caused by more than one ~~defendant~~tortfeasor, joint and several liability does not apply to any defendant whose conduct is determined to be less than fifty percent of the total fault for the indivisible damages as compared with the total of: (i) the fault of all the defendants and tortfeasors; and (ii) the fault (comparative negligence), if any, of plaintiff. A defendant whose conduct is determined to be less than fifty percent of the total fault shall only be liable for that percentage of the indivisible damages determined by the jury or trier of fact.

(B) Apportionment of percentages of fault among defendants and tortfeasors is to be determined as specified in subsection (C).

(C) The jury, or the court if there is no jury, shall:

(1) specify the amount of damages;

(2) determine the percentage of fault, if any, of plaintiff ~~and the amount of recoverable damages~~ under applicable rules concerning "comparative negligence"; and

(3) upon a motion by at least one defendant, where there is a verdict under items (1) and (2) above for damages ~~against two or more defendants~~ for the same indivisible injury, death, or damage to property, specify in a separate verdict under the procedures described at subitem (b) below the percentage of liability that proximately caused the indivisible injury, death, damage to property, or economic loss from tortious conduct, as determined by item (1) above, that is attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor whose actions are a proximate cause of the indivisible injury, death, or damage to property. In determining the percentage attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor, any fault of the plaintiff, as determined by item (2) above, will be included so that the total of the percentages of fault attributed to the plaintiff and to the defendants and tortfeasors must be one hundred percent. In calculating the percentage of fault attributable to each defendant, inclusion of any percentage of fault of the plaintiff (as determined in item (2) above) shall not reduce the amount of plaintiff's recoverable damages (as determined under item (2) above).

(a) For this purpose, the court may determine that two or more persons are to be treated as a single party. Such treatment must be used where two or more defendants acted in concert or where, by reason of agency, employment, or other legal relationship, a defendant is vicariously responsible for the conduct of another defendant.

(b) After the initial verdict awarding damages is entered and before the special verdict on percentages of liability is rendered, the parties shall be allowed oral argument, with the length of such argument

subject to the discretion of the trial judge, on the determination of the percentage attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor. However, no additional evidence shall be allowed.

(D) A defendant shall retain the right to assert that another potential tortfeasor, whether or not a party, contributed to the alleged injury or damages and/or may be liable for any or all of the damages alleged by any other party.

(E) Notwithstanding the application of this section, setoff from any settlement received from any potential tortfeasor not placed on the verdict form prior to the verdict shall be applied in proportion to each defendant's percentage of liability as determined pursuant to subsection (C).

(F) ~~This section does~~The provisions of subsection (A) do not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, ~~grossly negligent,~~ or intentional or conduct involving the ~~use, sale, or possession of alcohol or the~~ illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs, and such a defendant shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages described in subsection (A).

(G) In order for the trier of fact to allocate fault to a nondefendant tortfeasor for the purpose of apportioning damages, the following requirements apply:

(1) the tortfeasor must be disclosed within one hundred eighty days of the commencement of the action or at a later time for good cause shown, and the plaintiff may add the tortfeasor as a party defendant with the amended pleading relating back to the commencement of the action;

(2) the defendant bears the burden of proof that the added tortfeasor's breach of duty was a proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries unless the plaintiff amends his pleadings to add the tortfeasor as a party;

(3) if the plaintiff does not add the tortfeasor in a direct action, the plaintiff may challenge the addition of the tortfeasor pursuant to South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 56 and Rule 50. If those motions are denied then the tortfeasor appears on the verdict form; and

(4) notwithstanding the time requirement in item (1), a settling tortfeasor, whether or not a party, shall be added to the verdict form unless excluded by subsection (H).

(H) A nondefendant tortfeasor shall not be added to the verdict form if:

(1) the nondefendant tortfeasor is immune from liability or prohibited from suit under statute or common law or otherwise not subject to suit in this action, not including settled or released tortfeasors

who were or could have been parties in the civil action;

(2) the nondefendant tortfeasor's conduct is wilful, wanton, reckless, or intentional;

(3) the defendant's liability is imputed to or based upon fault of the tortfeasor;

(4) the causes of action involve strict liability;

(5) the causes of action involve asbestos; or

(6) an action is commenced by the State, a state agency, municipality, county, local government, regional public authority, special purpose district, public utility, or any other governmental entity or political subdivision including, but not limited to, claims seeking recovery of public funds, remediation costs, or other damages arising from acts or omissions of third parties that result in harm to public health, safety, infrastructure, or the environment, other than claims involving per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X.A. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DBHDD" means the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities, Office of Substance Abuse.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed for at least ten hours a week by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual permittee, an individual licensee, and any person employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DBHDD and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An alcohol server or manager must complete alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If an alcohol server or manager does not have a current alcohol server certificate at the time of employment in that capacity, then the licensee or permittee must provide alcohol server training within thirty calendar days of employment. An alcohol server shall not be mentally or physically impaired or intoxicated by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol on behalf of the licensee.

(B) A permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises physical or electronic copies of the alcohol server certificates for its managers and alcohol servers for the duration of employment. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be

made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter:

(1) a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the date a manager or alcohol server began employment in the capacity; and

(2) a permittee or licensee shall be excused for the failure to produce the alcohol server certificate if that failure is due to a provider's failure to report the successful completion of training and testing or the department's failure to issue a certificate to an applicant who has met the requirements of Section 61-3-130.

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department shall approve alcohol server training programs offered by providers that are based on best evidence practice standards. The department may collaborate with DBHDD and the division to determine appropriate providers for the purposes of this chapter. The department shall approve or deny a program within sixty days of application by a provider. A provider may appeal a denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider may charge a licensee, permittee, or individual seeking training for the purpose of employment as an alcohol server or manager a fee not to exceed fifty dollars per participant.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information including, but not limited to, the most recently published official statistics on drunk driving accidents, injuries, and deaths in South Carolina; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted, be interactive, have audio for content, and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

(D) Within ten business days after a training is completed, each

provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(E) The department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. An individual must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DBHDD, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers. An individual must reimburse a licensee or permittee that paid for the cost of alcohol server training if the individual leaves the employment of the licensee or permittee within six months of its issuance.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of three years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the three-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain

recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department.

(F) The department shall not charge a fee to issue and renew alcohol server certificates to qualifying applicants.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-140. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

B.Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training provisions.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-580(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) In addition to civil liability as provided by law, a violation of any provision of this section is a ground for the revocation or suspension of the holder's permit. A permittee or licensee who violates any provision of this section:

(1) for a first offense, shall be fined two thousand five hundred dollars by the department;

(2) for a second offense within two years of the first offense, shall have its alcohol license or permit suspended for up to fourteen days as determined by the department; and

(3) for a third offense within three years of the first offense, shall have its alcohol license or permit revoked.

SECTION X. Article 5, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-4-523. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sale of beer and wine at collegiate sporting venues pursuant to Section 61-4-520 is prohibited unless the holder of the permit:

(1) requires all sales personnel to complete mandatory alcohol server training approved by the department;

(2) utilizes internal, random checks of sales locations during an event of sufficient frequency to reasonably determine that sales procedures and identification verification procedures comply with

established protocol;

(3) utilizes forensic digital identification systems, or other means acceptable to the department, to verify the authenticity of identification at the point of sale;

(4) prohibits sales of beer and wine in student sections with designated concession areas; and

(5) prohibits sales of beer and wine to customers presenting vertical identification cards.

(B) The department shall consider these preventative measures and other factors described in subsection (C) when assessing administrative penalties in the event violations of this chapter occur and may reduce any administrative penalty when the department finds the permit holder acted in good faith to prevent a violation.

(C) Notwithstanding Section 61-4-580(B), in administering the provisions of this section, the department shall develop and implement an alternate revenue and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues which recognizes the unique characteristics of such venues including, but not limited to, the number of sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue, sales volume and number of patrons served per event held at such collegiate sporting venue, number of sales personnel necessary to staff sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue, and frequency of events held at such collegiate sporting venue during which sales of beer and wine occur. The department shall develop and implement the alternative revenue procedure and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues not later than August 31, 2025. The department shall determine the seating capacity necessary for a collegiate sporting venue to be subject to the alternate revenue procedure and penalty structure.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 73, Title 38 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 38-73-550. (A) Due to the mandatory requirement for commercial casualty coverage contained in Section 61-2-145, the availability of affordable commercial casualty coverage, including liquor liability coverage, is found to be essential to South Carolina's hospitality industry and by South Carolina citizens.

(B) By January thirty-first of each year, the director must prepare and submit a report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and

Industry Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee regarding the status of commercial general liability and liquor liability markets, including the insurance industry's participation and profitability in the commercial general liability and the liquor liability sub-line of that market. The report shall be posted in an electronic format on the department's website within five days of its submission. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) the number of policies written in South Carolina that provide coverage by insurers for liquor liability in South Carolina, whether as a stand-alone product or as another commercial liability insurance product;

(2) the volume of earned premiums associated with the coverage provided by the insurers for liquor liability in South Carolina and written in South Carolina;

(3) the number of claims closed with payments and the volume of those payments associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(4) the number of claims open and the volume of actual reserves on those claims associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(5) the volume of reserves for incurred but not reported claims associated with liquor liability coverage;

(6) the sum of subrogation and salvage associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(7) the volume of combined losses as a percentage of premiums associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina and the methodology of its determination;

(8) the amount of profit as a percentage of premiums associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina and the methodology of its determination;

(9) the number of insurers participating in commercial general liability market and the liquor liability sub-line of that market;

(10) the director's conclusions as to the availability of commercial general liability and liquor liability coverage and the trends in changes in the rates for that coverage; and

(11) the director's recommendations to continue to improve the availability of insurance coverage as mandated in Section 61-2-145 and the rates associated with that coverage.

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining liquor liability insurance coverage to any alcohol licensee or permittee in South Carolina whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the entire period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the

department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, giving rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A licensee or permittee qualifies if the licensee or permittee:

(1) stops serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m for the entire policy period;

(2) has all employees who serve alcohol complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3, within sixty days of employment in that capacity;

(3) has less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales;

(4) uses a forensic digital identification system that validates the identification of any person attempting to enter the premises between the

hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.; or

(5) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(6) A licensee or permittee meeting the requirement of item (1) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A licensee or permittee meeting the requirements of item (2), (3) or (4) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars per item satisfied. A licensee or permittee meeting the requirements of item (5) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A licensee or permittee who has met the requirements of any combination of items (1)-(5) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the licensee or permittee complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least three hundred thousand dollars during the entire period of the biennial permit or license.

(7) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer reasonable premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) Permittees and licensees selling alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at any time between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. shall use a forensic digital identification system that validates the identification of any person attempting to enter the premises as a patron.

(G) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X..Chapter 2, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-2-147. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15-38-15, a tortfeasor charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945 shall appear on the jury verdict form upon motion of the defendant, provided such motion is made within one hundred eighty days of the commencement of the action or at a later time for good cause

shown. The plaintiff may also add the tortfeasor charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945 as a party defendant with the amended pleading relating back to the commencement of the action. If a verdict is rendered against both a licensee and a defendant charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, then the licensee is jointly and severally liable for fifty percent of the plaintiff's actual damages.

(B) Notwithstanding the time requirement in subsection (A), a settling tortfeasor, whether or not a party, shall be added to the verdict form.

SECTION X.If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 26 and inserting:

SECTION 26. This act takes effect January 1, 2026, and applies only to causes of action or claims arising or accruing after January 1, 2026, and applies to all policies issued after that date, other than Section 61-4-523 which takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 3430 (LC-3430.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTIONS 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke upon the amendment.
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The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. W. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 3430 (LC-3430.AHB0014H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 15-38-15 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 15-38-15. (A) In an action to recover damages resulting from personal injury, wrongful death, or damage to property or to recover damages for economic loss or for noneconomic loss such as mental distress, loss of enjoyment, pain, suffering, loss of reputation, or loss of companionship resulting from tortious conduct, if indivisible damages are determined to be proximately caused by more than one ~~defendant~~tortfeasor, joint and several liability does not apply to any defendant whose conduct is determined to be less than fifty percent of the total fault for the indivisible damages as compared with the total of: (i) the fault of all the defendants and tortfeasors; and (ii) the fault (comparative negligence), if any, of plaintiff. A defendant whose conduct is determined to be less than fifty percent of the total fault shall only be liable for that percentage of the indivisible damages determined by the jury or trier of fact.

(B) Apportionment of percentages of fault among defendants and tortfeasors is to be determined as specified in subsection (C).

(C) The jury, or the court if there is no jury, shall:

(1) specify the amount of damages;

(2) determine the percentage of fault, if any, of plaintiff ~~and the amount of recoverable damages~~ under applicable rules concerning "comparative negligence"; and

(3) upon a motion by at least one defendant, where there is a verdict under items (1) and (2) above for damages ~~against two or more defendants~~ for the same indivisible injury, death, or damage to property, specify in a separate verdict under the procedures described at subitem (b) below the percentage of liability that proximately caused the

indivisible injury, death, damage to property, or economic loss from tortious conduct, as determined by item (1) above, that is attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor whose actions are a proximate cause of the indivisible injury, death, or damage to property. In determining the percentage attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor, any fault of the plaintiff, as determined by item (2) above, will be included so that the total of the percentages of fault attributed to the plaintiff and to the defendants and tortfeasors must be one hundred percent. In calculating the percentage of fault attributable to each defendant, inclusion of any percentage of fault of the plaintiff (as determined in item (2) above) shall not reduce the amount of plaintiff's recoverable damages (as determined under item (2) above).

(a) For this purpose, the court may determine that two or more persons are to be treated as a single party. Such treatment must be used where two or more defendants acted in concert or where, by reason of agency, employment, or other legal relationship, a defendant is vicariously responsible for the conduct of another defendant.

(b) After the initial verdict awarding damages is entered and before the special verdict on percentages of liability is rendered, the parties shall be allowed oral argument, with the length of such argument subject to the discretion of the trial judge, on the determination of the percentage attributable to each defendant and tortfeasor. However, no additional evidence shall be allowed.

(D) A defendant shall retain the right to assert that another potential tortfeasor, whether or not a party, contributed to the alleged injury or damages and/or may be liable for any or all of the damages alleged by any other party.

(E) Notwithstanding the application of this section, setoff from any settlement received from any potential tortfeasor not placed on the verdict form prior to the verdict shall be applied in proportion to each defendant's percentage of liability as determined pursuant to subsection (C).

(F) ~~This section does~~The provisions of subsection (A) do not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, ~~grossly negligent,~~ or intentional or conduct involving the ~~use, sale, or possession of alcohol or the~~ illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs, and such a defendant shall be jointly and severally liable for all damages described in subsection (A).

(G) In order for the trier of fact to allocate fault to a nondefendant tortfeasor for the purpose of apportioning damages, the following requirements apply:

(1) the tortfeasor must be disclosed within one hundred eighty days of the commencement of the action or at a later time for good cause shown, and the plaintiff may add the tortfeasor as a party defendant with the amended pleading relating back to the commencement of the action;

(2) the defendant bears the burden of proof that the added tortfeasor's breach of duty was a proximate cause of the plaintiff's injuries unless the plaintiff amends his pleadings to add the tortfeasor as a party;

(3) if the plaintiff does not add the tortfeasor in a direct action, the plaintiff may challenge the addition of the tortfeasor pursuant to South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 56 and Rule 50. If those motions are denied then the tortfeasor appears on the verdict form; and

(4) notwithstanding the time requirement in item (1), a settling tortfeasor, whether or not a party, shall be added to the verdict form unless excluded by subsection (H).

(H) A nondefendant tortfeasor shall not be added to the verdict form if:

(1) the nondefendant tortfeasor is immune from liability or prohibited from suit under statute or common law or otherwise not subject to suit in this action, not including settled or released tortfeasors who were or could have been parties in the civil action;

(2) the nondefendant tortfeasor's conduct is wilful, wanton, reckless, or intentional;

(3) the defendant's liability is imputed to or based upon fault of the tortfeasor;

(4) the causes of action involve strict liability;

(5) the causes of action involve asbestos; or

(6) an action is commenced by the State, a state agency, municipality, county, local government, regional public authority, special purpose district, public utility, or any other governmental entity or political subdivision including, but not limited to, claims seeking recovery of public funds, remediation costs, or other damages arising from acts or omissions of third parties that result in harm to public health, safety, infrastructure, or the environment, other than claims involving per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

SECTION 2. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION 3.A. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DBHDD" means the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Disabilities, Office of Substance Abuse.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed for at least ten hours a week by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual permittee, an individual licensee, and any person employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale,

porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DBHDD and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An alcohol server or manager must complete alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If an alcohol server or manager does not have a current alcohol server certificate at the time of employment in that capacity, then the licensee or permittee must provide alcohol server training within thirty calendar days of employment. An alcohol server shall not be mentally or physically impaired or intoxicated by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol on behalf of the licensee.

(B) A permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises physical or electronic copies of the alcohol server certificates for its managers and alcohol servers for the duration of employment. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter:

(1) a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the date a manager or alcohol server began employment in the capacity; and

(2) a permittee or licensee shall be excused for the failure to produce the alcohol server certificate if that failure is due to a provider's failure to report the successful completion of training and testing or the department's failure to issue a certificate to an applicant who has met the requirements of Section 61-3-130.

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department shall approve alcohol server training programs offered by providers that are based on best evidence practice standards. The department may collaborate with DBHDD and the division to determine appropriate providers for the purposes of this chapter. The department shall approve or deny a program within sixty days of application by a provider. A provider may appeal a denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider may charge a licensee, permittee, or individual seeking training for the purpose of employment as an alcohol server or

manager a fee not to exceed fifty dollars per participant.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information including, but not limited to, the most recently published official statistics on drunk driving accidents, injuries, and deaths in South Carolina; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online designed training

programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted, be interactive, have audio for content, and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

(D) Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(E) The department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. An individual must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DBHDD and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DBHDD, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers. An individual must reimburse a licensee or permittee that paid for the cost of alcohol server training if the individual leaves the employment of the licensee or permittee within six months of its issuance.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of three years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the three-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department.

(F) The department shall not charge a fee to issue and renew alcohol server certificates to qualifying applicants.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-140. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

B.Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training provisions.

SECTION 4. Section 61-4-580(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) <u>In addition to civil liability as provided by law,</u> a violation of

any provision of this section is a ground for the revocation or suspension of the holder's permit. A permittee or licensee who violates any provision of this section:

(1) for a first offense, shall be fined two thousand five hundred dollars by the department;

(2) for a second offense within two years of the first offense, shall have its alcohol license or permit suspended for up to fourteen days as determined by the department; and

(3) for a third offense within three years of the first offense, shall have its alcohol license or permit revoked.

SECTION 5. Article 5, Chapter 4, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-4-523. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sale of beer and wine at collegiate sporting venues pursuant to Section 61-4-520 is prohibited unless the holder of the permit:

(1) requires all sales personnel to complete mandatory alcohol server training approved by the department;

(2) utilizes internal, random checks of sales locations during an event of sufficient frequency to reasonably determine that sales procedures and identification verification procedures comply with established protocol;

(3) utilizes forensic digital identification systems, or other means acceptable to the department, to verify the authenticity of identification at the point of sale;

(4) prohibits sales of beer and wine in student sections with designated concession areas; and

(5) prohibits sales of beer and wine to customers presenting vertical identification cards.

(B) The department shall consider these preventative measures and other factors described in subsection (C) when assessing administrative penalties in the event violations of this chapter occur and may reduce any administrative penalty when the department finds the permit holder acted in good faith to prevent a violation.

(C) Notwithstanding Section 61-4-580(B), in administering the provisions of this section, the department shall develop and implement an alternate revenue and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues which recognizes the unique characteristics of such venues including, but not limited to, the number of sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue, sales volume and number of patrons served per event held at such collegiate sporting venue, number of sales personnel necessary to staff sales locations within the collegiate sporting venue,

and frequency of events held at such collegiate sporting venue during which sales of beer and wine occur. The department shall develop and implement the alternative revenue procedure and penalty structure for collegiate sporting venues not later than August 31, 2025. The department shall determine the seating capacity necessary for a collegiate sporting venue to be subject to the alternate revenue procedure and penalty structure.

SECTION 6. Chapter 73, Title 38 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 38-73-550. (A) Due to the mandatory requirement for commercial casualty coverage contained in Section 61-2-145, the availability of affordable commercial casualty coverage, including liquor liability coverage, is found to be essential to South Carolina's hospitality industry and by South Carolina citizens.

(B) By January thirty-first of each year, the director must prepare and submit a report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee regarding the status of commercial general liability and liquor liability markets, including the insurance industry's participation and profitability in the commercial general liability and the liquor liability sub-line of that market. The report shall be posted in an electronic format on the department's website within five days of its submission. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) the number of policies written in South Carolina that provide coverage by insurers for liquor liability in South Carolina, whether as a stand-alone product or as another commercial liability insurance product;

(2) the volume of earned premiums associated with the coverage provided by the insurers for liquor liability in South Carolina and written in South Carolina;

(3) the number of claims closed with payments and the volume of those payments associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(4) the number of claims open and the volume of actual reserves on those claims associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(5) the volume of reserves for incurred but not reported claims associated with liquor liability coverage;

(6) the sum of subrogation and salvage associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina;

(7) the volume of combined losses as a percentage of premiums associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina and the methodology of its determination;

(8) the amount of profit as a percentage of premiums associated with liquor liability coverage written in South Carolina and the methodology of its determination;

(9) the number of insurers participating in commercial general liability market and the liquor liability sub-line of that market;

(10) the director's conclusions as to the availability of commercial general liability and liquor liability coverage and the trends in changes in the rates for that coverage; and

(11) the director's recommendations to continue to improve the availability of insurance coverage as mandated in Section 61-2-145 and the rates associated with that coverage.

SECTION 7. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or

declining liquor liability insurance coverage to any alcohol licensee or permittee in South Carolina whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION 8. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the entire period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, giving rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or

termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A licensee or permittee qualifies if the licensee or permittee:

(1) stops serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m for the entire policy period;

(2) has all employees who serve alcohol complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3, within sixty days of employment in that capacity;

(3) has less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales;

(4) uses a forensic digital identification system that validates the identification of any person attempting to enter the premises between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.; or

(5) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(6) A licensee or permittee meeting the requirement of item (1) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A licensee or permittee meeting the requirements of item (2), (3) or (4) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars per item satisfied. A licensee or permittee meeting the requirements of item (5) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A licensee or permittee who has met the requirements of any combination of items (1)-(5) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the licensee or permittee complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least three hundred thousand dollars during the entire period of the biennial permit or license.

(7) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer reasonable premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of

on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) Permittees and licensees selling alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at any time between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m. shall use a forensic digital identification system that validates the identification of any person attempting to enter the premises as a patron.

(G) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION 9. Chapter 2, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-2-147. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 15-38-15, a tortfeasor charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945 shall appear on the jury verdict form upon motion of the defendant, provided such motion is made within one hundred eighty days of the commencement of the action or at a later time for good cause shown. The plaintiff may also add the tortfeasor charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945 as a party defendant with the amended pleading relating back to the commencement of the action. If a verdict is rendered against both a licensee and a defendant charged under Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, then the licensee is jointly and severally liable for fifty percent of the plaintiff's actual damages.

(B) Notwithstanding the time requirement in subsection (A), a settling tortfeasor, whether or not a party, shall be added to the verdict form.

SECTION 10. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 11. This act takes effect January 1, 2026, and applies only to causes of action or claims arising or accruing after January 1, 2026, and applies to all policies issued after that date, other than Section 61-4-523 which takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 4025--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Senate amendments:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 3A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C056.CC. DG25.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Workforce Development Stipends) In the current fiscal year, from the funds appropriated to the Department of Social Services and the Department of Employment and Workforce, the two departments shall collaborate to operate a statewide pilot program that offers workforce development childcare stipends to unemployed parents or caregivers seeking employment while the parent or caregiver is attending a job interview. Credits may be used for children under the age of twelve years. Participating childcare centers must ensure sufficient capacity to offer as-needed access to the childcare center's services for the eligible children of unemployed parents or caregivers engaged in job interviews.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HEWITT raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 3A was not germane and violated Rule 5.3.B.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 4A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C021.JN. SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 590, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ ( ) H270 University of South Carolina

Anne Frank House $500,000 /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE spoke upon the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER BANNISTER IN CHAIR

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	Reese	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 4A. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 6A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C044.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 589, after line 12, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Children's Trust $250,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CROMER moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 7A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C045.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 589, after line 31, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) ChangeSC Pilot Project $500,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 8A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C046.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 586, after line 26, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Military Child Education Coalition $182,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder

Teeple	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 9A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C047.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 590, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *H030- Commission on Higher Education*

Riley Institute Furman University- SCALE Afterschool Program

$400,000 /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore		

Total--25

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 10A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C048.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 590, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *( ) St. George Rosenwald School- Children's Museum $213,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hager	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Teeple	Waters
Wetmore		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 10A. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the amendment.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 11A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C049.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 590, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *( ) Town of Neeses- Neeses Museum $400,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON continued speaking.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kirby	Luck

Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Williams		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 12A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C038.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/*( ) EMS Closet $50,000*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Kirby
Luck	J. Moore	Reese
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 13A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C039.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Greenville Prisma Health Sickle Cell $500,000*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chumley	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hartnett

Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Kirby	Luck	Spann-Wilder
Teeple	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 14A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C040.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Hope Health Inc. - Men's Health Center $500,000*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Holman	Huff
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Kirby	Luck
J. Moore	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--21

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 16A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C042.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/*( ) Pet Helpers Adoption Center – County Stray Funding $50,000*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Terribile	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Garvin	Gilliard
Grant	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Kirby	Landing	Luck
Spann-Wilder	Teeple	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--21

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J .L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 17A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C043.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) SmokeFree SC $500,000*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 19A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C024.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) ALS Association-ALS Care Services $500,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J .L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 20A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C025.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Anderson County–Domestic Abuse Services Support $100,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 75; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin

Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter
Frank	Garvin	Gilliard
Grant	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Kirby	Luck	J. Moore
Rose	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Williams		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 21A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C027.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC – Adjustment to Blindness $350,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 22A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C028.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118,

STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) • Boys and Girls Club at Teen Jackson Center – Make it a Conversation Program $95,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Frank	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jones
Kirby	Luck	J. Moore
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Williams

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 23A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C029.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Cancer Association of Anderson – Center for Hope and Healing $500,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 24A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C030.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) • Children's Trust of South Carolina - Home Visiting Program $250,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 26A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C032.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) • •Community Wellness Outreach – Substance Abuse Treatment $300,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 27A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C033.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) • House of Champions – Facility Renovation Project $250,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 29A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C035.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118,

STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Our Place of Hope – Mental Health Support Program $175,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kirby	Luck
J. Moore	Rose	Spann-Wilder
Waters	Williams	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 30A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C036.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 588, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Pace Center for Girls – Research Counseling Services $500,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 32A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C050.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 188.22(B), page 589, after line 4, by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *( ) Osprey Village- Amenities Center $500,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Luck
Rose	Rutherford	Sessions
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Williams

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 35A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C053.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 590, after line 36, by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *( ) J200 Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services RIZE Prevention-Teen Drug Prevention Program $300,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Williams

Total--21

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 36A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C054.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 590, after line 36,

by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

/ *( ) J200 Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services The Courage Center-Midlands Recovery Community Expansion and Operation $300,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile

Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Wetmore

Total--21

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 37A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C067.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 589, after line 10, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Bethany Christian Services – Post Adoption $150,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 38A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C059.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 589, after line 10, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Feed the City $100,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 39A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C060.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 589, after line 10, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Florence Crittenton Programs of SC – Housing and Support Services $400,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 40A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\4025C061.JN.SA25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, proviso 118.22(B), page 589, after line 10, by adding an appropriately numbered subitem to read:

/ *( ) Fostering the Family – Foster Support Programs $100,000* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. MOSS proposed the following Amendment No. 55A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\h2-town of pacolet.docx), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 40,

DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 388, after line 20, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AGING: grant forgiveness) The senior center permanent improvement grant awarded to the town of pacolet in 2013 for the renovation of pacolet mill cloth room is hereby forgiven.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MOSS explained the amendment.

Rep. CROMER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 45; Nays 50

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Brittain	Calhoon
Caskey	Chumley	Collins
Crawford	Davis	Gatch
Gilliam	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pope	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	Taylor	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wooten	Yow

Total--45

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Haddon

Harris	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	May
McCabe	J. Moore	Morgan
Neese	Oremus	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Sanders	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Wickensimer	Willis	

Total--50

So, the amendment was rejected.

Rep. COLLINS proposed the following Amendment No. 56A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\h2-teacher loan program.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1a, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 329, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. COLLINS explained the amendment.

Rep. CROMER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
White		

Total--7

So, the amendment was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on Amendment No. 56A to H. 4025, but I meant to abstain due to a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my abstention noted for the record in the House Journal.

Rep. Leon Stavrinakis

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on Amendment No. 56A to H. 4025, but I meant to abstain due to a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my abstention noted for the record in the House Journal.

Rep. Case Brittain

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on Amendment No. 56A to H. 4025, but I meant to abstain due to a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my abstention noted for the record in the House Journal.

Rep. Jeff Johnson

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on Amendment No. 56A to H. 4025, but I meant to abstain due to a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my abstention noted for the record in the House Journal.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 58A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\h2-delete coordinating council funds.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 399, paragraph 50.3, lines 27 - 31, by deleting the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 61A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C058.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 82, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, page 454, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(DMV: OFFENDER) IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL EXPEND FUNDS AND CHARGE A FEE TO PRINT, IN RED, ON THE LICENSE OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD THE WORDS "SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR" FOR ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ADJUDICATED AS SUCH PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 48 OF TITLE 44 OF THE S.C. CODE, AND THE WORDS "SEX OFFENDER" IF THE PERSON HAS NOT BEEN ADJUDICATED AS A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR BUT IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23.*

ALL PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS A SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR OR A SEX OFFENDER PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISO HAS THIRTY DAYS FROM BEING ADJUDICATED OR RELEASED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO TURN IN HIS CURRENT DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD AND OBTAIN A NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH THE REQUIRED IDENTIFIER./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BAMBERG raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 61A was not germane under Rule 5.3.B.

Rep. CROMER argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. CROMER and EDGERTON proposed the following Amendment No. 62A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\008\h2-mandatory meal plan.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: MANDATORY MEAL PLANS) NO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL BE PERMITTED TO REQUIRE ANY STUDENT TO PURCHASE A MEAL PLAN AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT OR FOR RESIDING IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BALLENTINE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 62A was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. CROMER and EDGERTON proposed the following Amendment No. 63A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\008\h2-mandatory housing.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/(GP: MANDATORY HOUSING) NO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT ANY POLICY THAT REQUIRES ANY STUDENT TO LIVE IN ON-CAMPUS HOUSING AS A CONDITION OF ENROLLMENT. IF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FINDS THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISO, THEN THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION MUST THEN WITHHOLD TEN PERCENT OF ALL STATE PAYMENTS TO THE PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION UNTIL THE POLICY IS FIXED./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BALLENTINE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 63A was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 64A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\008\h2-campus free speech (may 2025).docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/(GP: CAMPUS FREE SPEECH) NO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY THAT RESTRICTS SPEECH BY CREATING "FREE SPEECH ZONES" OR OTHER DESIGNATED AREAS OF CAMPUS OUTSIDE OF WHICH EXPRESSIVE ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED. OUTDOOR AREAS OF CAMPUSES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THIS STATE SHALL BE DEEMED PUBLIC FORUMS FOR THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY. PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY MAINTAIN AND ENFORCE REASONABLE TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER RESTRICTIONS ONLY WHEN SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE NARROWLY TAILORED IN SERVICE OF A SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONAL INTEREST, EMPLOY CLEAR, PUBLISHED, CONTENT- AND VIEWPOINT-NEUTRAL CRITERIA, AND PROVIDE FOR AMPLE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF EXPRESSION. ANY SUCH RESTRICTIONS SHALL ALLOW FOR MEMBERS OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY TO SPONTANEOUSLY AND CONTEMPORANEOUSLY ASSEMBLE AND DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE. ANY PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT ADOPTS OR ENFORCES A POLICY IN VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN ITS STATE FUNDING, TO BE WITHHELD BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION UNTIL THE INSTITUTION DEMONSTRATES COMPLIANCE BY REPEALING OR AMENDING THE POLICY TO ALIGN WITH THIS PROVISION. /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BALLENTINE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 64A was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 66A to H. 4025 as passed by the House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\h2 magistrate training.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 57, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, page 410, paragraph 57.13, line 25, by striking:/ (4) sensitivity to gender bias and cultural, racial, and sexual issues; /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BAUER raised Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 66A was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilliam	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Lawson	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Sanders	Terribile
White		

Total--25

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 69A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C057.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was ruled out of

order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 338, after line 14, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(Ticket Delivery) In the current fiscal year, the Commission may expend funds to contract with courier service businesses to deliver lottery tickets to purchasers of lottery tickets.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WHITE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that the Amendment No. 69A was not germane.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. WOOTEN proposed the following Amendment No. 71A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\h2-executive protective unit.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 424, after line 22, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SLED: Executive protection unit) (A) of the funds appropriated in part 1A, section 63, The State Law Enforcement Division ("SLED"), for Counter-Terrorism, SLED is authorized to maintain an Executive Protection Unit and shall employ personnel to provide protective services and security to the Governor, the Governor's immediate family, the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor-elect, the Governor-elect's immediate family, and the Lieutenant Governor-elect.*

(B) Upon request and subject to the approval of the Chief of SLED based on a demonstrable need or a specifically identified threat to the individual to be protected, SLED is further authorized to utilize the funds appropriated to provide protective services for, or to support existing security details assigned to, current or former public officials or employees of this State or of the United States, visiting governors from other States and their immediate families, visiting legislative leadership from other States, and officials or dignitaries of the governments of foreign countries who are visiting this State.

(C) The Department of Public Safety and the Department of

Natural Resources are authorized to designate or assign appropriate personnel, equipment, funds, or other resources to support the provision of protective services authorized herein as requested by and in consultation with the Chief of SLED. If SLED requests the assistance of other law enforcement agencies in the State of South Carolina, those officers are authorized to provide such assistance as may be requested by the Chief of SLED.

(D) Law enforcement officers assigned to any security detail or who provide the protective services authorized herein shall only perform services related to the provision of security to the executives and shall not provide any unrelated law enforcement action during the assignment absent specific directive from the Chief of SLED to address an identified threat to the public, which shall only be considered after all executive(s) have been safeguarded. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

Rep. LOWE spoke in favor of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The amendment was then adopted.

AMENDMENT NO. 56A--MOTION TO RECONSIDER TABLED

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to reconsider the vote whereby Amendment No. 56A was adopted.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Chumley	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	Morgan	Pace
Rankin	Terribile	White

Total--18

So, the motion to reconsider was tabled.

Reps. COBB-HUNTER and B. J. COX proposed the following Amendment No. 74A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\h2-housing habitat collaboration .docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 42, HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, page 389, proviso 42.6, lines 22-24, by striking the proviso in its entirety and inserting / *42.6. (HFDA: Collaboration) In accordance with the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund Act (§31-13-450), the South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority may collaborate with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina by providing up to $5,000,000 in existing funds for the current fiscal year. These funds shall be used to increase and preserve affordable homeownership across the state through a lump-sum block grant allocated to Habitat for Humanity South Carolina. Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall administer the affordable housing proposal and oversee programmatic obligations to local Habitat for Humanity affiliates. The two entities shall establish a memorandum of understanding no later than July 31 which outlines the distribution and maintenance of funds and eligible project activities, including a program implementation stipend. Of the $5,000,000, Habitat for Humanity South Carolina shall not allocate more than twenty percent of the total annual funding in any single county during the fiscal year, in accordance with §31-13-445. An annual report summarizing the expenditure of funds shall be submitted to the Governor and the Chairmen of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means committees no later than June 30.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	Morgan	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 75A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\010\h2-sc urge.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: S.C. Urgent Reduction of Government Expenditure) (A) All state agencies and entities receiving General Fund appropriations in part 1A of this act shall develop and submit a plan for a General Fund base budget reduction of ten percent to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways by December 31st, 2025.*

(B) The Department of Administration shall design and promulgate a uniform reporting template for agencies to submit their plan, which must include, at a minimum, the ability to itemize proposed reductions. The template shall include the following information for each proposed itemized reduction based on the Budget Data section of the Annual Accountability Report:

(1) State Funded Program No.;

(2) State Funded Program Title;

(3) Description of State Funded Program;

(4) General Fund amount to be reduced;

(5) Number of State-Funded Employees to be terminated and,

(6) Estimated Impact of the Reduction.

(C) The plan may not include the reduction of staff salaries other than the agency head.

(D) For the purposes of this provision, "entities" includes any subdivisions of the state with a unique section in Part 1A of this act including, but not limited to, Section 91 – Legislative Department, Section 57 – Judicial Department and institutions of higher education./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 75A was not germane.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. PACE continued speaking.
Rep. BANNISTER spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Montgomery	J. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks

Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Haddon
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Teeple	Terribile
White		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

AMENDMENT NO. 55A--RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby Amendment No. 55A was rejected, which was agreed to.

Rep. MOSS proposed the following Amendment No. 55A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\h2-town of pacolet.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 40, DEPARTMENT ON AGING, page 388, after line 20, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AGING: grant forgiveness) The senior center permanent improvement grant awarded to the town of pacolet in 2013 for the renovation of pacolet mill cloth room is hereby forgiven.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 61; Nays 36

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bowers	Brittain	Caskey
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Teeple	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--61

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Beach	Bradley
Bustos	Chapman	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gilliam	Gilreath	Harris
Hartnett	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McGinnis
J. Moore	Morgan	Neese
Oremus	Pace	Rankin
Reese	Sanders	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Wickensimer

Total--36

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 76A to H. 4025 as passed by the House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\vacant fte removal.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Vacant FTE Removal) A) Not later than ninety days after the passage of the General Appropriations Act or by October 1, whichever comes later, the Executive Budget Office (EBO), in consultation with the State Division of Human Resources (DSHR) shall eliminate all vacant FTE positions in each agency which have been vacant for at least 12 months or longer. Agencies shall consult with EBO and DSHR to identify which vacant positions should be eliminated, but the eliminations must align to the funding source for the identified vacant FTE positions. EBO must report the number of FTEs deleted by agency, program, and funding source to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by December 1st of the current fiscal year.*

B) For each State FTE removed, the agency's base budget shall be reduced by the real appropriated amount for the FTE, which shall be transferred into an Income Tax Relief Trust Fund that shall be established and administered by the State Treasurer's Office. The State Treasurer shall maintain these funds in a separate, interest-bearing account, and no funds deposited may be expended or transferred without authorization by the General Assembly. Any interest accrued shall be retained by the fund for the purpose of income tax relief.

C) The following agencies are exempt from this provision:

(1) Section 59 – Office of the Attorney General;

(2) Section 60 – S.C. Commission on Prosecution Coordination;

(3) Section 61 – Commission on Indigent Defense;

(4) Section 100 – Office of the Adjutant General;

(5) Section 101 – Department of Veterans' Affairs;

(6) Section 5 – Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School;

(7) Section 6 – School for the Deaf and the Blind;

(8) Section 35 – Department of Mental Health;

(9) Section 36 – Department of Disabilities and Special Needs;

(10) Section - Department of Public Safety

(11) Section 38 – Department of Social Services;

(12) Section 41 – Department of Children's Advocacy;

(13) Section 7 – Governor's School for Agriculture at John De La Howe;
(14) Section 65 – Department of Corrections;
(15) Section 66 – Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services;
(16) Section 67 – Department of Juvenile Justice;
(17) Section 64 – Law Enforcement Training Council;
(18) Section 84 – Department of Transportation; and,
(19) Section 23 – Medical University of South Carolina./
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Jones
Jordan	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Harris	Hartnett	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Teeple	Terribile	White

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. PACE, CROMER and MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 77A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-forfeit carry forward.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Forfeiture of Carry Forward Funds) (A) There is created an Income Tax Relief Trust Fund that shall be established and administered by the State Treasurer's Office. The State Treasurer shall maintain these funds in a separate, interest-bearing account, and no funds deposited may be expended or transferred without authorization by the General Assembly. Any interest accrued shall be retained by the fund for the purpose of income tax relief.*

(B) Any state agency or any public institution of higher learning that receives state funding in the annual general appropriations act shall forfeit its authorized carry forward funds to the Income Tax Relief Trust Fund unless a certified letter is submitted by the designated authority, agency head, university president, and/or department director to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer affirming that:

(1) No funds will be expended, directly or indirectly, on any initiative, policy, training, program, office, or activity in violation of the terms outlined in the President's Executive Order Number 14173 on Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity; and

(2) Each state agency and public institution of higher learning is in full compliance with both the referenced Executive Order and the DEI legislation passed by the South Carolina House of Representatives.

(C) Failure to submit this certification shall result in the full forfeiture of all carry forward funds into the Income Tax Relief Trust Fund.

(D) Every citizen of South Carolina shall have a private right of action against any state agency or public university that fails to comply with the provisions of this proviso. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds that an agency or university is in violation of the certification requirements, the following shall apply:

(1) All carryforward funds held by the violating agency or university shall be forfeited and redirected as follows:

(i)first, to pay all reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred by the prevailing plaintiff;

(ii) second, a reward of ten thousand dollars shall be paid to the prevailing plaintiff as a "finder's fee"; and

(iii) third, the remaining balance shall be transferred to the Income Tax Relief Trust Fund for the benefit of South Carolina taxpayers.

(E) This proviso shall be liberally construed in favor of transparency, accountability, and the enforcement of DEI compliance as set forth in this proviso. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 77A was not germane.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. CASKEY proposed the following Amendment No. 78A to H. 4025 as passed by the House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\aid fire districts planning.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 553, after line 23, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Aid to Fire District Planning) The S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office in conjunction with the Executive Budget Office shall develop and submit options, including details, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee by December 31st, 2025, to address the Aid to Fire District open-ended status as defined by the Office of the Comptroller General. The options shall ensure that all collections are disbursed to fire districts as prescribed by statute, other sources of collections are not altered, and disbursements are not reliant upon budgetary surpluses. The Department of Insurance and the Office of the State Treasurer shall cooperate with any requests for information from the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GARVIN proposed the following Amendment No. 79A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C060.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 91, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, page 466, after line 11, by adding an

appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(LEG: Gars) In the current fiscal year, the Retirement System for Members of the General Assembly is open to new members, at the election of such member. New members may purchase eligible credited service earned at a previous time as provided by law. The Senate and the House of Representatives may use funds appropriated and authorized in this act to make the necessary employer contributions for each of its members making the election.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GARVIN explained the amendment.

Rep. GARVIN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. BRADLEY proposed the following Amendment No. 80A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\4025C061.CC.DG25.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 566, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: AI appropriations) Any agency or institution that is appropriated or authorized funds for artificial intelligence shall coordinate their efforts and budget requests with the Department of Administration's AI Center of Excellence.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. WILLIAMS proposed the following Amendment No. 81A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house \amend\h-wm\006\h2-dmh pee dee redirect.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 35, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, page 377, after line 26, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DMH: Pee Dee Mental Health Center) The funds appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, section 118.19(76)(H) to the Department of Mental Health for Pee Dee Mental Health Center shall be redirected to Families Engagement Programs, Inc.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WILLIAMS explained the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment which was agreed to by a division vote of 64 to 19.

Rep. KIRBY proposed the following Amendment No. 84A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\ 4025C059. CC.DG25.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 63, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, beginning on page 425, by striking paragraph 63.8 and inserting:

/ 63.8. (DPS: School Safety Program) *(A)* Funds appropriated for the School Safety Program and School Resource Officers in this act shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of hiring certified law enforcement officers to serve as a school resource officer for school districts, including the South Carolina Public Charter School District and schools authorized by an institution of higher learning, that otherwise would lack the adequate resources to hire their own school resource officers. In making determinations of eligibility, the department shall use the most recent index of taxpaying ability as the district's indicator of ability to pay with districts of the lowest index of taxpaying ability receiving priority consideration. Districts, in collaboration with a local law enforcement agency of its choosing, must apply for funding through the department. In making awards the department shall provide funding directly to the local law enforcement agency to pay for the cost of the law enforcement officer that shall serve as a full time school resource officer. Unexpended funds may be carried forward and expended for salaries, equipment, and training. School district superintendents shall provide to the department at the end of each quarter the number of full and part-time school resource officers that currently serve schools in

their respective districts, regardless of the fund sources supporting those officers.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), if local law enforcement agencies are unable to assign certified law enforcement officers to a school district, then a school district may employ private security to serve as school safety officers. No district may employ more than one private security safety officer per school. Upon written certification from such local law enforcement agencies stating the inability to assign certified law enforcement officers to serve as school resource officers, the district may apply for and recieve funding through the department.

(C) The Department of Education shall transfer any fund balance to the Department of Public Safety by August 15.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. KIRBY explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. CROMER proposed the following Amendment No. 18A to H. 4025 as Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\h2-covid-19 proof of vaccination.docx), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 535, proviso 117.137, line 3-7, by amending the proviso to read:

/117.137. (GP: COVID-19 Proof of Vaccination Restriction – ~~Institutions~~) For the current fiscal year, state-supported institutions of higher learning *and public K-12 school districts and public charter school districts shall not* directly or indirectly receive funds appropriated or authorized through the general appropriations act ~~shall be restricted from requiring~~ *if they require* proof of COVID-19 vaccination for any student as a condition of enrollment, attendance at on campus instruction, or residence on campus. In instances of off-campus learning

events for which third party program providers require proof of vaccination, the third party requirements shall apply. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 39; Nays 60

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Beach	Bowers	Burns
Chapman	Chumley	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gibson
Gilreath	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Montgomery
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Sanders
Sessions	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Willis

Total--39

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brittain	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Guest	Hardee	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kirby

Lowe	Luck	Martin
McGinnis	J. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Waters
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams

Total--60

So, the amendment was rejected.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. GATCH proposed the following Amendment No. 70A to H. 4025 as passed by the Hosue (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\summerville redirect.docx), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 29, STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION, page 357, after line 2, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(MUSM: Town of Summerville) The $1,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 226 of 2024, by proviso 118.20(72)(a) to the Children's Museum of the Lowcountry shall be redirected to the Town of Summerville for economic development.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GATCH explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 43; Nays 48

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Brewer
Brittain	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Gagnon	Gatch

Hager	Hardee	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Holman	Hosey
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Vaughan
Whitmire		

Total--43

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Cromer	Edgerton	Forrest
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hiott	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Morgan
Oremus	Rankin	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	Spann-Wilder
Teeple	Terribile	Waters
Wetmore	White	Williams

Total--48

So, the amendment was rejected.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING
H. 4025--General Appropriations Bill

In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
62	**STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Paula Calhoon
District No. 87

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
62	**STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered

into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Brandon Cox
District No. 92

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
42	**HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is [check applicable reasons(s)]:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Henderson-Myers
District No. 31

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
62	**STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**
63	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is [check applicable reasons(s)]:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jason Luck
District No. 54

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. David Martin
District No.26

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business

with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. JA Moore
District No. 15

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
42	**HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is [check applicable reasons(s)]:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency

or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton
District No. 120

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Jordan Pace
District No. 117

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Robby Robbins
District No. 97

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 4025, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
1A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY
40 OFFICE ON AGING
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, a family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.
District No. 67

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H. 4026--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 4026 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin

Total--3

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Joint Resolution having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3862--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 3276--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 4444--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4444 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A ONE-MILE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 378 FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN SALUDA COUNTY WEST TOWARDS THE TOWN OF SALUDA "FIREMAN LANDON 'CALE' BODIE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4445--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4445 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 391 IN SALUDA COUNTY FROM THE LEXINGTON/SALUDA COUNTY LINE EXTENDING ONE MILE NORTH THE "FIRE CHIEF CHAD SATCHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4446--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4446 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF POWELL ROAD IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SINGLETON ROAD TO HAROLD ROAD "DEPUTY SHERIFF LEROY GASQUE SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4216--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4216 -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Forrest, Neese, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Bowers, Gilliam, Teeple, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE

THE INCOME TAX RATE TO A FLAT 3.99 PERCENT AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4216 (LC-4216.DG0010H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 12-6-510(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(1) Notwithstanding subsections (A) and (B), for taxable years beginning after 2025, a tax is imposed on the South Carolina taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts and any other entity except those taxed or exempted from taxation under Sections 12-6-530 through 12-6-550 computed at the following rates with the income brackets indexed in accordance with Section 12-6-520:

(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of item (1), beginning with Tax Year 2027 and each year thereafter, the top marginal income tax rate set forth in item (1) must be decreased if individual income tax revenues collected pursuant to this chapter, minus amounts credited to the Trust Fund for Tax Relief, are projected to increase by at least five percent in the fiscal year that begins during the tax year in comparison to projected individual income tax revenues collected pursuant to this chapter, minus amounts credited to the Trust Fund for Tax Relief, for the current fiscal year. The reduction required by this item shall continue until the top marginal income tax rate equals 1.99 percent.

(b) Beginning with the first tax year after the reduction required by subitem (a) is fully complete, the 1.99 percent must be

decreased in the same manner as provided in subitem (a) until the income tax rate equals zero percent. Additionally, once the reduction required by subitem (a) is fully complete, notwithstanding item (1), the 1.99%, or further reduced rate, shall apply to all South Carolina taxable income.

(c) The Board of Economic Advisors shall make the determination regarding income tax projections beginning with the initial forecast required pursuant to Section 11-9-1130.

(3) If the five percent threshold set forth in item (2) is met, the income tax rate shall be permanently and cumulatively reduced by a percentage that the Board of Economic Advisors projects to result in a reduction in individual income tax revenues collected pursuant to this chapter equal to two hundred million dollars in the fiscal year that begins during the tax year. However, if the five percent threshold set forth in item (2) is met and is not projected to result in increased collections of at least two hundred million dollars in the fiscal year that begins during the tax year, then the reduction is limited to the projected amount of increased collections. Any reduction made pursuant to this subsection must be rounded up to the nearest hundredth of a percent.

(4) Upon the issuance of the initial forecast, the Executive Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, or his designee, shall notify the Department of Revenue of the projected percentage adjustment. The executive director, or his designee, shall provide similar notice if subsequent modifications to the forecast change the projected percentage adjustment. However, the forecast in effect on February fifteenth of the current fiscal year is the final forecast for which the percentage adjustment is determined, and no subsequent forecast modifications may have any effect on that determination.

(D) The department may prescribe tax tables consistent with the rates set pursuant to this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 12-6-50(21) and inserting:

(21) Section 63(b) through (g) relating to standard deductions and the itemized deduction and any other relevant provision of Section 63 that would otherwise allow for standard deductions and the itemized deduction which are hereby specifically not allowed or adopted.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 12-6-1140(15)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) and inserting:

(i) ~~six~~ fifteen thousand dollars for taxpayers that file as single or married filing separately;

(ii) ~~nine~~ twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars for taxpayers that file as head of household; and

(iii) ~~twelve~~ thirty thousand dollars for taxpayers that file as married filing jointly or as a surviving spouse.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 12-6-1140(15)(b)(i), (ii), and (iii) and inserting:

(b)(i) The deduction set forth in subitem (a)(i) is subject to being reduced by a fraction whereby the numerator is the amount the taxpayer's ~~South Carolina taxable~~federal adjusted gross income exceeds ~~thirty~~ forty thousand dollars and the denominator is ~~ten~~ fifty-five thousand.

(ii) The deduction set forth in subitem (a)(ii) is subject to being reduced by a fraction whereby the numerator is the amount the taxpayer's ~~South Carolina taxable~~federal adjusted gross income exceeds ~~forty five~~sixty thousand dollars and the denominator is ~~fifteen~~ eighty-two thousand and five hundred.

(iii) The deduction set forth in subitem (a)(iii) is subject to being reduced by a fraction whereby the numerator is the amount the taxpayer's ~~South Carolina taxable~~federal adjusted gross income exceeds ~~sixty~~ eighty thousand dollars and the denominator is ~~twenty~~ one hundred and ten thousand.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 12-6-3632 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-6-3632. There is allowed as a nonrefundable credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 12-6-510 on a full-year resident individual taxpayer an amount equal to one hundred twenty-five percent of the federal earned income tax credit (EITC) allowed the taxpayer pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 32, but not to exceed two hundred dollars.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Luck	McDaniel

J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Spann-Wilder	Waters
Williams		

Total--19

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. BANNISTER proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4216 (LC-4216.DG0019H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-6-510(C)(3) and inserting:

(3) If the five percent threshold set forth in item (2) is met, the income tax rate shall be permanently and cumulatively reduced by a percentage that the Board of Economic Advisors projects to result in a reduction in individual income tax revenues collected pursuant to this chapter equal to two hundred million dollars in the fiscal year that begins during the tax year or twenty-five percent of the recurring income tax revenue surplus for the fiscal year that begins during the tax year, whichever is greater. The surplus amount must be calculated in the same manner as increases in income tax collections are calculated pursuant to item (2)(a). However, if the five percent threshold set forth in item (2) is met and is not projected to result in increased collections of at least two hundred million dollars in the fiscal year that begins during the tax year, then the reduction is limited to the projected amount of increased collections. Any reduction made pursuant to this subsection must be rounded up to the nearest hundredth of a percent.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. B. NEWTON continued speaking.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 4216 (LC-4216.DG0020H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 6, Title 12 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 12-6-511. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for tax years beginning after 2024, no tax may be imposed on the South Carolina taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts. Any provision of law that requires the imposition or imposition-related requirements, such as filings and withholdings, are no longer effective.

SECTION 2. Sections 12-6-510, 12-6-515, 12-6-520, and 12-6-545 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to tax years beginning after 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Rep. PACE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the motion.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Martin	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Garvin
Gilreath	Grant	Harris
Huff	Jones	Kilmartin
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	J. Moore	Morgan
Pace	Reese	Rose
Terribile	Waters	White

Total--24

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. B. NEWTON spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 68; Nays 46

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Frank
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

Harris	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	J. Moore
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Waters	Wetmore	White
Williams		

Total--46

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4216. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Chris Hart

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HEWITT, from the Georgetown Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 623 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 616 -- Senators Matthews and Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC 46 FROM S-97 (EPPS AVENUE) TO I-95 IN JASPER COUNTY "MAYOR BRONCO BOSTICK HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4501 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RONALD W. HENDERSON, PASTOR OF MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SERVICE TO THE MT. NEBO CONGREGATION AND TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4502 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4503 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CONNER BEAUDIN, A JUNIOR AT BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL, FOR A REMARKABLE WRESTLING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4504 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 2025 AS "ALS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4505 -- Reps. Pedalino, McCabe, Haddon, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE W.R. "CODY" SIMPSON III OF CLARENDON COUNTY ON HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AS STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4506 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA REGION 4 CLASS AAAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4507 -- Reps. Jordan, Kirby, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VIVIAN THOMAS "TONY" WHITLOCK UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FLORENCE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4508 -- Reps. Frank, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH ANNE SMITH OF TAYLORS ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4509 -- Rep. Gilliard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPRESS A SINCERE APOLOGY TO THE VATICAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE DEPICTION AND DISSEMINATION OF IMAGES OF THE PRESIDENT APPEARING DRESSED AS THE POPE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 510 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 2025 AS "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4510 -- Reps. Rivers, Howard, Kirby, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, Anderson, J. E. Johnson, Henderson-Myers, Waters, Gilliard, McDaniel, Alexander, Govan, J. Moore, Bauer, Clyburn, Jones, Luck, Wetmore, Bamberg, Garvin, Bernstein, Dillard, Reese and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-51-90, RELATING TO REDEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR HEIRS TO REDEEM DECEASED OWNERS' PROPERTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4511 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-9-720, RELATING TO SERVICE ON UNKNOWN PARTIES BY PUBLICATION FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN EITHER THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-801, RELATING TO NOTICE TO CREDITORS, SO AS TO ALLOW PUBLICATION ONLINE ON A CENTRALIZED WEBSITE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE COURT OR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4512 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-53-175 SO AS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF A BOND PREMIUM, ESTABLISH A MINIMUM FEE, AND PERMIT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS IN EXCESS OF TEN PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-170, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS OF BONDSMEN OR RUNNERS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO LIMITATIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON BOND AGREEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4513 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN RECORDS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED, UPON REQUEST, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS FREE OF CHARGE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INHERENT RIGHTS OF OBSERVATION WITH REGARDS TO ELECTION PROCESSES FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INVENTORY RECORD-KEEPING PROTOCOLS AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND OTHER SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR DEVICES USED IN ELECTION-RELATED PROCESSES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO CONDUCT POSTELECTION AUDITS IN WHICH ALL VOTES CAST ARE HAND COUNTED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1455 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIONS AND PROTOCOLS THAT MUST BE TAKEN WHEN THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN POSTELECTION AUDIT RESULTS AND TABULATED VOTE COUNTS THAT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4514 -- Reps. Long, T. Moore, Bannister, Yow, Mitchell, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Herbkersman, Burns, Jordan, Gilliam, Taylor, Pope, Hiott, Bowers, Willis, Rankin and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-37, RELATING TO ABORTION COUNSELING FOR MINORS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURES; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-

32, 44-41-33, AND 44-41-34 RELATING TO JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURES FOR MINORS SEEKING ABORTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4515 -- Reps. Long, Bannister, T. Moore, Haddon, Yow, Mitchell, Taylor, W. Newton, Guest, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Rankin and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-63-20, 44-63-100, 44-63-150, AND 63-3-530, ALL RELATING IN PART TO CHANGES TO CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, CORRECTION, OR OTHER CHANGES TO THE GENDER OF INDIVIDUALS AS IT APPEARS ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 44-63-155 SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY FILING A COURT PETITION REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATE COURT ORDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4516 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-5, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4517 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS BILLS OR AMENDMENTS MAY NOT INCLUDE EARMARKED FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR ENTITIES OUTSIDE THE CORE BUDGETARY PROCESS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4518 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-225 SO AS TO REQUIRE SURETY BONDS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS, RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, AND

RESIDENTIAL TRADE REGISTRANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS AGAINST SUCH BONDS LIABILITY LIMITATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-10, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION, SO AS TO MODIFY COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS LICENSEES OF THE COMMISSION, TO RENAME "RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS" AS "RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS," TO CREATE THE "RESIDENTIAL TRADE REGISTRANT" CATEGORY OF LICENSEES, AND TO PROVIDE OTHER NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-25, RELATING TO ROOFING CONTRACT CANCELLATION FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-30, RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-50, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ROSTERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTACTORS BE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTY CLERKS OF COURT ANNUALLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-105, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A MONETARY PENALTY ON CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-110, RELATING TO REVOCATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF LICENSES FOR FINDINGS OF MISCONDUCT AND NONCOMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-140, RELATING TO DENIALS OF LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION BASED ON A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD, SO AS MAKE SUCH DENIALS DISCRETIONARY, TO PROVIDE NEW APPLICANTS MUST SUPPLY CERTAIN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REPORTS FOR THEIR STATES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF SUCH BACKGROUND REPORTS; BY AMENDING

SECTION 40-59-220, RELATING TO LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION FEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE FEES DUE BIENNIALLY INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY, AND TO MAKE REGISTRATION ISSUANCE MANDATORY IF THE APPLICANT ESTABLISHES QUALIFICATIONS THROUGH EXAMINATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-230, RELATING TO LICENSURE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION, SO AS TO MAKE RENEWALS BIENNIAL INSTEAD OF ANNUAL, TO MAKE CERTAIN INACTIVE LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS DISCRETIONARY FOR THE BOARD, AND TO CREATE A TIERED SYSTEM OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS' LICENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-240, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE EXEMPTIONS FROM LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-250, RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN FACTORS INDICATING FINANCIAL STATUS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-260, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FOR PROJECTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR PERSONAL USE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REVISE THE MANDATORY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-300, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING VOLUNTEER LABOR BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT PRESENCE OF A QUALIFIER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-400, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, AND HOME INSPECTING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-410, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, AND HOME INSPECTING MUST BE PRACTICED AND OFFERED THROUGH ENTITIES HOLDING RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-530, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSING OF HOME INSPECTORS,

SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXEMPT PERSONS SHALL REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION AND PAY RELATED FEES, AND TO SUBJECT SUCH REGISTERED EXEMPT PERSONS TO DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO LICENSED HOME INSPECTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-580, RELATING TO REDRESS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR VIOLATIONS BY LICENSEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REMEDIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-600, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR LICENSURE VIOLATIONS BY HOME INSPECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-820, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE CONSTRUCTION DWELLING DEFECTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4519 -- Reps. Holman, Brewer, Neese, Yow, Mitchell, Herbkersman, Guest, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Crawford and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM REQUIRING A PERSON TO DISCLOSE THEIR RACE ON AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OR EMPLOYMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4520 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-172 SO AS TO REQUIRE VOTER REGISTRATION TO INCLUDE PARTY AFFILIATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-17 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CONDUCTING OF CLOSED PRIMARIES IN THIS STATE; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4521 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPARENCY IN CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROMOTE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS RELATED TO

CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING TRANSACTIONS, TO ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS MUST BE SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION AND SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DISCLOSURE, REGISTRATION, FUNDING, LIMITATIONS, AND VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4522 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-420 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL GROOMING OF A MINOR, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4523 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEXUAL OFFENDER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PLACE A SEXUAL OFFENDER IDENTIFIER ON THE DRIVERS' LICENSES OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS AND SEX OFFENDERS, TO PROVIDE A FEE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4524 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-305 SO AS TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN VIDEO MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT EVERY FACILITY ENTRANCE, EXIT, AND COMMON AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING RECORDED IMAGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 102 -- Senators Gambrell and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO MILLAGE RATE INCREASE LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT AN OPERATING MILLAGE ON JANUARY 1, 2025, OR A MUNICIPALITY THAT INCORPORATES AFTER JANUARY 1,

2025, TO IMPOSE AN OPERATING MILLAGE AND TO IMPOSE LIMITATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 163 -- Senators Verdin and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 47 TO TITLE 34 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM ACCEPTING OR REQUIRING PAYMENT USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATING IN A TEST OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES USING DIGITAL CURRENCY FOR TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSETS MAY NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR DISPARATE TAX TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION MAY BE TAXED IF THE TAXATION IS THE SAME AS IF THE TRANSACTION USED UNITED STATES LEGAL TENDER; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY OPERATIONS MAY BE NOT BE SUBJECTED TO DISPARATE ZONING TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS OPERATIONS SHALL NOT PLACE ANY ADDITIONAL STRESS ON THE ELECTRICAL GRID FOR WHICH THEY ARE CONNECTED AND TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL MINING BUSINESSES MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UPON REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN DIGITAL MINING OPERATIONS DO NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN LICENSES AND THAT THOSE WHO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES RELATED TO DIGITAL MINING OR STAKING ARE NOT OFFERING A SECURITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAN PROSECUTE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OR BUSINESS THAT FRAUDULENTLY CLAIM TO BE OFFERING DIGITAL ASSET MINING AS SERVICE OR STAKING AS A SERVICE; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 316 -- Senator Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES AND PROTECTIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHEN BRINGING AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN THE NAME OF THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH

THE REMEDY OF DISGORGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE TO MATERIALS PREPARED OR DRAFTED WHILE INVESTIGATING POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 439 -- Senators Peeler, Turner, Davis, Bennett, Verdin, Alexander, Grooms, Kimbrell, Johnson, Jackson, Sutton, Cromer, Climer, Adams, Zell and Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT FOR THE EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN MANUFACTURING PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. HEWITT moved that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

Rep. HEWITT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolution were ratified:

(R. 26, S. 51) -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

(R. 27, S. 62) -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND,

SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, SO AS PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PRIORITY AND GENERAL APPLICATIONS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NONPUBLIC EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE ITS CORPUS AND REVISE ITS USAGES, TO ESTABLISH A TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT FOR THE FUND AND TO PROVIDE THE QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEE, AND TO ESTABLISH SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATION AMOUNTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND PAYMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE IN MAKING SUCH PAYMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR TRUSTEE PAYMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE TERMS FOR A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRUSTEE'S DUTIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY TERMINATION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO RESTATE THE SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANT NUMBER LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, ENABLE INCREASES, AND REMOVE A PERIODIC PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND USE REVIEW REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-8-145, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS FOR RELATED ASSISTANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-8-147 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE

DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE A GRACE PERIOD FOR APPLICANTS TO CORRECT MINOR ERRORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXPAND EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO REVISE EMPLOYEE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REMOVE A PROVISION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE RELATED REGULATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO RESTATE THE SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO DISTRICT-LEVEL STUDENT TRANSFER POLICIES, SO AS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING LANGUAGE WITH PROVISIONS CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION FROM HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE PROVISION APPLICABLE TO SCHOLARSHIP AND NONSCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS ARE SUBJECT TO HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY RULES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE LOTTERY FUNDING, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND.

(R. 28, S. 103) -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCTS THAT ARE CELL-CULTURED MEATS, SO AS TO DEFINE “CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT” AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCTS.

(R. 29, S. 164) -- Senator Campsen: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-23-115, 1-23-120, AND 1-23-125, ALL RELATING TO THE

REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY THE FOLLOWING JANUARY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-HUNDRED-TEN-DAY LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PERIOD.

(R. 30, S. 165) -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION FUND AND THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED.

(R. 31, S. 213) -- Senator Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

(R. 32, S. 219) -- Senator Goldfinch: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

(R. 33, S. 220) -- Senator Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON

ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL, AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-12-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES TO THE DEFINITION OF "PERSON"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-12-220, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON INVESTMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-12-430, RELATING TO ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR INSURER HOLDINGS, SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES.

(R. 34, S. 275) -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "DIRECT-CURRENT-FAST-CHARGING STATION," "ELECTRIC VEHICLE," AND "ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROVIDER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTRIC UTILITIES OR OTHER PROVIDERS THAT OFFER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A FAIR, REASONABLE, AND NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS AND SHALL NOT PROVIDE AN UNREASONABLE ADVANTAGE FOR

DIRECT-CURRENT-FAST-CHARGING-STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

(R. 35, S. 276) -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-400, 63-11-410, AND 63-11-420, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 36, S. 307) -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Williams and Walker: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAMS, AND TO ESTABLISH INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES; AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

(R. 37, S. 345) -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

(R. 38, S. 367) -- Senator Campsen: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 21, TITLE 50 ENTITLED "ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS" SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN

MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF A DERELICT VESSEL WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS REMOVAL; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON.

(R. 39, S. 425) -- Senators Davis, Hembree, Ott, Elliott, Jackson, Rankin and Devine: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUALLY SHALL IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF ITS STUDENTS WHO LIVE IN POVERTY AND INCREASE ACCESS TO FREE SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR THESE STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SCHOOLS, AND SCHOOL BOARDS, AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SUSPENDED IF CERTAIN FEDERAL FUNDING IS SUSPENDED OR DISCONTINUED.

(R. 40, S. 522) -- Senators Grooms and Campsen: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ACT 1235 OF 1970 SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AIRPORT DISTRICT TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AIRPORT DISTRICT AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY TO THE CHARLESTON REGIONAL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

(R. 41, H. 3196) -- Reps. Erickson, G.M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M.M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple, Grant, Hartnett, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Govan, Calhoon, Ligon, Lawson, Yow, Edgerton, Cromer, Reese, Gilliard,

Alexander, Rivers, Oremus, Hartz and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR THE PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-160, RELATING TO ACTIONS CONSTITUTING JUST CAUSE GROUNDS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION PURPOSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530,

RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM BREACH OF CONTRACT FINDINGS FOR TEACHERS WHO MOVE TO BONA FIDE RESIDENCES IN NONCONTIGUOUS COUNTIES DURING THE CONTRACT TERM, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-40, RELATING TO CONTINUING CONTRACT STATUS FOR TEACHERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLETION OF COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYING DISTRICTS SHALL AWARD CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL TO CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SUCH COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-45, RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATOR TEACHING CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH CERTIFICATES LIFETIME IN DURATION INSTEAD OF RENEWABLE, TO PROVIDE SUCH TEACHERS MAY TEACH ON A FULL-TIME BASIS OR PART-TIME BASIS, AND TO EXEMPT SUCH TEACHERS FROM CERTIFICATE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

(R. 42, H. 3333) -- Reps. Davis, B.J. Cox and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

(R. 43, H. 3432) -- Reps. W. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

(R. 44, H. 3472) -- Reps. McCabe, W. Newton, Pedalino, Hixon, Gibson, Gagnon, Calhoon, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-2-401, RELATING TO EXEMPT PROPERTIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF EXEMPT PROPERTIES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(R. 45, H. 3947) -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-345 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LICENSEES WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR LICENSE RENEWAL IF THEY WERE IN GOOD STANDING, WERE LICENSED IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND WERE AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF EXPIRATION, TO PROVIDE SUCH APPLICANTS FOR RENEWAL MUST PAY A RENEWAL FEE, AND TO EXEMPT LICENSEES MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:11 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, adjourned in memory of Mary Bolen Vaux, to meet at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 49:22: "Thus says the Lord God, I will soon lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples."

Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father, thank You for coming to us in this place as these people represent the citizens of our State. Lift them up as You have promised, that they may be encouraged to do the work assigned them. You are the One who can meet every need. Give them the needed strength and integrity and help them discern the right path to take. Give each Your special blessing. Continue to care for and provide the needed direction for our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom, at home and abroad, as they protect us. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Robert Ridgeway III of Clarendon County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3858
Date:	ADD:
05/07/25	KIRBY, HIXON, CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4176
Date:	ADD:
05/07/25	GILLIARD and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4519
Date:	ADD:
05/07/25	POPE, WICKENSIMER, HIXON, FORREST, DUNCAN, SANDERS, CHAPMAN, WOOTEN, LANDING, BRADLEY, PEDALINO, HAGER, SESSIONS, GATCH, J. E. JOHNSON, J. L. JOHNSON, RANKIN, GILLIAM, TEEPLE, HARTNETT, ROBBINS, ANDERSON, T. MOORE, J. MOORE, DAVIS and MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3876
Date:	REMOVE:
05/07/25	MCGINNIS

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 618 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 389 OF 1907, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO RESTATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAFFNEY, TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER OF ELECTION AND OF ELECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL ACT 205 OF 1953 AND ACT 128 OF 1967 RELATED TO THE BOARD.

S. 623--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 623 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Rep. HEWITT proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 623 (LC-623.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION 1. Georgetown County is exempt from building requirements for properties within, or affected by, the limit of moderate wave action line as shown on the May 9, 2023, flood insurance rate map and may enforce AE standards as set forth in Georgetown County's Flood Damage Prevention ordinance and the current state building code.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. The provisions of this act are repealed upon the adoption of the next limit of moderate wave action line.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HEWITT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones

Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3974 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Erickson, Schuessler, Bauer, Guffey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE

SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder, Weeks, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel, Waters, Alexander and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

H. 3453 -- Reps. Rose, Pope, Spann-Wilder and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-20, RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN'S CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE TUITION IF THAT CHILD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE BIRTH.

H. 4478 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott, Pope, McGinnis and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-50, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER PROHIBITING FIRES, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF THE PROHIBITION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR BROADCAST OF THE PROHIBITION ON ALL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA.

H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF A LICENSEE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-

80, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BY JULY 1, 2025.

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER THE PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING, AND TO PROVIDE NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

S. 221 -- Senator Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO

CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

H. 3858--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest, Oremus, Kirby, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3858 (LC-3858.SA0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-23-70(A) and inserting:

(A) The fee for a certificate of title for a watercraft is ~~ten~~ twenty dollars~~, and the fee for a certificate of title for an outboard motor is ten dollars~~.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-23-200(1) and inserting:

(1) alter, forge, or counterfeit a certificate of title or manufacturer's or importer's statement of origin for a watercraft ~~or~~ or for an outboard motor;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-23-205(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A) A stolen or abandoned, junked, adrift, destroyed, or salvaged watercraft ~~or outboard motor~~, a watercraft or outboard motor for which the true owner is not determined, or a watercraft ~~or outboard motor~~ on which the manufacturer's or assigned serial number has been destroyed, removed, covered, altered, or defaced may be seized.

(B) Upon seizure of the watercraft ~~or outboard motor~~, the department shall notify a person claiming an interest in it, and the person has the right to prove his interest before the circuit court in the county where the property was seized. If no action is filed within sixty days of notification, the department may retain the property for official use or transfer the property to another public entity for official use, sell the property at public auction, or, if the watercraft or outboard motor is determined to be unsafe, destroy it. The proceeds derived from the sale must be deposited in the Boating Operating Fund of the department for administration of the program.

(C) When the department determines the owner of a seized watercraft or outboard motor and related marine equipment, it shall notify the owner by certified mail of the procedure, the location, and the fact that he has not less than thirty days from the date of the certified letter to remove the equipment from the department's storage facility. If a security interest has been perfected, the department must notify the lienholder by certified mail allowing thirty days to respond. Failure to respond within thirty days or remove the watercraft or outboard motor by the date designated forfeits the equipment to the department to be used or disposed of according to law.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-23-250 and inserting:

Section 50-23-250. The director, for the purpose of more effectively carrying out the provisions of this chapter, shall have the power to employ and appoint the necessary enforcement officers for enforcement of this chapter. The duties of such enforcement officers shall include but not be limited to investigating applications for certificate of title, inspecting watercraft, or outboard motors, in or at public facilities for purposes of locating stolen property, and investigating and reporting thefts of watercraft~~, or outboard motors~~. With respect to the enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, such

enforcement officers shall have and may exercise throughout this State all of the powers of peace officers.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 12-37-220(54) and inserting:

(54) ~~fifty~~42.8571 percent of the fair market value of watercraft as defined in Section 50-23-5, regardless of the county in which the watercraft is located, however, this exemption does not apply to boats and watercraft classified as a primary or secondary residence as provided for in 12-34-224.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COLLINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BREWER proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3858 (LC-3858.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 6 and inserting:

SECTION X.A. Section 12-37-220(B) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(54) 42.8571 percent of the fair market value of watercraft as defined in Section 50-23-5; however, this exemption does not apply to a boat or watercraft classified as a primary or secondary residence as provided for in 12-37-224.

B. A boat or watercraft that qualifies for both the exemption set forth in Section 12-37-220(B)(38)(b) and the exemption set forth Section 12-37-220(B)(54) of the S.C. Code is only eligible for the higher effective exemption. Such exemptions cannot be combined and are not cumulative.

C. Section 12-37-220(B)(38)(b) is repealed on January 1, 2030, and thereafter, any ordinance adopted pursuant thereto, is null and void, and shall not apply to any property tax year beginning after 2029.

D. Notwithstanding the exemption amount allowed pursuant to Section 12-37-220(B)(54), as added by subsection A of this SECTION, the percentage exemption amount is phased-in in three equal and cumulative percentage installments, applicable for property tax years beginning after 2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BREWER explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 89; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Howard	Huff
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliam	Gilliard	King
Luck	McDaniel	Waters
Weeks		

Total--7

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was out of the Chamber meeting with constituents during the vote on H. 3858. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jerry Govan

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3858. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Lee Gilreath

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3858. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Heath Sessions

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3858. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3858. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. John McCravy

H. 3876--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford, B. L. Cox, Henderson-Myers and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS MERCHANTS OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF

REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

The Ways and Means Committee proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3876 (LC-3876.DG0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 8.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COLLINS explained the amendment.

Reps. OREMUS, FRANK, PACE, MAGNUSON, EDGERTON, BEACH, WHITE, BALLENTINE, CHAPMAN, MORGAN, TERRIBILE, LIGON, GILREATH, CROMER and HUFF requested debate on the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARRIS a temporary leave of absence.

H. 4129--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck, Atkinson, Bamberg and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

Reps. LONG and BREWER proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4129 (LC-4129.AHB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-19-5 and inserting:

Section 16-19-5. (A) For the purposes of this chapter, a person who pays a fee to participate in a game, activity, or event in which skill predominates over chance including, but not limited to, a Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tournament; a National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) event; a billfishing or bass fishing

tournament; an Association of Tennis Professional Tour event or Women's Tennis Association Tour event; a turkey shoot; or any non-card-based predominant skill game, activity, or event, and receives a thing of value proportionate to how skillfully he plays in the game, activity, or event is not gambling.

(B) Nothing in this section should be misinterpreted as permitting any physical or electronic card-based game when skill predominates the outcome of the game, activity, or event is determined primarily by the participant's mental or physical abilities, strategy, or learned capacity. If the game, activity, or event involves a material element of chance by which the outcome is determined through randomness, defeating the participants skill, such as "turn of a card" or "roll of the dice" this is gambling and therefore illegal.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LONG explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard

Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Calhoon	Cromer
Edgerton	Gilreath	Ligon
McCabe	McCravy	White

Total--9

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3802--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing, Teeple, Edgerton, Magnuson, J. L. Johnson, Bamberg, Sanders, Bowers, Pope, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES,

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3802 (LC-3802.WAB0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-63-100(B)(3) and (4) and inserting:

(3) student participating in interscholastic activities~~, cocurricular activities, extracurricular activities, or career and technical education~~:

(a) resides within the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates; or

(b) in the case of a Governor's school student, resides or attends a Governor's school within the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates;~~ and~~

(4) student notifies the superintendent of the school district in writing of his intent to participate in the interscholastic activity, cocurricular activity, extracurricular activity, or career and technical education as a representative of the school before the beginning date of the season for the activity in which he wishes to participate~~.~~; and

(5) district has space available for the student pursuant to district policy established pursuant to subsection (K).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-63-100(J) and inserting:

(J) For purposes of this section~~,~~:

(1) a Governor's school student or a home school student may participate at the same time in interscholastic activities, curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and career and technical education, without limitation or additional requirements imposed by the district that are not placed on students enrolled in the district~~.~~; and

(2) a home school student transferring from one public high school to another public high school in grades nine through eleven or from one public middle school to another public middle school in grades six through eight is not subject to any prohibition by the South Carolina High School League, or its successor organization, on a transfer student from participating in an interscholastic sport upon transfer. After the initial transfer, any subsequent transfer by a student to another public school shall be subject to the South Carolina High School League, or its successor organization's eligibility rules.

(K) The State Department of Education shall develop model guidelines for home school students to participate in cocurricular activities, extracurricular activities, or career and technical education in schools within or outside of their public school attendance zone. The model guidelines shall assist local boards of trustees in establishing a home school student interdistrict participation policy. The model guidelines shall serve as the minimum standard, ensuring a baseline of expectations for all districts. Each local policy shall be based on an evaluation of available data reflecting student, school, district, and community needs to ensure access and efficient resource allocation. The policy must include and describe the application requirements, timelines, communication plans, capacity standards, approval and denial criteria, priorities of acceptance, and transportation. Capacity standards are required to be based on objective measures such as facility constraints, staffing levels, and class size limits. A school district may, but is not required to, expand capacity at a school or in a program to accommodate increased demand for home school student program participation. Each district shall review and publicly post available capacity for home school student participation on its website and update this information at least annually. School districts are not required to provide transportation but must disclose their transportation policy. Districts may establish cost-sharing agreements for home school students who require transportation. All school districts must have a home school student participation policy in place within one hundred twenty days of the publication of the model guidelines by the department. Any school district with an existing home school student participation policy must review and ensure compliance with this section within sixty days of its enactment. The department shall review all local home school student participation policies to ensure alignment with the model guidelines. If a district fails to meet minimum standards, the department may withhold administrative funding until the district demonstrates full compliance. The provisions of this chapter do not restrict a school district's ability to enact or enforce a home school student participation policy.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the expiration of time on the uncontested calendar, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 1.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. ERICKSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3802--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 1:

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing, Teeple, Edgerton, Magnuson, J. L. Johnson, Bamberg, Sanders, Bowers, Pope, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3802 (LC-3802.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-63-100(B)(3) and (4) and inserting:

(3) student participating in interscholastic activities~~, cocurricular activities, extracurricular activities, or career and technical education~~:

(a) resides within the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates; or

(b) in the case of a Governor’s school student, resides or attends a Governor’s school within the attendance boundaries of the school for which the student participates;~~ and~~

(4) student notifies the superintendent of the school district in writing of his intent to participate in the interscholastic activity, cocurricular activity, extracurricular activity, or career and technical education as a representative of the school before the beginning date of the season for the activity in which he wishes to participate~~.~~; and

(5) district has space available for the student pursuant to district

policy established pursuant to subsection (K).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-63-100(J) and inserting:

(J) For purposes of this section~~,~~:

(1) a Governor's school student or a home school student may participate at the same time in interscholastic activities, curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and career and technical education, without limitation or additional requirements imposed by the district that are not placed on students enrolled in the district~~.~~; and

(2) a home school student transferring from one public high school to another public high school in grades nine through eleven or from one public middle school to another public middle school in grades six through eight is not subject to any prohibition by the South Carolina High School League, or its successor organization, on a transfer student from participating in an interscholastic sport upon transfer. After the initial transfer, any subsequent transfer by a student to another public school shall be subject to the South Carolina High School League, or its successor organization's eligibility rules.

(K) The State Department of Education shall develop model guidelines for home school students to participate in cocurricular activities, extracurricular activities, or career and technical education in schools within or outside of their public school attendance zone. The model guidelines shall assist local boards of trustees in establishing a home school student interdistrict participation policy. The model guidelines shall serve as the minimum standard, ensuring a baseline of expectations for all districts. Each local policy shall be based on an evaluation of available data reflecting student, school, district, and community needs to ensure access and efficient resource allocation. The policy must include and describe the application requirements, timelines, communication plans, capacity standards, approval and denial criteria, priorities of acceptance, and transportation. Capacity standards are required to be based on objective measures such as facility constraints, staffing levels, and class size limits. A school district may, but is not required to, expand capacity at a school or in a program to accommodate increased demand for home school student program participation. Each district shall review and publicly post available capacity for home school student participation on its website and update this information at least annually. School districts are not required to provide transportation but must disclose their transportation policy. Districts may establish cost-sharing agreements for home school students who require transportation. All school districts must have a home school student participation policy

in place within one hundred twenty days of the publication of the model guidelines by the department. Any school district with an existing home school student participation policy must review and ensure compliance with this section within sixty days of its enactment. The department shall review all local home school student participation policies to ensure alignment with the model guidelines. If a district fails to meet minimum standards, the department may withhold administrative funding until the district demonstrates full compliance. The provisions of this chapter do not restrict a school district's ability to enact or enforce a home school student participation policy.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin

Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3802. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 7, 2025
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3802, amending Section 59-63-100, relating to participation in interscholastic activities of public school districts by home school, charter school, and governor's school students, so as to include participation in cocurricular activities, extracurricular activities, and career and technical education, to provide equal treatment for such students and students enrolled in public schools in the district, and to define necessary terms, among other things. Out of an abundance of caution, I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Paula Calhoon
House District Number 87

S. 507--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 507 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Howard	J. L. Johnson

Total--2

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 214--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, ITS COMPOSITION, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION BE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 214 (LC-214.SA0003H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 1-31-40 and inserting:

Section 1-31-40. ~~(A) The commission shall:~~

~~(1) provide the minority community consisting of African Americans, Native American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, and otherswith a single point of contact for statistical and technical assistance in the areas of research and planning for a greater economic future;~~

~~(2) work with minority officials on the state, county, and local levels of government in disseminating statistical data and its impact on their constituencies;~~

~~(3) provide for publication of a statewide statistical abstract on minority affairs;~~

~~(4) provide statistical analyses for members of the General Assembly on the state of minority communities as the State experiences economic growth and changes;~~

~~(5) provide the minority community with assistance and information on Voting Rights Act submissions in the State, as well as other related areas of concern to the minority community;~~

~~(6) determine, approve, and acknowledge by certification state recognition for Native American Indian entities; however, notwithstanding their state certification, the tribes have no power or authority to take any action which would establish, advance, or promote any form of gambling in this State;~~

~~(7) establish advisory committees representative of minority groups, as the commission considers appropriate to advise the~~

~~commission;~~

~~(8) act as liaison with the business community to provide programs and opportunities to fulfill its duties under this chapter;~~

~~(9) seek federal and other funding on behalf of the State of South Carolina for the express purpose of implementing various programs and services for African Americans, Native American Indians, Hispanics/Latinos, Asians, and other minority groups;~~

~~(10) promulgate regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this article including, but not limited to, regulations regarding State Recognition of Native American Indian entities in the State of South Carolina;~~

~~(11) establish and maintain a twenty-four hour toll free telephone number and electronic website in accordance with Section 8-30-10; and~~

~~(12) perform other duties necessary to implement programs.~~

~~(B) The commission may delegate these powers and duties as necessary.~~

~~(C) Nothing in this chapter recognizes, creates, extends, or forms the basis of any right or claim of interest in land or real estate in this State for any Native American tribe which is recognized by the State.~~ The primary purpose of the commission is to enforce the provisions of Article 29, Chapter 1, Title 1.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 29

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Section 1-1-1910. (A) The State of South Carolina is charged with enforcing our civil-rights laws. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that it does so by ending illegal preferences and discrimination.

(B) It is the policy of the State of South Carolina to protect the civil rights of all citizens of South Carolina and to promote individual initiative, excellence, and hard work. Accordingly, all public entities of this State, including all public institutions of higher learning, all of its political subdivisions, and public school districts and public charter schools, must:

(1) terminate all discriminatory and illegal preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, and requirements; and

(2) enforce the state's longstanding civil rights laws to combat illegal private-sector DEI mandates, policies, programs, and activities.

Section 1-1-1920. (A) For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Public entity" means any agency, office, division, or other unit by any name of every agency, office, or department of this State, and all of its political subdivisions, including all institutions of higher learning and public school districts and public charter schools.

(2) "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" means any preferences, mandates, policies, programs, activities, guidance, regulations, enforcement actions, consent orders, or requirements implemented by a public entity that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

Section 1-1-1930. Except as required by federal law, a public entity shall not:

(1) implement, maintain, or promote diversity, equity, and inclusion including, but not limited to, influencing employment practices or admissions on the basis of diversity, equity, or inclusion;

(2) give preferential treatment on the basis of diversity, equity, and inclusion;

(3) compel, require, induce, or solicit any person to provide a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a diversity, equity, and inclusion statement;

(4) establish or support any office, unit or division within that public entity that is established or exists, in whole or in part, for the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion; or

(5) require an individual to participate in a diversity, equity, and inclusion program or training.

Section 1-1-1940. (A) Before any public entity may enter into any contract or award any grant, the applicable contractor or grant recipient must certify that it does not operate any unlawful programs or hiring practices that violate state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(B) Before any public entity may make a contribution, disbursement, transfer, or distribution of any funds, regardless of source and including lottery scholarship funding, to an organization, the organization must certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI in violation of any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

(C) The head of each public entity shall include in every contract, grant, or incentives award:

(1) a term requiring the contractual counterparty or grant or incentives recipient to agree that its compliance in all respects with all applicable state and federal antidiscrimination laws is material to the

government's decision to award such contract, grant, or incentive; and

(2) a term requiring such counterparty or recipient to certify that it does not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate any applicable state or federal antidiscrimination laws.

Section 1-1-1950. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Accrediting agency" means an agency or association that accredits institutions of higher learning.

(2) "Accreditation cycle" means the period of time during which a constituent institution is accredited.

(B) An institution of higher learning shall pursue accreditation with an accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency if its current accrediting agency requires the institution of higher learning to maintain a DEI program that constitutes illegal discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(C) If the institution is not granted candidacy status by any regional accrediting agency that is different from its current accrediting agency at least three years prior to the expiration of its current accreditation, the institution may remain with its current accrediting agency for an additional accreditation cycle.

Section 1-1-1960. (A)(1) This article does not apply to lawful state or private sector employment and contracting preferences for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces or persons protected by the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107, et seq.

(2) This article does not prevent state or local governments, contractors, or federally funded state and local educational agencies or institutions of higher education from engaging in First Amendment-protected speech.

(B)(1) This article is not intended to and does not create any private right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

(2) The Inspector General may investigate and address or enforce any allegations of violations of this article. The Inspector General shall develop a process and platform whereby complaints may be filed regarding potential violations of this article. An individual making a report pursuant to this article is protected by the provisions set forth in Chapter 27, Title 8.

(3) Every public entity shall report to the Department of Administration by August first of each year the total number and nature of the complaints made to the respective entity in the previous year regarding a violation of the provisions of this article and the resolution,

or status, of the complaint. The department shall provide a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Inspector General, and the Attorney General by October first of each year summarizing this information. Nothing in this item requires the disclosure of the identity of the individual who made the complaint.

(4) The Attorney General may enforce the provisions of this article and may bring an action for injunctive or declaratory relief in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 1-1-1970. (A) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to infringe upon, diminish, or otherwise take away any rights, protections, or privileges afforded to individuals with disabilities under the laws of this State or the United States including, but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, and any other applicable federal or state law.

(B) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

(C) The provisions of this article shall not be construed to limit any person's right to pursue any additional civil remedy otherwise allowed by law.

SECTION X. Section 1-13-110 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to Fiscal Year 2025-2026 and School Year 2025-2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HART raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 1 to S. 214 was not germane.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* cited House Rule 9.3 and stated that the Bill's substantial effect concerned the makeup of the membership of the Commission on Minority Affairs. He stated that Amendment No. 1 concerned the purposes, activities, and operations of the Minority Affairs Commission and went beyond the scope of the bill. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled Amendment No. 1 out of order.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 214 (LC-214.SA0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. The State Commission for Minority Affairs is hereby eliminated. Any funds, including carry forward funds, appropriated to the commission must be reverted to the General Fund.

SECTION 2. Chapter 31, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam

Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Ligon	Long
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Rankin
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House recede until 2:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:30 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.
A quorum was later present.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. W. NEWTON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

S. 214--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill:

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, ITS COMPOSITION, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION BE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

Rep. GRANT spoke against the Bill.
Rep. GOVAN spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hiott	Hixon	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. WOOTEN asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4186 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. KING objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall S. 534 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. CROMER objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BERNSTEIN asked unanimous consent to recall S. 11 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. CROMER objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3762 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HUFF objected.

H. 3862--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS PREFERENCES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 3127--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0011H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) A law enforcement officer may not engage in a vehicle pursuit with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless the patrol vehicle has at least one million dollars in automobile liability insurance coverage.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ROBBINS raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 1 was not germane to H. 3127.

Rep. RUTHERFORD argued contra.

The SPEAKER stated that the Bill concerned legal penalties for failure to stop for a blue light, but the Amendment required minimum insurance coverage for law enforcement vehicles. He stated the Amendment's effect and impact went beyond the scope of the Bill, and he sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 2A to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0010H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(H) (1) A law enforcement officer may not engage in vehicle pursuits with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless:

(a) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed a crime of violence as defined in Section 16-23-10;

(b) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has escaped from a state or local detention facility; or

(c) the officer has received authorization to engage in the pursuit from a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit. The supervisor must consider alternatives to the pursuit before permitting authorization.

(2) A pursuing officer or supervisor must consider safety hazards including, but not limited to, speed, weather, traffic, road conditions, and if minors are present in the vehicles while in pursuit or supervising a pursuit.

(3) No later than January 1, 2026, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council shall establish supplemental statewide policies, procedures, and training courses that may further advise upon or restrict the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to engage in vehicle pursuit. State and local law enforcement agencies must abide by all vehicle pursuit policies, procedures, and training requirements adopted by the training council.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.
Rep. ROBBINS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ROBBINS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. ROBBINS proposed the following Amendment No. 3A to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0015H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3) and inserting:

(3) where the person is found to have led law enforcement upon a high-speed pursuit, the person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for ~~not less than one year and~~ not more than ~~five~~ ten years~~, no part of which may be suspended,~~ and the person's driver's license must be suspended for a period of one year from the date of conviction. For the purposes of this section, a high-speed pursuit occurs when the driver of the vehicle increases speed or takes evasive actions to avoid the pursuing law enforcement vehicle.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton

Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Clyburn	Dillard	Gilliard
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	McDaniel	Rivers
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	

Total--14

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 3276--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Govan	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Martin	McCabe	McGinnis
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bowers	Burns
Chumley	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guffey
Harris	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	King
Long	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCravy	Mitchell
J. Moore	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Reese	Rutherford
Sessions	Spann-Wilder	Terribile
Waters	White	Williams
Yow		

Total--37

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3175--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3058--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton, B. Newton and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY

DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber in a leadership meeting during the vote on H. 3058. As a primary sponsor on the Bill, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Tommy Pope

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

H. 3910--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

H. 4216--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4216 -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Forrest, Neese, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Bowers, Gilliam, Teeple, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX RATE TO A FLAT 3.99 PERCENT AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS,

SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.

Rep. HUFF demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 64; Nays 47

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Cromer
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Garvin	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Harris	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Luck	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Terribile	Waters	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--47

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

S. 614--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 614 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME HOLLY HALL ROAD IN BEAUFORT COUNTY "REVEREND JEANNINE R. SMALLS ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 617--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 617 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SHAWS CREEK BRIDGE ON US 1 IN AIKEN COUNTY AS THE "VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 620--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 620 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY 276 AT 35º5'30" N BY 82º36'53" W IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "ALAMO COVE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 625--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 625 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SC 340 AND I-20 IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "GOVERNOR DAVID M. BEASLEY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 627--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 627 -- Senators Chaplin and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE LAKE PRESTWOOD BRIDGE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY "SPEAKER JAY LUCAS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 616--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 616 -- Senators Matthews and Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC 46 FROM S-97 (EPPS AVENUE) TO I-95 IN JASPER COUNTY "MAYOR BRONCO BOSTICK HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 3832--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR

CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 4176--CONTINUED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rose, Robbins, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bamberg, Govan, Grant, Kirby, Alexander, Garvin, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to continue the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 287--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett, Graham and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment

No. 1 to S. 287 (LC-287.VR0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(A)(7) and inserting:

(7) "Packaging" means any receptacle that uses reasonable, commercially available technology that reduces the ability of a minor to access the contents of the receptacle, prevents tampering or contamination, and contains an ENDS product.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(D), (E), (F), and (G) and inserting:

(D) The certification form shall prescribe such information as the Attorney General determines, but shall, at a minimum, separately list each brand name, category, product name, and flavor, and both the name of any foreign company or companies physically manufacturing each ENDS product and/or component and the full address of the foreign company or companies at which the ENDS product or component thereof is physically manufactured for each ENDS product that is sold in South Carolina.

(E) The information submitted by the manufacturer pursuant to ~~subsection~~subsections (C) and (D) ~~of this section~~ is exempt from disclosure under Chapter 30, Title 4, the Freedom of Information Act. The Attorney General shall not disclose such information except as required or authorized by law.

(F) Any manufacturer submitting a certification pursuant to subsection (B) shall notify the Attorney General within thirty days of any material change to the certification, including a change to the name, brand style, ~~or~~ packaging, or location of the manufacturing facilities of a certified ENDS product covered under subsection (B)(1) or (2), or the issuance by the FDA of:

(1) a marketing granted order pursuant to 21 U.S.C. Section 387j;

(2) an order revoking a marketing authorization or other order with respect to a manufacturer or an ENDS product; or

(3) any notice of action taken by the FDA affecting the ability of the ENDS product to be introduced or delivered into interstate commerce for commercial distribution.

(G) The Attorney General shall develop and maintain a directory listing all manufacturers of ENDS products that have provided certifications, including all information provided in the certification form as required by subsection (D), that comply with this section and all ENDS products that are listed in those certifications.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(M) and inserting:

(M) The Attorney General, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), or the South Carolina Department of Revenue or any state or local law enforcement agency shall have the power to enforce the provisions of this section and to seize and destroy any ENDS products that are not listed on the directory, at the end of the grace periods provided herein, and which are in possession of a distributor or retailer. The cost of seizure and destruction shall be borne by the ~~distributor or retailer from whom the ENDS products are seized~~manufacturer.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(N)(1) and inserting:

(N)(1) Except as provided in ~~paragraphs~~items (2) and (3) of this subsection, beginning ~~October 1, 2025~~April 1, 2026, or on the date that the Attorney General first makes the directory available for public inspection on its official website, whichever is later, ENDS products not included in the directory, may not be sold for retail sale in South Carolina, either directly or through an importer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer, or similar intermediary or intermediaries.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(P)(3) and inserting:

(3) A manufacturer shall provide written notice to the Attorney General thirty calendar days prior to the termination of the authority of an agent appointed pursuant to ~~paragraphs~~items (1) and (2) of this subsection. No less than five calendar days prior to the termination of an existing agent appointment, a manufacturer shall provide to the Attorney General the name, address, and telephone number of its newly appointed agent for service of process and shall provide any other information relating to the new appointment as may be requested by the Attorney General. In the event an agent terminates an agency appointment, the manufacturer shall notify the Attorney General of the termination within five calendar days and shall include proof to the satisfaction of the Attorney General of the appointment of a new agent.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(X)(2) and inserting:

(2) use, in the labeling or design of the product, its packaging, its advertisement, or in its marketing materials, images of or references to children's toys, cartoons, cartoon characters, superheroes, television shows, video games and movies, or other similar characters or references, that have been commonly used to market products to minors;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-95-65(Z) and inserting:

(Z) To the extent that 21 USC Section 387(j) is amended, or subsequent regulations or other official federal guidance is issued, changing compliance requirements or standards for an ENDS product to become federally compliant, each manufacturer of an ENDS product that is sold for retail in South Carolina must submit documentation to the Attorney General substantiating compliance with such new federal requirements or standards within thirty days of when compliance with requirement or standard is mandated. Verified compliance with new federal requirements or standards shall be grounds for adding a manufacturer and their ENDS products to the directory established pursuant to subsection (G).

(AA) A retailer must utilize commercially available age verification software to scan a state or federal issued identification in order to verify the purchaser of an ENDS product is eighteen years of age or older.

(BB) All ENDS products sold in this State must have on the packaging up-to-date commercially available labeling that allows a retailer and purchaser to scan the product prior to purchase to determine who manufactured the product, any distributer, wholesaler, person or entity who possessed the product prior to the retailer or consumer, the ingredients contained in the product, documentation attesting to compliance with state and federal laws regarding ENDS products, and the date it was manufactured and where it was manufactured.

(CC) The Attorney General may promulgate regulations for the implementation and enforcement of this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, <<section_placeholder>> , by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

SECTION 2. (A) The first certification required pursuant to Section 44-95-65(B) shall be required by ~~August 1, 2025~~April 1, 2026.

(B) The directory established pursuant to Section 44-95-65~~(E)~~(G) shall be operational by ~~October 1, 2025~~April 1, 2026, or on the date that the Attorney General first makes the directory available, whichever is later. The Attorney General shall notify retailers, wholesalers, and distributors of ENDS products when the directory is operational.

(C) The provisions contained in Section 44-95-65~~(I)~~(K) and ~~(M)~~(Q) shall be effective on the date that the directory established pursuant to Section 44-95-65~~(E)~~(G) is operational.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of

incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; including, without limitation, liquor liability insurance; however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

(7) a captive insurance company may not issue eroding or declining insurance coverage whereby the occurrence or aggregate limits are reduced by costs or expenses arising from the insurance company's duty to defend a claim.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION X. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies under the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection

(E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement within thirty days of the lapse or termination.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term "alcoholic beverages" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person and the entity for which the person obtained the license or permit:

(1) stop serving alcohol by twelve o'clock a.m. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) complete an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) have less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from

alcohol sales; or

(4) are a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirement of item (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and nonalcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and nonalcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and

does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within sixty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant

to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not consume alcohol or be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for sixty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best-evidence practice standards, offered by providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to

operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online-designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department, with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of no more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the

division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from outside of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell

alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or~~ conduct involving ~~the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or~~ the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2930 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

(H) A person convicted of violating this section, whether for a first offense or subsequent offense, must enroll in and successfully complete an Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program certified by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and participate in and complete a DUI victim impact panel operated by an IRS-classified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, which may include online victim impact panels. The maximum fee for enrollment in the DUI victim impact panel shall not exceed seventy-five dollars. An assessment of the extent and nature of the alcohol and drug abuse problem of the applicant must be prepared and a plan of education or treatment, or both, must be developed for the applicant. The Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program shall determine if the applicant successfully has completed the

services. The applicant must attend the first Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program available after the date of enrollment. The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall determine the cost of services provided by each certified Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program. Each applicant shall bear the cost of services recommended in the applicant's plan of education or treatment. The cost may not exceed five hundred dollars for education services, two thousand dollars for treatment services, and two thousand five hundred dollars in total for all services. An applicant may not be denied services due to an inability to pay. Inability to pay for services may not be used as a factor in determining if the applicant has successfully completed services. An applicant who is unable to pay for services shall perform fifty hours of community service as arranged by the Alcohol and Drug Safety Action Program, which may use the completion of this community service as a factor in determining if the applicant successfully has completed services. The court must be notified whether an offender failed to enroll in a certified program within thirty days or failed to participate in the plan of education or treatment. The court may hold the individual in contempt of court if the individual cannot show cause as to why no enrollment occurred within the mandated thirty days or why no progress has been made on the plan of education or treatment.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2933 (C) and (H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The fine for a first offense must not be suspended. The court is prohibited from suspending a monetary fine below that of the next preceding minimum monetary fine.~~ If the trier of fact determines that the person convicted under the provisions of this section did any act forbidden by law or neglected any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately caused a collision that occurred while the person was driving in violation of this section, the court may impose an additional sentence of a fine of not more than four hundred dollars or an additional period of imprisonment of not more than thirty days. However, in lieu of the thirty-day imprisonment, the court may provide for forty-eight hours of public service employment. The public service employment must be served at a time when the person is not working and does not interfere with his regular employment under terms and conditions the court considers proper. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 23-3-540, 22-3-550, and 14-25-65, this additional sentence may be imposed by the magistrate or municipal court for any offense for which the court would otherwise have jurisdiction.

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SECTION X. Section 56-5-2945 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-5-2945. (A) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle which act or neglect proximately causes moderate bodily injury to another person is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, second degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished by a mandatory fine of not less than twenty-five hundred dollars nor more

than five thousand dollars and imprisoned up to ten years.

(B) A person who, while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or the combination of alcohol and drugs, drives a motor vehicle and when driving a motor vehicle does any act forbidden by law or neglects any duty imposed by law in the driving of the motor vehicle, which act or neglect proximately causes great bodily injury or death to another person, is guilty of the offense of felony driving under the influence, first degree, and, upon conviction, must be punished:

(1) by a mandatory fine of not less than five thousand one hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than thirty days nor more than fifteen years when great bodily injury results;

(2) by a mandatory fine of not less than ten thousand one hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand one hundred dollars and mandatory imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than twenty-five years when death results.

(C) A part of the mandatory sentences required to be imposed by this section must not be suspended, and probation must not be granted for any portion.

~~(B)~~(D) As used in this section, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ. As used in this section, "moderate bodily injury" means physical injury that involves prolonged loss of consciousness, or that causes temporary or moderate disfigurement or temporary loss of the function of a bodily member or organ, or injury that requires medical treatment when the treatment requires the use of regional or general anesthesia or injury that results in a fracture or dislocation. Moderate bodily injury does not include a one-time treatment and subsequent observation of scratches, cuts, abrasions, bruises, burns, splinters, or any other injuries that do not ordinarily require extensive medical care.

~~(C)(1)~~(E)(1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall suspend the driver's license of a person who is convicted pursuant to this section. For suspension purposes of this section, convictions arising out of a single incident must run concurrently.

(2) After the person is released from prison, the person shall enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for:

(a) three years when great bodily injury results and five years when a death occurs; or

(b) one year when the conviction was for felony driving under the influence, second degree.

~~(D)~~(F) One hundred dollars of each fine imposed pursuant to this section must be placed by the Comptroller General into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Public Safety for the Highway Patrol.

SECTION X. Section 56-5-2951(I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(I)(1) Except as provided in item (3), the period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, an arrested person who has no previous convictions for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or a law of another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, and who has had no previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) six months for a person who refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950; or

(b) ~~one month~~three months for a person who takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(2) The period of a driver's license, permit, or nonresident operating privilege suspension for, or denial of issuance of a license or permit to, a person who has been convicted previously for violating Section 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, or 56-5-2945, or another law of this State or another state that prohibits a person from driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or another drug within the ten years preceding a violation of this section, or who has had a previous suspension imposed pursuant to Section 56-1-286, 56-5-2951, or 56-5-2990, within the ten years preceding a violation of this section is:

(a) for a second offense, ~~nine months~~one year if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~two~~ six months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more;

(b) for a third offense, ~~twelve~~ eighteen months if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~three~~ nine months if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has

an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more; and

(c) for a fourth or subsequent offense, ~~fifteen months~~two years if the person refuses to submit to a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950, or ~~four months~~one year if the person takes a test pursuant to Section 56-5-2950 and has an alcohol concentration of fifteen one-hundredths of one percent or more.

(3)(a) In lieu of serving the remainder of a suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, a person may enroll in the Ignition Interlock Device Program pursuant to Section 56-5-2941, end the suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit, and obtain an ignition interlock restricted license pursuant to Section 56-1-400. The ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle equal to the length of time remaining on the person's suspension or denial of the issuance of a license or permit. If the length of time remaining is less than three months, the ignition interlock device is required to be affixed to the motor vehicle for three months.

(b) The person must receive credit for the number of days the person maintained an ignition interlock restriction on the temporary alcohol license.

(c) Once a person has enrolled in the Ignition Interlock Device Program and obtained an ignition interlock restricted license, the person is subject to Section 56-5-2941 and cannot subsequently choose to serve the suspension.

SECTION X. The South Carolina Department of Insurance must publish an annual report summarizing liquor liability insurance rate trends, including the number and amount of premium increases, the reasons cited for the increases, and any regulatory actions taken. The annual report must be sent to the Chairman of the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee by January thirtieth of each year.

SECTION X. Section 16-17-501(3) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) "Electronic smoking device" means any device that may be used to deliver any aerosolized or vaporized substance, including e-liquid, to the person inhaling from the device including, but not limited to, an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, vape pen, or e-hookah. "Electronic smoking device" includes any component, part, or accessory of the device, and also includes any substance intended to be aerosolized or vaporized during the use of the device whether or not the substance includes nicotine. "Electronic smoking device" also includes any ENDS product,

as defined by Section 44-95-65. "Electronic smoking device" does not include drugs, devices, or combination products authorized for sale by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

Rep. TEEPLE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the motion.

Rep. ROSE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 26; Nays 79

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Brewer	Clyburn
Crawford	Forrest	Guest
Hager	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hixon	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Lawson	Ligon
Martin	T. Moore	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Schuessler
Sessions	Wetmore	

Total--26

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Hiott	Holman
Huff	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Oremus	Pace
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

So, the House refused to table the motion.

The question then recurred to the motion to adjourn debate until Tuesday, January 13, which was agreed to.

H. 4165--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE

OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4165 (LC-4165.VR0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 44-53-2030, by striking the section before the numbered items and inserting:

~~Except in the provision of emergency services and care before providing anesthesia, prior~~ Prior to prescribing, ordering, dispensing, or administering an opioid drug listed as a Schedule II controlled substance for the treatment of pain, a healthcare practitioner shall:

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 44-53-2030, by inserting after the numbered items:

Excluded from the requirements of this section are opioids prescribed for medical emergencies, acute trauma, hospitalized patients, cancer, palliative or end-of-life care, sickle cell disease, perioperative care, or prescribed per current Centers for Disease Control Clinical Practice Guidelines for Prescribing Opioids.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

Rep. EDGERTON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4165 (LC-4165.DG0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-53-2020(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) The Department of Public Health ~~shall~~ may develop and publish on its website an educational pamphlet regarding the use of non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of pain. The pamphlet must include:

(1) information on available non-opioid alternatives for the

treatment of pain, including non-opioid medicinal drugs or drug products and nonpharmacological therapies; and

(2) the advantages and disadvantages of the use of non-opioid alternatives.

(B) The Department of Public Health ~~shall~~ may work with the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund to explore and utilize, to the extent permissible by state and federal law, opioid abatement funding for educational and healthcare services related to non-opioid alternatives.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 44-53-2030, by striking the undesignated paragraph before the first item and inserting:

Section 44-53-2030. Prior to prescribing, ordering, dispensing, or administering an opioid drug listed as a Schedule II controlled substance for the treatment of pain, a healthcare practitioner ~~shall~~may:

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. The educational pamphlet required by Section 44-53-2020(A) ~~shall~~ may be posted on the Department of Public Health's website ~~no later than September 30, 2025~~.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. EDGERTON explained the amendment.

Rep. EDGERTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to by a division vote of 68 to 31.

Further proceedings were interrupted by adjournment, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 2.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4231 -- Rep. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD TO PROVIDENCE ROAD "LEONARD L. PRICE MEMORIAL LANE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4243 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4484 -- Reps. Lawson, Erickson, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF MAY 18 THROUGH 24, 2025, AS THE FIFTY-FIRST "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

THAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAMS MAKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50 p.m. the House in accordance with the motion of Rep. MAGNUSON adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, May 8, 2025
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.
Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER as follows:

Our thought for today is from Proverbs 19:20: "Listen to advice and accept instruction, and in the end you will be wise."

Let us pray. Gracious God, You have crowned us with glory and honor and called us Your own. Grant to these Representatives and Staff the wisdom, courage, integrity, and strength to reach and obtain the fulfillment of Your will. Continue to give each Your blessings and peace. Look in favor upon our Nation, President, State, Governor, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our defenders of freedom, at home and abroad, as they protect us. Heal our wounded warriors with Your touch. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Thelma C. Edwards, which was agreed to.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5319
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-21-510, 59-33-10, and 59-33-120
Sign Language Interpreters
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025
Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026
Revised: February 1, 2026

REGULATION RECEIVED

The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 5371
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-26-10, 59-26-30, and 59-26-40
Defined Program, Grades 9-12 and Graduation Requirements
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
May 8, 2025
Referred to Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 12, 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON the invitation was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor’s appointment of:

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Lexington County Master-in-Equity

Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable James Otto Spence
6521 Edmund Highway
Lexington, South Carolina 29073

Very respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's appointment of:

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Abbeville County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable Robinson Hemphill
917 Olde Pucketts Ferry Road
Greenwood, South Carolina 29649

Very respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's appointment of:

LOCAL REAPPOINTMENT
Georgetown County Master-in-Equity
Initial Term Commencing: January 1, 2025
Initial Term Expiring: January 1, 2031
Type: Reappointment
Vice: Self

Contact Information:
The Honorable Joe M. Crosby
405 Dozier Street
Georgetown, South Carolina 29440

Very Respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 171:

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A

COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; AND TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 101:

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FIRE DEPARTMENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-40, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ISSUED BY THIS STATE.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 89:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 78:

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE CREDIT FOR CERTAIN RELEVANT NON-

TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATORS WHO SATISFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH EXPERIENCE CREDIT MAY BE AWARDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCEMENT ON THE TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE, TO PROVIDE OTHER EXISTING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED BY THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTIVES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 210--HOUSE RECEDES FROM ITS AMENDMENTS

The following was received:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 210:

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING

SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, the House receded from its amendments, and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3309:

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING

TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ONE OR MORE NATURAL GAS-FIRED GENERATION FACILITIES AND RELATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA IN COLLETON COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-1220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PLANS IF A COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE RELATED RURAL ZONING OR ORDINANCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS REQUIRING MORE THAN THIRTEEN ACRES OF LAND; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO

CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ALLOW ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO REQUEST THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADJUST THEIR RATES ANNUALLY, ADJUST UTILITY RATES, ESTABLISH THE BASELINE RATE ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN RATES, TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF FUSION ENERGY AND ADVANCED NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT THE EVALUATION OF SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN THIS STATE AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION, AND TO DESIGNATE ALL SECTIONS CURRENTLY IN CHAPTER 37 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "PLANNING FOR ENERGY SUPPLY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF AND APPROVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES, STANDARD OFFERS, FORM CONTRACTS, AND COMMITMENT TO SELL FORMS, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO OPEN A DOCKET TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION

"LIKE FACILITY" AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY," SO AS TO REITERATE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION REPORT, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT IF TRUE TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR A PETITION FOR REHEARING OR RECONSIDERATION, AND TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JUDICIAL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE VARIOUS THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR MODELS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD

A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THESE PORTFOLIOS ON AT LEAST A TRIENNIAL BASIS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSE MIX OF LONG-LEAD, CLEAN GENERATION RESOURCES, AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FIND CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PERMIT AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO CAPTURE AVAILABLE INCENTIVES FOR RATEPAYERS; TO PERMIT DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN

REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COSTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELECTRICITY RATE AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-135 SO AS TO TRANSFER A PENDING APPEAL REGARDING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PERMITS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-530, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DUTIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY RELATED TO ITS REPRESENTATION OF CONSUMERS IN UTILITY MATTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S CHIEF CLERK'S SALARY BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-200 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION ANALYST FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BUDGET OF AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS; TO REQUIRE A REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 24, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58; TO REQUIRE DOMINION ENERGY TO EVALUATE CONVERTING THE WATEREE GENERATION STATION TO BIOMASS-FIRED GENERATION, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-50, RELATING TO OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DUTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 176:

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO APPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS TO USAGES IN ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE UNIFORM CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO ENTITIES REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH REGISTRATION OF FIRMS THAT PERFORM COMPILATION SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE OWNERSHIP OF SUCH FIRMS MAY BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATORS MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO OBTAIN LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE RECIPROCITY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER

JURISDICTIONS TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-2-20(18) RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SECTION 40-2-35(H) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) RELATING TO RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 127--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 127:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. B. NEWTON, POPE and COBB-HUNTER to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Campsen, Ott and Turner of the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate on H. 3813:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Free Conference on H. 3813:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Very respectfully,

President
Received as information.

H. 3813--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Free Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4025--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4025:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. HEWITT, BANNISTER and STAVRINAKIS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 77:

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVESTREAM OR ALTERNATE ELECTRONIC MEANS TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 79:

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY REQUESTS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3430:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A Bill TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY AND THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO FURTHER MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY, TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION APPLYING TO THE USE, SALE, OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL TORTFEASORS IN A CAUSE OF ACTION AND FOR THE TRIER OF FACT TO ALLOCATE FAULT TO ADDITIONAL TORTFEASORS, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ADDITIONAL NONDEFENDANT TORTFEASORS SHALL BE ADDED TO A VERDICT FORM AND CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY SHALL NOT BE ADDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING

TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS FOR THE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS BY HOLDERS OF PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER OR WINE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-523 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT COLLEGIATE SPORTING EVENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-73-550 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS REGARDING LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-147 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TORTFEASORS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSES SHALL APPEAR ON THE JURY VERDICT FORM UPON MOTION OF THE DEFENDANT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE IF A VERDICT IS RENDERED AGAINST BOTH A LICENSEE AND A DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH CERTAIN DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSES THAT THE LICENSEE IS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PLAINTIFF'S ACTUAL DAMAGES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 221:

S. 221 -- Senator Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE. - RATIFIED TITLE

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3127:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES, TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL FELONY OFFENSE WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS LED ON A HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES. - RATIFIED TITLE

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4525 -- Rep. Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE MAY 6, 2025, ADOPTION OF H. 4498, A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4526 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PAMELA D. SCOTT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4527 -- Reps. Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Rose, Spann-Wilder, Bauer, Weeks, Waters, Gilliard, Rivers, Hosey, Kirby, Dillard, Jones and Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF DUE PROCESS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW FEDERAL COURT ORDERS.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4528 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WILSON HALL GIRLS TRACK TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4529 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF FRANK LADSON OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4530 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS YOUTH LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, authorize the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Youth Legislative Conference to use the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives for its annual State House meeting on Thursday, October 30, 2025. However, the chamber may not be used if the House is in session or the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the State House security forces shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with previous procedures.

Be it further resolved that no charges may be made for the use of the House chamber by the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Youth Legislative Conference on this date.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4531 -- Rep. Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTION TO ADDRESS ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES, AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4532 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DR. JIMMY FLOWERS, FOUNDER OF FLOWERS MINISTRIES INC., FOR HIS PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE HE SERVES THROUGH HIS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THEIR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4533 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4534 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF GOSPEL CHOIRS AND CHORUSES-ORANGEBURG UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4547 -- Reps. Garvin, Rutherford, J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KING GEORGE, A RISING FORCE IN BLUES MUSIC AND TO WELCOME HIM TO MYRTLE BEACH TO PERFORM IN LIVE CONCERT WITH MONEY TRAIN.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 4545--ORDERED COMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4545 -- Rep. Magnuson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, H. 4262 RELATING TO RESTRICTING, REGULATING, OR PROHIBITING MRNA GENE THERAPIES ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including, but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) H. 4262 relating to restricting, regulating, or prohibiting mRNA gene therapies.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Haddon
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the Concurrent Resolution was ordered committed to the Committee on Rules.

H. 4546--ORDERED COMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4546 -- Rep. Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, H. 4465 RELATING TO THE "PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES ACT" ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including, but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) H. 4465 relating to the “Privacy in Public Spaces Act”.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the Concurrent Resolution was committed to the Committee on Rules.

H. 4548--ORDERED COMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4548 -- Rep. Pace: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BILLS RELATING TO IMMIGRATION ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including,

but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) Bills relating to immigration.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Haddon
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the Concurrent Resolution was committed to the Committee on Rules.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 4549--ORDERED COMMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4549 -- Rep. Pace: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BILLS RELATING TO PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF PREBORN PEOPLE ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF

CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including, but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) Bills relating to protection of human rights of preborn people.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson

J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Ligon	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Terribile
White		

Total--22

So, the Concurrent Resolution was committed to the Committee on Rules.

H. 4550--ORDERED COMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4550 -- Rep. Pace: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL

ASSEMBLY, BILLS RELATING TO CLOSED PARTISAN PRIMARIES ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including, but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) Bills relating to closed partisan primaries.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam

Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Ligon
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Haddon	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Teeple	Terribile	White
Willis		

Total--25

So, the Concurrent Resolution was committed to the Committee on Rules.

H. 4551--ORDERED COMMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

The following was introduced:

H. 4551 -- Reps. Cromer and Magnuson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MATTERS WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AFTER MAY 8, 2025, PURSUANT TO THE SINE DIE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, LEGISLATION RELATING TO PARENTAL RIGHTS ALSO MAY BE INTRODUCED, RECEIVED, AND CONSIDERED BY EACH BODY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONCURRENCE, NONCONCURRENCE, AND APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES; RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF CONFERENCE AND FREE CONFERENCE REPORTS; AND RECEIPT, CONSIDERATION, AND DISPOSITION OF ANY VETOES, IF APPLICABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That in addition to matters which may be considered by the General Assembly after May 8, 2025, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution for the 2025 Legislative Session as passed by the General Assembly, the following matters may be introduced, received, and considered by each body of the General Assembly prior to Sine Die Adjournment including, but not limited to, concurrence, nonconcurrence, and appointment of conferees; receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports; and receipt, consideration, and disposition of any vetoes, if applicable:

(1) Parental rights.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to commit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Rules.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gibson	Gilreath	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy

Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--20

So, the Concurrent Resolution was committed to the Committee on Rules

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 655 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME GAPWAY DRAINAGE BRIDGE ON US 76 IN HORRY COUNTY "ZACHARY KYLE STRICKLAND BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4535 -- Reps. Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-535, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, EXCEPTIONS, VIOLATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL FACILITY," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES THAT PRECLUDE SEX OFFENDERS FROM RESIDING NEAR SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS, OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST NOTIFY ALL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4536 -- Reps. Oremus, Cromer, Gilreath, Pace, Frank, Edgerton, Beach, Burns, White, Kilmartin, McCravy, Pedalino, Lawson, Morgan,

Long, Chumley, Haddon, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, McCabe, Crawford, Duncan and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "LIABILITY FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ON ANY PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES, MAILS, DISTRIBUTES, TRANSPORTS, DELIVERS, OR PROVIDES ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS, OR WHO AIDS OR ABETS THE MANUFACTURE, MAILING, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, OR PROVISION OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO DEFINE TERMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4537 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-101-620, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HIGHER INSTITUTIONS MAY OFFER UP TO AN ADDITIONAL FOUR PERCENT OF EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVERS LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BENEFIT OF UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4538 -- Reps. Oremus and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTIONS FROM ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, MAILING, TRANSPORTING, DELIVERING, OR PROVIDING OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS IN THIS STATE OR ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE PROHIBITED CONDUCT, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO AUTHORIZE QUI TAM ACTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4539 -- Reps. McGinnis, Holman and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-150, RELATING TO BURNING LANDS OF

ANOTHER WITHOUT CONSENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-170, RELATING TO WILFULLY BURNING LANDS OF ANOTHER, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-180, RELATING TO NEGLIGENTLY ALLOWING FIRE TO SPREAD TO LANDS OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-55, RELATING TO FIRE REGULATION EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO SUSPEND THE EXEMPTIONS WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH FOREST FIRES OR THE STATE FORESTER DECLARES A PROHIBITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FIRES ON CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 35, TITLE 48.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4540 -- Reps. Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-530, 63-15-210, 63-15-220, AND 63-15-230, RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY SOLE CUSTODY OR JOINT CUSTODY MAY BE AWARDED BY THE FAMILY COURT, THERE IS NO PRESUMPTION FOR OR AGAINST EITHER TYPE OF CUSTODY, AND EVERY CHILD CUSTODY ORDER MUST ADDRESS PARENTING TIME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4541 -- Reps. Burns and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-780, RELATING IN PART TO MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRIES, SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND OTHER ADOPTION-RELATED INFORMATION TO AN ADULT ADOPTEE IF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4542 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 21 OF 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HORRY COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION.

Referred to Horry Delegation

H. 4543 -- Reps. Caskey, Bauer, Collins and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-65 SO AS TO ALLOW THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OR COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO EXTEND VOTING HOURS AT POLLING LOCATIONS THAT EXPERIENCE DELAYS IN OPENING OR INTERRUPTIONS IN VOTING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4544 -- Reps. Jordan and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANING OF "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE LIMITATIONS MUST BE INCREASED OR DECREASED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-180, RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 369 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AN AGENT OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVE AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER

TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING

SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 383 -- Senators Davis, Goldfinch, Graham, Zell and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTHONOTARY WARBLER RECOGNITION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-613 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (PROTONOTARIA CITREA) AS THE OFFICIAL STATE MIGRATORY BIRD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 399 -- Senators Elliott, Hembree, Reichenbach and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-635 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO, WITHOUT LEGAL CAUSE OR GOOD EXCUSE, ENTERS A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, AFTER HAVING BEEN WARNED NOT TO DO SO BY THE TRANSIT DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR TRIABLE IN A MUNICIPAL OR MAGISTRATES COURT, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR A WRITTEN WARNING AND FOR APPEALING THE WARNING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE CONSTRUED AS IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT AS SUPERSEDING, ANOTHER STATUTE RELATING TO TRESPASS OR UNLAWFUL ENTRY ON LANDS OF ANOTHER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 449 -- Senators Verdin and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-43-245 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PHYSICIANS AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTHCARE

PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-205 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 477 -- Senators Davis and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-210, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A "SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE" IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-230, RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PERMITTED TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-240, RELATING TO WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT PATIENT-SPECIFIC WRITTEN ORDERS, SO AS TO INSTEAD PROVIDE THE DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE UNDER STANDING ORDERS OR WITHOUT STANDING ORDERS WHEN DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 526 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-280, RELATING TO BEACH PRESERVATION APPEALS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO STAY ANY ENFORCEMENT ACTION DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE

APPEAL AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE AGENCY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS TO THE APPELLANT IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE REVERSES THE DECISION OF THE AGENCY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 585 -- Senators Tedder, Adams, Devine, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FAMILIES EVERYWHERE (SAFE) ACT" AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS MUST INCLUDE LANGUAGE ALLOWING APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY INDICATE THEY OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES OR DISORDERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION "SAFE" IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S RECORDS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman

Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jennifer Hanke of Oconee County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3437
Date:	ADD:
05/08/25	DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4513
Date:	ADD:
05/08/25	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4543
Date:	ADD:
05/08/25	BAUER, COLLINS and HARTNETT

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4176
Date:	REMOVE:
05/08/25	W. NEWTON and HERBKERSMAN

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

The Legislative Committee on House Ethics:
Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025

Statewide Appointment

The Committee respectfully reports that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommends that the same do pass.

Commission Members, State Ethics Commission

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
State Ethics Commission
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025
Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Type: Initial Appointment
Seat: Governor's Appointee
Vice: Brandolyn T. Pinkston

Ms. Helen F. Munnerlyn
Post Office Box 23205
Columbia, South Carolina 29224

Jay Jordan
Chairman of the House Ethics Committee

Rep. JORDAN submitted a favorable report on the Ethics Commission appointment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Forrest	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Martin	McCabe
McGinnis	Montgomery	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Rankin
Reese	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

ABSTENTION FORM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) that I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following appointments to the State Ethics Commission because a

potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

Please note this in the House Journal for May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Bruce Bannister
District 24

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

Please note this in the House Journal for May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Thomas C. Brittain Jr.
District 107

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

Please note this in the House Journal for May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. Micah Caskey
District 89

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Gil Gatch
District 94

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) that I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following appointments to the State Ethics Commission because a

potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. RJ May III
District 88

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. John R. McCravy III
District 13

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) that I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following appointments to the State Ethics Commission because a

potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Christopher R. Hart
District 73

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) that I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following appointments to the State Ethics Commission because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Jeffrey Johnson
District 58

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Jason Luck
District 54

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A) that I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following appointments to the State Ethics Commission because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Weston Newton
District 120

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Thomas E. Pope
District 47

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Seth Rose
District 72

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

Please note this in the House Journal for May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
District 74

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2025
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

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Helen F. Munnerlyn, Governor's Appointment

Please note this in the House Journal for May 8, 2025.

Sincerely,
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District 67

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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District 115

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

The Legislative Committee on House Ethics:
Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025

Statewide Appointment

The Committee respectfully reports that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommends that the same do pass.

Commission Members, State Ethics Commission

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
Term Commencing: April 1, 2025
Term Expiring: April 1, 2030
Seat: Senate - Majority
Vice: Scott E. Frick

Ms. Sara Parrish
165 Etiwan Pointe Drive
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29492

Jay Jordan
Chairman of the House Ethics Committee

Rep. JORDAN submitted a favorable report on the Ethics Commission appointment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 63; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Davis	Duncan
Forrest	Gagnon	Gilliam
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B. Newton	Pedalino	Reese
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan

Waters	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--63

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	Morgan
Terribile	White	

Total--11

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

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Sara Parrish, Senate Majority Party Appointment

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Sincerely,
Rep. Bruce Bannister
District 24

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District 107

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District 89

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District 94

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District 88

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District 13

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District 73

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District 58

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District 54

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District 74

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S. 29--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 105

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
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Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore

Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

H. 3563--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams, Holman and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO MORE THAN TWICE PER YEAR.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
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Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
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Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3563. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Heath Sessions

H. 4003--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PROVIDE REFUSE, GARBAGE, OR TRASH COLLECTING SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AFTER JUNE 30, 2026, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SUCH SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION MAY DEVELOP CERTAIN PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN USE RESTRICTIONS, AND TO REVISE THE ANNEXATION AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF FREEHOLDERS REQUIRED FOR A PETITION TO REQUEST SUCH ANNEXATIONS.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
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Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3571--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "LARGE PROJECT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY AN EXCAVATION OR DEMOLITION AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICE OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN EXCAVATOR TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGE TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSE, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS;

BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

Rep. KIRBY explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
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Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin

Reese	Rivers	Robbins
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Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4165--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13, which was agreed to.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 623 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest, Oremus, Kirby, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck, Atkinson, Bamberg and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

H. 3802 -- Reps. Bustos, Hartnett, Landing, Teeple, Edgerton, Magnuson, J. L. Johnson, Bamberg, Sanders, Bowers, Pope, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR SUCH STUDENTS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 507 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, ITS COMPOSITION, AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION BE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall S. 534 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAUER asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3762 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

H. 3832--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Rep. CASKEY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, January 13, which was agreed to.

H. 4189--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4189 -- Reps. Davis and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, 44-7-240, 44-7-250, 44-

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Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4189 (LC-4189.VR0004H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 117, by striking Section 44-4-510(A)(2) and inserting:

(A)~~(1)~~ During a state of public health emergency, ~~DHEC~~DPH may perform voluntary physical examinations or tests as necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of individuals.

~~(2) DHEC may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to the sections of~~

~~this act and its existing powers under Section 44-1-140, any person whose refusal of physical examination or testing results in uncertainty regarding whether he or she has been exposed to or is infected with a contagious or possibly contagious disease or otherwise poses a danger to public health.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 117, by striking Sections 44-4-520, 44-4-530, and 44-4-540 and inserting:

~~Section 44-4-520. (A) During a state of public health emergency, DHEC may exercise the following emergency powers, in addition to its existing powers, over persons as necessary to address the public health emergency:~~

~~(1) to vaccinate persons as protection against infectious disease and to prevent the spread of contagious or possibly contagious disease;~~

~~(2) to treat persons exposed to or infected with disease; and~~

~~(3) to prevent the spread of contagious or possibly contagious disease, DHEC may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to the applicable sections of this act, persons who are unable or unwilling for any reason (including, but not limited to, health, religion, or conscience) to undergo vaccination or treatment pursuant to this section.~~

~~(B) Vaccinations or treatment, or both, must be provided only to those individuals who agree to the vaccinations or treatment, or both.~~

~~(C)(1) Vaccination may be performed by any qualified person authorized by DHEC.~~

~~(2) To be administered pursuant to this section, a vaccine must not be such as is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual.~~

~~(D)(1) Treatment must be administered by any qualified person authorized to do so by DHEC.~~

~~(2) Treatment must not be such as is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual.~~

~~Section 44-4-530. (A) During a public health emergency, DHEC may isolate or quarantine an individual or groups of individuals. This includes individuals or groups who have not been vaccinated, treated, tested, or examined pursuant to Sections 44-4-510 and 44-4-520. DHEC may also establish and maintain places of isolation and quarantine, and set rules and make orders.~~

~~(B) DHEC must adhere to the following conditions and principles when isolating or quarantining individuals or groups of individuals:~~

~~(1) isolation and quarantine must be by the least restrictive means necessary to prevent the spread of a contagious or possibly contagious disease to others and may include, but are not limited to, confinement to~~

~~private homes or other private and public premises;~~

~~(2) individuals isolated because of objective evidence of infection or contagious disease must be confined separately from quarantined asymptomatic individuals;~~

~~(3) the health status of isolated and quarantined individuals must be monitored regularly to determine if they require isolation or quarantine;~~

~~(4) if a quarantined individual becomes infected or is reasonably believed to be infected with a contagious or possibly contagious disease, he or she must be promptly removed to isolation;~~

~~(5) isolated and quarantined individuals must be immediately released when they pose no substantial risk of transmitting a contagious or possibly contagious disease to others;~~

~~(6) the needs of persons isolated and quarantined must be addressed in a systematic and competent fashion including, but not limited to, providing adequate food, clothing, shelter, means of communication with those in isolation or quarantine and outside these settings, medication, and competent medical care;~~

~~(7) premises used for isolation and quarantine must be maintained in a safe and hygienic manner and be designed to minimize the likelihood of further transmission of infection or other harms to persons isolated or quarantined; and~~

~~(8) to the extent possible, cultural and religious beliefs must be considered in addressing the needs of the individuals and establishing and maintaining isolation and quarantine premises.~~

~~(C) A person subject to isolation or quarantine must comply with DHEC's rules and orders, and must not go beyond the isolation or quarantine premises. Failure to comply with these rules and orders constitutes a felony and, upon conviction, a person must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.~~

~~(D)(1) DHEC may authorize physicians, health care workers, or others access to individuals in isolation or quarantine as necessary to meet the needs of isolated or quarantined individuals.~~

~~(2) No person, other than a person authorized by DHEC, shall enter isolation or quarantine premises. Failure to comply with this provision constitutes a felony and, upon conviction, a person must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.~~

~~(3) A person entering an isolation or quarantine premises with or without authorization of DHEC may be isolated or quarantined as~~

~~provided for in this chapter.~~

~~(4) The public safety authority and other law enforcement officers may arrest, isolate, or quarantine an individual who is acting in violation of an isolation or quarantine order after the order is given to the individual pursuant to Section 44-4-540(B)(3) or after the individual is provided notice of the order. In a case where an individual is not the subject of an isolation or quarantine order under Section 44-4-540, law enforcement officers may provide written or verbal notice of the order. Law enforcement officers may arrest, isolate, or quarantine an individual who is acting in violation of isolation or quarantine rules after the rules are established and the individual is given written or verbal notice of the rules. An arrest warrant or an additional isolation or quarantine order is not required for arrest, isolation, or quarantine under Section 44-4-530(D)(4).~~

~~(E) An employer may not fire, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee complying with an isolation or quarantine order issued pursuant to Section 44-1-80, 44-1-110, 44-1-140, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, or 44-4-540; however, nothing in this section prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to use annual or sick leave to comply with such an order.~~

Section 44-4-540. ~~(A) During a public health emergency, the isolation and quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals must be undertaken in accordance with the procedures provided in this section.~~

~~(B)(1) DHEC may temporarily isolate or quarantine an individual or groups of individuals through an emergency order signed by the commissioner or his designee, if delay in imposing the isolation or quarantine would significantly jeopardize DHEC's ability to prevent or limit the transmission of a contagious or possibly contagious disease to others.~~

~~(2) The emergency order must specify the following: (i) the identity of the individual or groups of individuals subject to isolation or quarantine; (ii) the premises subject to isolation or quarantine; (iii) the date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences; (iv) the suspected contagious disease, if known; and (v) a copy of Article V of this act and relevant definitions of this act.~~

~~(3) A copy of the emergency order must be given to the individual(s) or groups of individuals to be isolated or quarantined, or if impractical to be given to a group of individuals, it may be posted in a conspicuous place in the isolation or quarantine premises.~~

~~(4) Within ten days after issuing the emergency order, DHEC~~

~~must file a petition pursuant to subsection (C) of this section for a court order authorizing the continued isolation or quarantine of the isolated or quarantined individual or groups of individuals.~~

~~(C)~~(A)(1) ~~DHEC~~DPH may make a written petition to the trial court for an order authorizing the isolation or quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals.

(2) A petition under subsection ~~(C)~~(A)(1) must specify the following: (i) the identity of the individual or groups of individuals subject to isolation or quarantine; (ii) the premises subject to isolation or quarantine; (iii) the date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences; (iv) the suspected contagious disease, if known; and (v) ~~a statement of compliance with the conditions and principles for isolation or quarantine of Section 44-4-530(B); and (vi)~~ a statement of the basis upon which isolation or quarantine is justified in compliance with this article. The petition must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit of ~~DHEC~~DPH attesting to the facts asserted in the petition, together with any further information that may be relevant and material to the court's consideration.

(3) Notice to individuals or groups of individuals identified in the petition must be accomplished within twenty-four hours in accordance with the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. If notice by mail or fax is not possible, notice must be made by personal service.

(4) A hearing must be held on any petition filed pursuant to this subsection within five days of filing of the petition. In extraordinary circumstances and for good cause shown, ~~DHEC~~DPH may apply to continue the hearing date on a petition filed pursuant to this section for up to ten days, which continuance the court may grant in its discretion giving due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence.

(5)(a) The court must grant the petition if, by a preponderance of the evidence, isolation or quarantine is shown to be reasonably necessary to prevent or limit the transmission of a contagious or possibly contagious disease.

(b) An order authorizing isolation or quarantine may do so for a period not to exceed thirty days.

(c) The order must: (i) identify the isolated or quarantined individuals or groups of individuals by name or shared or similar characteristics or circumstances; (ii) specify factual findings warranting isolation or quarantine pursuant to this act; (iii) include any conditions necessary to ensure that isolation or quarantine is carried out within the

stated purposes and restrictions of this act; and (iv) served on affected individuals or groups of individuals in accordance with the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. If notice by mail or fax is not possible, notice must be made by personal service.

(d) Prior to the expiration of an order issued pursuant to this item, ~~DHEC~~DPH may move to continue the isolation or quarantine for additional periods not to exceed thirty days each. The court must consider the motion in accordance with standards set forth in this item.

~~(D)~~(B)(1) An individual or group of individuals isolated or quarantined pursuant to this act may apply to the trial court for an order to show cause why the individual or group of individuals should not be released. The court must rule on the application to show cause within forty-eight hours of its filing. If the court grants the application, the court must schedule a hearing on the order to show cause within twenty-four hours from issuance of the order to show cause. The issuance of the order to show cause does not stay or enjoin the isolation or quarantine order.

(2)(a) An individual or group of individuals isolated or quarantined pursuant to this act may request a hearing in the trial court for remedies regarding breaches to the conditions of isolation or quarantine. A request for a hearing does not stay or enjoin the isolation or quarantine order.

(b) Upon receipt of a request under this subsection alleging extraordinary circumstances justifying the immediate granting of relief, the court must fix a date for hearing on the matters alleged not more than twenty-four hours from receipt of the request.

(c) Otherwise, upon receipt of a request under this subsection, the court must fix a date for hearing on the matters alleged within five days from receipt of the request.

(3) In any proceedings brought for relief under this subsection, in extraordinary circumstances and for good cause shown, ~~DHEC~~DPH may move the court to extend the time for a hearing, which extension the court in its discretion may grant giving due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of the necessary witnesses and evidence.

~~(E)~~(C) A record of the proceedings pursuant to this section must be made and retained. In the event that, given a state of public health emergency, parties cannot personally appear before the court, proceedings may be conducted by their authorized representatives and be held via any means that allow all parties to fully participate.

~~(F)~~(D) The court must appoint counsel to represent individuals or

groups of individuals who are or who are about to be isolated or quarantined pursuant to the provisions of this act and who are not otherwise represented by counsel. Payment for these appointments must be made in accordance with other appointments for legal representation in actions arising outside of matters in this act, and is not the responsibility of any one state agency. Appointments last throughout the duration of the isolation or quarantine of the individual or groups of individuals. ~~DHEC~~DPH must provide adequate means of communication between such individuals or groups of individuals and their counsel. Where necessary, additional counsel for ~~DHEC~~DPH from other state agencies or from private attorneys appointed to represent state agencies, must be appointed to provide adequate representation for the agency and to allow timely hearings of the petitions and motions specified in this section.

~~(G)~~(E) In any proceedings brought pursuant to this section, to promote the fair and efficient operation of justice and having given due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence, the court may order the consolidation of individual claims into groups of claims where:

(1) the number of individuals involved or to be affected is so large as to render individual participation impractical;

(2) there are questions of law or fact common to the individual claims or rights to be determined;

(3) the group claims or rights to be determined are typical of the affected individuals' claims or rights; and

(4) the entire group will be adequately represented in the consolidation.

~~(H)~~(F) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), prior~~Prior to the Governor declaring a public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the isolation and quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals pursuant to Section 44-1-80, 44-1-110, 44-1-140, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, or 44-4-540 must be undertaken in accordance with the procedures provided in this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 117, by striking Section 44-4-570(A)(1), (2), and (3) and inserting:

~~(1) to require in-state health care providers to assist in the performance of vaccination, treatment, examination, or testing of any individual as a condition of licensure, authorization, or the ability to continue to function as a health care provider in this State;~~

~~(2)~~(1) to accept the volunteer services of in-state and out-of-state

~~health care~~healthcare providers consistent with Title 8, Chapter 25, to appoint such in-state and out-of-state ~~health care~~healthcare providers as emergency support function volunteers, and to prescribe the duties as may be reasonable and necessary for emergency response; and

~~(3)~~(2) to authorize the medical examiner or coroner to appoint and prescribe the duties of such emergency assistant medical examiners or coroners as may be required for the proper performance of the duties of the office.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. DAVIS raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 was not germane to H 4189.

Rep. BEACH argued contra.

Rep. DAVIS argued that the Amendment added new substantive language concerning the operations of the Department of Environmental Services and went beyond the technical changes made by the Bill.

The SPEAKER stated that the Bill was a technical cleanup Bill and the Amendment made substantive changes to the operations of the Department of Environmental Services. He stated the Amendment went beyond the scope of the Bill and sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4189 (LC-4189.VR0005H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 100, by striking Section 44-1-80(A) and inserting:

(A) The ~~Board of~~Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or its designated agents must investigate the reported causes of communicable or epidemic disease. The Department of Public Health, upon approval of the Governor, may ~~and must~~ enforce or prescribe ~~these~~ preventive measures as may be needed to suppress or prevent the spread of these diseases by proper quarantine or other measures of prevention, as may be necessary to protect the citizens of the State. The ~~Board of~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or its designated agents shall declare, when the facts justify it, any place as infected and, in case of hydrophobia or other diseases transmitted from animals to man, must declare such animal or animals quarantined, and must place all such restrictions upon ingress and egress of persons or

animals therefrom as may be, in its judgment, necessary to prevent the spread of disease from the infected locality.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 100, by striking Section 44-1-100 and inserting:

Section 44-1-100. ~~All~~If so ordered by the Governor, all sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns must aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and must carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, which may be deployed or activated only upon order of the Governor.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 116, Section 44-4-300, by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

After the declaration of a state of public health emergency by the Governor pursuant to Section 25-1-440, ~~DHEC~~DPH may exercise, with the approval of the Governor and in coordination with state agencies, local governments, and other organizations responsible for implementation of the emergency support functions in the State Emergency Operations Plan for handling dangerous facilities and materials, for such period as the state of public health emergency exists, the following powers over dangerous facilities or materials:

Amend the bill further, SECTION 116, by striking Section 44-4-330(A) and inserting:

(A) After the declaration of a public health emergency by the Governor pursuant to Section 25-1-440, ~~DHEC~~DPH may purchase and distribute antitoxins, serums, vaccines, immunizing agents, antibiotics, and other pharmaceutical agents or medical supplies that it considers advisable in the interest of preparing for or controlling ~~a~~the declared public health emergency, without any additional legislative authorization.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Article 5, Chapter 4, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-4-495. For purposes of this article, "during a state of public health emergency" means a state of public health emergency declared by the Governor pursuant to his authority in Section 25-1-440.

SECTION X.A. Section 25-1-440 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(f) For a localized public health emergency, the sheriff of the affected county has the same powers and duties set forth in subsection (a) as does the Governor, until such time as the public health emergency crosses the county's border affecting another county. In addition, the same limitations on the Governor's powers and duties as set forth in subsection (a) apply to the same extent to a sheriff in the case of a localized public health emergency. "Localized public health emergency" means a public health emergency specific to a single county that does not cross the county's border or otherwise affect the residents of any other county of the State of South Carolina.

B. Section 25-1-440(a)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) declare a state of emergency for all or part of the State if he finds a disaster or a public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary measures are considered necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation. A declared state of emergency shall not continue for a period of more than fifteen days without the consent of the General Assembly. Moreover, only one declaration for the same disaster or public health emergency is authorized pursuant to this section. Subsequent declarations for the same disaster or public health emergency require General Assembly consent;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. DAVIS raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 5 was not germane to H. 4189.

Rep. BEACH argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the Bill.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. SESSIONS spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 95; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Martin	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--17

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Peeler, Jackson and Alexander to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on H. 4025:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

S. 29--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 29:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Hutto, Kimbrell and Adams to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. T. MOORE, WETMORE and MCCABE to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. DAVIS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3292--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Rep. HIXON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Howard	King	McDaniel
Spann-Wilder	Waters	Wetmore

Total--6

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3876--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford, B. L. Cox, Henderson-Myers and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS MERCHANTS OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF

REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

The Ways and Means Committee proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3876 (LC-3876.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 8.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HEWITT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3876 (LC-3876.DG0002H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 6-1-195. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a governing body of a municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the State may not enact or enforce an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that prohibits the rental of a residential dwelling to a short-term guest.

(B) A municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the State that enacts or enforces an ordinance, resolution, or regulation that violates the provisions of subsection (A) may not:

(1) assess or collect the six percent property assessment ratio for qualifying real property pursuant to Section 12-43-220(e); and

(2)(a) receive any distributions from the Local Government Fund pursuant to Chapter 27, Title 6; and

(b) the Office of the State Treasurer shall withhold the municipality's, county's, or political subdivision's State Aid to Subdivisions Act distribution until the ordinance, resolution, or regulation in violation of subsection (A) is repealed.

(C) This section supersedes and preempts any ordinance, resolution, or regulation enacted by a municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the State that purports to prohibit the rental of a residential dwelling to a short-term guest.

(D) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Residential dwelling" means any building, structure, or part of the building or structure, that is used or intended to be used as a home,

residence, or sleeping place by one or more persons to the exclusion of all others.

(2) "Short term rental" means a residential dwelling that is offered for rent for a fee and for fewer than twenty-nine consecutive days.

(3) "Short term guest" means a person who rents a short-term rental.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. COLLINS raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 2 was not germane to H. 3876.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 66; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Forrest	Gilliam	Govan
Guest	Guffey	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Taylor

Teeple	Vaughan	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten

Total--66

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bradley	Chapman	Cromer
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilreath
Grant	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Kilmartin
King	May	McCravy
Morgan	Pace	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Terribile	Waters	Weeks
White	Willis	

Total—38

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MCGINNIS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BUSTOS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that the House recede until 1:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:30 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has requested and has granted free conference powers and appointed Senators Hembree, Sabb and Adams of the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate on S. 156:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Johnson, Climer and Williams to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on S. 127:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH

CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL EPISCOPAL SCHOOL BOYS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4553 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025, AS "NATIONAL GUARD DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MANY SACRIFICES AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MAKES TO PROTECT THE FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY, AND SECURITY OF OUR STATE AND NATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 4247--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4247 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING

SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO AN ORDER TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-80, RELATING TO STATE SECURITIES LAWS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE AN ORDER RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY

ADDING SECTION 39-73-400 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY OF THIS CHAPTER; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters

Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 127--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 8, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 9-11-10(17) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(17) “Employer” means:

(a) the State;

(b) a political subdivision, agency, or department of the State which employs police officers and which has been admitted to the system as provided in Section 9-11-40; ~~and~~

(c) a service organization, the membership of which is composed solely of persons eligible to be members as defined by this section, if the compensation received by the employees of the service organization is provided from monies paid by the members as dues, or otherwise, or from funds derived from public sources and if the contributions prescribed by this chapter are to be paid from the funds of the service organization.; and

(d) the Catawba Nation upon its admission to the system as provided in Section 9-11-43.

SECTION 2. Chapter 11, Title 9 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 9-11-43. (A) The Catawba Nation may become an employer for the purposes of this chapter by applying to the board for admission to the system pursuant to Section 9-11-40, complying with the requirements of Section 9-11-40, and complying with the board's rules and regulations. The application must set forth the requested date of admission, which must be the January first, the April first, the July first, or the October first next following receipt by the board of the application.

(B) An employee of the Catawba Nation may not become a member of the system unless substantially all of the employee's time is devoted solely to the performance of governmental service as a police officer pursuant to Section 27-16-70(C).

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, as a condition to joining the system, the Catawba Nation agrees to be subject to all of the state laws, regulations, administrative policies, and plan provisions related to the administration and enforcement of the requirements of the system and agrees that any and all disputes arising pursuant to or by virtue of its participation in the system will be resolved in the appropriate state court or administrative tribunal, notwithstanding any sovereign immunity that might otherwise apply. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to affect, modify, diminish, or otherwise impair any sovereign immunity enjoyed by the Catawba Nation with respect to any other provision of state law unrelated to the administration and enforcement of the requirements of the system.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Johnson	/s/Rep. B. Newton
/s/Sen. Climer	Rep. Cobb-Hunter
/s/Sen. Williams	/s/Rep. Pope
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the Conference Report.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. COBB-HUNTER continued speaking.

Rep. POPE spoke in favor of the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Dillard	Gilliard	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jones
King	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Spann-Wilder	Waters

Total--15

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on contintuent business during the vote on S. 127. Had I been present, I would have voted to adopt the Conference Report.

Rep. Montgomery

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4554--ADOPTED

The following was introduced:

H. 4554 -- Rules Committee: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SET BY SPECIAL ORDER H. 3752, RELATING TO THE SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT; S. 74, RELATING TO WARRANTS AND SUBPOENAS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS; S. 136, RELATING TO EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN PRIOR HANDGUN POSSESSION CONVICTIONS; AND S. 28, RELATING TO THE OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, FOR IMMEDIATE

CONSIDERATION, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025, IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION OF THE SPECIAL ORDER RESOLUTION.

Rep. CASKEY explained the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4555 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND TIFFANYJ FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CELEBRATE THE TWELFTH AND FINAL BEAUTY, YOU ARE BOOT CAMP, WHICH HAS SHAPED THE LIVES OF SO MANY YOUNG GIRLS ACROSS THE SOUTHEAST.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4556 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Grant: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO FORMALLY CENSURE REPRESENTATIVE JOHN R. MCCRAVY III, FOR STATEMENTS MADE IN VIOLATION OF

RULE 3.6, RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, REGARDING DECORUM AND UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 12, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Ethics.

H. 3752--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Rep. WOOTEN explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis

Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
May	Morgan	Pace
Terribile	White	

Total--11

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 74--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 74 -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 136--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL

CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese

Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 28--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 0; Nays 107

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks

Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

S. 156--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved that the Committee of Conference on the following Bill be resolved into a Committee of Free Conference and briefly explained the Conference Committee's reasons for this request:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Guest	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	Grant	Howard
King	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Waters		

Total--7

So, the motion to resolve the Committee of Conference into a Committee of Free Conference was agreed to.

The Committee of Conference was thereby resolved into a Committee of Free Conference. The SPEAKER appointed Reps. J. E. JOHNSON, ROBBINS and ROSE to the Committee of Free Conference and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 28--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 28:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Hutto, Adams and Kimbrell to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. T. MOORE, WETMORE and MCCABE to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 127:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Free Conference on S. 156:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 156--FREE CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 7, 2025

The FREE COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-3-80. (A) A person who knowingly and unlawfully delivers, dispenses, or otherwise provides fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance as defined in Section 44-53-190(B) and Section 44-53-210(c)(6) to another person, in violation of the provisions of Section 44-53-370, commits the felony offense of fentanyl-induced homicide if the proximate cause of the death of any other person is the injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of any amount of the fentanyl or fentanyl-related substance that was unlawfully delivered, dispensed, or otherwise provided.

(B) A person convicted of a fentanyl-induced homicide pursuant to the provisions of this section must be imprisoned not more than thirty years.

(C) It is not a defense pursuant to this section that a decedent contributed to his own death by his purposeful, knowing, reckless, or negligent injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of the controlled substance or by his consenting to the administration of the controlled substance by another person, unless there exists clear and convincing evidence that the decedent intended to commit suicide. This section does

not prohibit a person from being arrested, charged, or prosecuted for any other applicable offense, whether or not the offense arises from the same circumstances as provided in this section.

(D) A person who knowingly injects, inhales, absorbs, or ingests any amount of fentanyl along with another consenting person, which is the proximate cause of the death of the consenting person, shall not be prosecuted under this section.

SECTION 2. Section 16-1-10(D) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding a new offense to read:

Section 16-3-80. Fentanyl-induced homicide

SECTION 3. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Hembree	/s/Rep. J. E. Johnson
/s/Sen. Sabb	/s/Rep. Robbins
/s/Sen. Adams	/s/Rep. Rose
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Free Conference Report.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the Free Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	Montgomery

T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
King	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Waters	Williams	

Total--14

The Free Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 29--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 8, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF

IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 16-15-375 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-15-375. The following definitions apply to Section 16-15-385, disseminating or exhibiting to minors harmful material or performances; Section 16-15-387, employing a person under the age of eighteen years to appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity in a public place; Section 16-15-395, first degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-405, second degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-410, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor; <u>Section 16-15-412, morphed image of an identifiable minor; arrest warrant;</u> Section 16-15-415, promoting prostitution of a minor; and Section 16-15-425, participating in prostitution of a minor.

(1) "Harmful to minors" means that quality of any material or performance that depicts sexually explicit nudity or sexual activity and that, taken as a whole, has the following characteristics:

(a) the average adult person applying contemporary community standards would find that the material or performance has a predominant tendency to appeal to a prurient interest of minors in sex; and

(b) the average adult person applying contemporary community standards would find that the depiction of sexually explicit nudity or sexual activity in the material or performance is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community concerning what is suitable for minors; and

(c) to a reasonable person, the material or performance taken as a whole lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors.

(2) "Material" means pictures, drawings, video recordings, films, digital electronic files, computer-generated images or pictures, or other visual depictions or representations but not material consisting entirely of written words.

(3) "Minor" means an individual who is less than eighteen years old.

(4) "Prostitution" means engaging or offering to engage in sexual activity with or for another in exchange for anything of value.

(5) "Sexual activity" includes any of the following acts or simulations thereof:

(a) masturbation, whether done alone or with another human or animal;

(b) vaginal, anal, or oral intercourse, whether done with another human or an animal;

(c) touching, in an act of apparent sexual stimulation or sexual abuse, of the clothed or unclothed genitals, pubic area, or buttocks of another person or the clothed or unclothed breasts of a human female;

(d) an act or condition that depicts bestiality, sado-masochistic abuse, meaning flagellation or torture by or upon a person who is nude or clad in undergarments or in a costume which reveals the pubic hair, anus, vulva, genitals, or female breast nipples, or the condition of being fettered, bound, or otherwise physically restrained on the part of the one so clothed;

(e) excretory functions;

(f) the insertion of any part of a person's body, other than the male sexual organ, or of any object into another person's anus or vagina, except when done as part of a recognized medical procedure.

(6) "Sexually explicit nudity" means the showing of:

(a) uncovered, or less than opaquely covered human genitals, pubic area, or buttocks, or the nipple or any portion of the areola of the human female breast; or

(b) covered human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

(7) "Identifiable minor"

(a) means a person who:

(1) was a minor at the time the image was created, adapted, or modified, or whose image as a minor was used in the creating, adapting, or modifying of the image; and

(2) is recognizable as an actual person by the person's face, likeness, or other distinguishing characteristic, such as a unique birthmark, or other recognizable feature.

(b) shall not be construed to require proof of the actual identity of the identifiable minor.

(8) "Morphed image" means any visual depiction or representation, including any photograph, film, video, picture, or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct, where such visual depiction or representation has been created, adapted, or modified to appear that an identifiable minor is engaging in sexual conduct or sexually explicit activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity.

SECTION 2. Section 16-15-395 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-15-395. (A) An individual commits the offense of first degree sexual exploitation of a minor if, knowing the character or content of the material or performance, he:

(1) uses, employs, induces, coerces, encourages, or facilitates a minor to engage in or assist others to engage in sexual activity or appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation for a live performance or for the purpose of producing material that contains a visual representation depicting this activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation;

(2) permits a minor under his custody or control to engage in sexual activity or appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation for a live performance or for the purpose of producing material that contains a visual representation depicting this activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation;

(3) transports or finances the transportation of a minor through or across this State with the intent that the minor engage in sexual activity or appear in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation for a live performance or for the purpose of producing material that contains a visual representation depicting this activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation;

or

(4) records, photographs, films, develops, duplicates, produces, or creates a digital electronic file for sale or pecuniary gain material that contains a visual representation depicting a minor or a morphed image of an identifiable minor engaged in sexual activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation.

(B) In a prosecution pursuant to this section, the trier of fact may infer that a participant in a sexual activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity depicted in material as a minor through its title, text, visual representations, or otherwise, is a minor.

(C) Mistake of age is not a defense to a prosecution pursuant to this section.

(D) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not less than three years nor more than twenty years. No part of the minimum sentence of imprisonment may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum term of imprisonment. Sentences imposed pursuant to this section must run consecutively with and commence at the expiration of another sentence being served by the person sentenced.

(E) The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged under the provisions of subsection (A)(4) is a minor and the offense is the minor's first offense related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor.

SECTION 3. Section 16-15-405 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-15-405. (A) An individual commits the offense of second degree sexual exploitation of a minor if, knowing the character or content of the material, he:

(1) records, photographs, films, develops, duplicates, produces, or creates digital electronic file material that contains a visual representation of a minor or a morphed image of an identifiable minor engaged in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation; or

(2) distributes, transports, exhibits, receives, sells, purchases, exchanges, or solicits material that contains a visual representation of a minor or a morphed image of an identifiable minor engaged in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a

reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation.

(B) In a prosecution pursuant to this section, the trier of fact may infer that a participant in sexual activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity depicted in material as a minor through its title, text, visual representations, or otherwise, is a minor.

(C) Mistake of age is not a defense to a prosecution pursuant to this section.

(D) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not less than two years nor more than ten years. No part of the minimum sentence may be suspended nor is the individual convicted eligible for parole until he has served the minimum sentence.

(E) The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged under the provisions of subsection (A) is a minor and the offense is the minor's first charge related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor.

SECTION 4. Section 16-15-410 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-15-410. (A) An individual commits the offense of third degree sexual exploitation of a minor if, knowing the character or content of the material, he possesses material that contains a visual representation of a minor or a morphed image of an identifiable minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation.

(B) In a prosecution pursuant to this section, the trier of fact may infer that a participant in sexual activity or a state of sexually explicit nudity depicted as a minor through its title, text, visual representation, or otherwise, is a minor.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than ten years.

(D) This section does not apply to an employee of a law enforcement agency, including the State Law Enforcement Division, a prosecuting agency, including the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, or the South Carolina Department of Corrections who, while acting within the employee's official capacity in the course of an investigation or criminal proceeding, is in possession of material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer

the purpose is sexual stimulation. The employee's official capacity in the course of such investigation or criminal proceeding includes making material available for inspection to the defendant's counsel in response to discovery requests.

(E) The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged under the provisions of subsection (A) is a minor and the offense is the minor's first charge related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor.

SECTION 5. Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-15-412. Any warrant for arrest for an alleged crime or offense that concerns a morphed image or an identifiable minor under Section 16-15-395, first degree sexual exploitation of a minor; Section 16-15-405, second degree sexual exploitation of a minor; or, Section 16-15-410, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor may only be issued upon:

(1) a return of a "true bill" of an indictment by the state grand jury, or

(2) a finding of probable cause following an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in conjunction with the Attorney General's office.

SECTION 6. Section 23-3-430(C)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(1) For purposes of this article, a person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses shall be referred to as a Tier I offender:

(a) criminal sexual conduct in the third degree (Section 16-3-654);

(b) kidnapping (Section 16-3-910) of a person eighteen years of age or older except when the court makes a finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense;

(c) incest (Section 16-15-20);

(d) buggery (Section 16-15-120);

(e) peeping, voyeurism, or aggravated voyeurism (Section 16-17-470);

(f) a person, regardless of age, who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in this State, or who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in a comparable court in the United States, or

who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in the United States federal courts of indecent exposure or of a similar offense in other jurisdictions is required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article if the court makes a specific finding on the record that, based on the circumstances of the case, the convicted person should register as a sex offender;

(g) sexual intercourse with a patient or trainee (Section 44-23-1150);

(h) administering, distributing, dispensing, delivering, or aiding, abetting, attempting, or conspiring to administer, distribute, dispense, or deliver a controlled substance or gamma hydroxy butyrate to an individual with the intent to commit a crime listed in Section 44-53-370(f), except petit larceny or grand larceny;

(i) any other offense as described in Section 23-3-430(D)~~, or~~;

(j) any other offense required by Title I of the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-248), the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)~~.~~;

(k) sexual exploitation of a minor, first degree (Section 16-15-395), provided the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. If the offender is under eighteen years of age and the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor, then the adjudicated minor is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article;

(l) sexual exploitation of a minor, second degree (Section 16-15-405), provided the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. If the offender is under eighteen years of age and the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor, then the adjudicated minor is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article; or

(m) sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree (Section 16-15-410); provided the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor. If the offender is under eighteen years of age and the offense is related to a morphed image of an identifiable minor, then the adjudicated minor is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article.

SECTION 7. Section 23-3-430(C)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(2) For purposes of this article, a person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses shall be referred to as a Tier II offender:

(a) criminal sexual conduct in the second degree (Section

16-3-653);

(b) engaging a child for sexual performance (Section 16-3-810);

(c) producing, directing, or promoting sexual performance by a child (Section 16-3-820);

(d) trafficking in persons (Section 16-3-2020) except when the court makes a finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense;

(e) criminal sexual conduct with minors, second degree (Section 16-3-655(B)). If evidence is presented at the criminal proceeding, or in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the court makes a specific finding on the record that the conviction obtained for this offense resulted from consensual sexual conduct, as contained in Section 16-3-655(B)(2), provided the offender is eighteen years of age or less, or consensual sexual conduct between persons under sixteen years of age, the convicted person is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article;

(f) criminal sexual conduct with minors, third degree (Section 16-3-655(C)). If evidence is presented at the criminal proceeding, or in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the court makes a specific finding on the record that the conviction obtained for this offense resulted from consensual sexual conduct, as contained in Section 16-3-655(B)(2), provided the offender is eighteen years of age or less, or consensual sexual conduct between persons under sixteen years of age, the convicted person is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article;

(g) criminal solicitation of a minor if the purpose or intent of the solicitation or attempted solicitation was to:

(i) persuade, induce, entice, or coerce the person solicited to engage or participate in sexual activity as defined in Section 16-15-375(5);

(ii) perform a sexual activity in the presence of the person solicited (Section 16-15-342);~~ or~~

(h) violations of Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 involving a minor~~.~~;

(i) sexual exploitation of a minor, first degree (Section 16-15-395), except as otherwise provided in this article;

(j) sexual exploitation of a minor, second degree (Section 16-15-405), except as otherwise provided in this article; or

(k) sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree (Section 16-15-410), except as otherwise provided in this article.

SECTION 8. Section 23-3-462(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) After successful completion of the requirements of this section, an offender may apply to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for the termination of the requirements of registration pursuant to this article. If it is determined that the offender has met the requirements of this section, SLED shall remove the offender's name and identifying information from the sex offender registry and shall notify the offender within one hundred twenty days that the offender has been relieved of the registration requirements of this article.

~~(1) An offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED, in a form and process established by the agency:~~

~~(a) afterhaving been registered for at least fifteen yearsif the offender was required to register based on an adjudication of delinquency or the offender was required to register as a Tier I offender;~~

~~(b) after having been registered for at least twenty-five yearsif the offender was convicted as an adult, and was required to register as a Tier II offender;~~

~~(c) an offender who was required to register as an offender because of a conviction in another state or because of a federal conviction may apply to be removed from the requirements of the registry if he is eligible to be removed under the laws of the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.~~

(1) A Tier I offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED in a form and process established by the agency, if the person:

(a) has been registered for at least fifteen years; or

(b) has been discharged from incarceration without supervision for at least fifteen years for the charge requiring registration; or

(c) has had at least fifteen years pass since the termination of active supervision of probation, parole, or any other alternative to incarceration for the charge requiring registration; or

(d) is a Tier I offender who was required to register as an offender because of a conviction in another state or because of a federal conviction and who is eligible to be removed under the laws of the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.

(2) A Tier II offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED in a form and process established by the agency, if the person:

(a) has been registered for at least twenty-five years;

(b) has been discharged from incarceration without supervision for at least twenty-five years for the charge requiring registration;

(c) has had at least twenty-five years pass since the termination of active supervision of probation, parole, or any other alternative to incarceration for the charge requiring registration; or

(d) is a Tier II offender who was required to register as an offender because of a conviction in another state or because of a federal conviction and who is eligible to be removed under the law of the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.

~~(2)~~(3) An offender who was convicted as an adult, and who is required to register as a Tier III offender may not file a request for termination of registration with SLED nor shall any such request be granted pursuant to this subsection.

~~(3)~~(4) The requesting offender must have successfully completed all sex offender treatment programs that have been required.

~~(4)~~(5) The requesting offender must not have been convicted of failure to register within the previous ten years.

~~(5)~~(6) The offender must not have been convicted of any additional sexual offense or violent sexual offense after being placed on the registry.

~~(6)~~(7) A filing fee, as set by SLED but not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, shall be paid to file the request for termination of registration requirements. The initial application may be filed with SLED and the administrative review may begin one hundred twenty days prior to the date specified in subsection (A)(1); however, any removal may not occur prior to the date specified.

SECTION 9. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 10. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Hutto	/s/Rep. T.Moore
/s/Sen. Kimbrell	/s/Rep. Wetmore
/s/Sen. Adams	/s/Rep. McCabe
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber in a leadership meeting during the vote on S. 29. If I had been present, I would have voted to adopt the Conference Report.

Rep. Daniel Gibson

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber in a leadership meeting during the vote on S. 29. If I had been present, I would have voted to adopt the Conference Report.

Rep. John McCravy

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4557 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 63 TO TITLE 48 ENTITLED "ODOR MANAGEMENT" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR VERIFIABLE ODOR COMPLAINTS, REQUIRE THE BUREAU CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET, TO REQUIRE A FACILITY OWNER TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT AN ODOR MANAGEMENT PLAN,

WHEN REQUIRED, AND TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS AND PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4558 -- Reps. Chapman, Guffey, Sessions, Martin, Erickson, Pope, Bradley, Caskey, T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, M. M. Smith, Sanders, B. L. Cox, Brewer, Robbins, Yow, Guest, Mitchell, Haddon, Vaughan, Schuessler, Brittain and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEXUAL OFFENDER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PLACE A SEXUAL OFFENDER IDENTIFIER ON THE DRIVERS' LICENSES OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, TO PROVIDE A FEE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4559 -- Reps. Burns and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-70, RELATING TO POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO CALCULATE, LEVY, AND COLLECT THE TAX RELATED TO THE PROPERLY ESTABLISHED MILLAGE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4560 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-535, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, EXCEPTIONS, VIOLATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET" TO INCLUDE HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION-OWNED AND PROPERTY ASSOCIATION-OWNED AMENITY CENTERS, PARKS, AND PLAYGROUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX OFFENDER MAY NOT RESIDE WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF THESE FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4561 -- Rep. Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT REFERENDUMS ON PROPOSALS BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCUR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OR LEVY TAXES OR FEES MUST BE HELD AT THE TIME OF STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-10, RELATING TO DEFINITION OF "GENERAL ELECTION" FOR PURPOSES OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUMS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4562 -- Reps. Sessions, Davis, Brewer, Wooten, Ligon and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PATIENTS' RIGHT TO TRANSPARENCY AND TIMELY ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 116 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM PREAUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS WHO MEET AN EIGHTY PERCENT THRESHOLD OF PREAUTHORIZATION REQUESTS FOR MEDICATIONS AND TREATMENTS DURING A PARTICULAR TIME PERIOD; TO REQUIRE A FAIR AND TRANSPARENT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR MEDICATIONS AND TREATMENTS; TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR PREAUTHORIZATION DECISIONS; TO PROHIBIT ONGOING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PATIENTS LIVING WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS AFTER PRIOR AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROHIBIT INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM SWITCHING PHARMACEUTICALS DURING A POLICY YEAR; TO ALLOW FOR STEP THERAPY EXCEPTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT ONCE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION IS GRANTED, HEALTH CARRIERS MUST PAY FOR THE SERVICE WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO REQUIRE CONTINUITY OF CARE WHEN A PATIENT CHANGES INSURANCE POLICIES; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN FILINGS FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR TRANSPARENCY CONCERNING APPROVAL AND DENIAL

RATES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE CHAPTER.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 28--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 8, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-15-390. (A) As used in this section:

(1) “Obscene” has the same meaning as Section 16-15-305.

(2) “Visual depiction or representation” means and includes undeveloped film and videotape, and data stored on a computer disk or by electronic means that is capable of conversion into a visual image, and also includes any photograph, film, video, picture, digital image or picture, computer image or picture, or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means.

(B) Any person who knowingly produces, distributes, solicits, or

possesses with intent to distribute, a visual depiction or representation that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.

(C) Any person who knowingly possesses a visual depiction or representation that depicts a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct, sexually explicit activity, or sexually explicit nudity, and is obscene, or attempts or conspires to do so is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned no more than ten years.

(D) The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged under this section is a minor, and the minor has no prior adjudication under this section or for any offense for which a person may be included in the sex offender registry. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor.

(E) It is not a required element of any offense under this section that the minor depicted actually exists.

(F)(1) This section does not apply to an employee of a law enforcement agency, including the State Law Enforcement Division, a prosecuting agency, including the South Carolina Attorney General's Office or the South Carolina Department of Corrections, who, while acting within the employee's official capacity in the course of an investigation or criminal proceeding, is in possession of material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation. An employee's official capacity in the course of such investigation or criminal proceeding includes making materials available for inspection to the defendant's counsel in response to discovery requests.

(2) This section does not apply to a provider of a telecommunications service or an information service, as those terms are defined in 47 U.S.C. Section 153, for content provided by another person.

(G) Any warrant for arrest for an alleged crime or offense under this section may only be issued upon:

(1) a return of a "true bill" of an indictment by the state grand jury, or

(2) a finding of probable cause following an investigation conducted by the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in conjunction with the Attorney General's office.

SECTION 2. Section 23-3-430(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(1) For purposes of this article, a person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses shall be referred to as a Tier I offender:

(a) criminal sexual conduct in the third degree (Section 16-3-654);

(b) kidnapping (Section 16-3-910) of a person eighteen years of age or older except when the court makes a finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense;

(c) incest (Section 16-15-20);

(d) buggery (Section 16-15-120);

(e) peeping, voyeurism, or aggravated voyeurism (Section 16-17-470);

(f) a person, regardless of age, who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in this State, or who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in a comparable court in the United States, or who has been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere in the United States federal courts of indecent exposure or of a similar offense in other jurisdictions is required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article if the court makes a specific finding on the record that, based on the circumstances of the case, the convicted person should register as a sex offender;

(g) sexual intercourse with a patient or trainee (Section 44-23-1150);

(h) administering, distributing, dispensing, delivering, or aiding, abetting, attempting, or conspiring to administer, distribute, dispense, or deliver a controlled substance or gamma hydroxy butyrate to an individual with the intent to commit a crime listed in Section 44-53-370(f), except petit larceny or grand larceny;

(i) any other offense as described in Section 23-3-430(D)~~, or~~;

(j) any other offense required by Title I of the federal Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-248), the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA)~~.~~; or

(k) obscene visual representation of child sexual abuse (Section 16-15-390). If the person is under eighteen years of age and was adjudicated in the family court, then the adjudicated minor is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article.

(2) For purposes of this article, a person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses shall

be referred to as a Tier II offender:

(a) criminal sexual conduct in the second degree (Section 16-3-653);

(b) engaging a child for sexual performance (Section 16-3-810);

(c) producing, directing, or promoting sexual performance by a child (Section 16-3-820);

(d) trafficking in persons (Section 16-3-2020) except when the court makes a finding on the record that the offense did not include a criminal sexual offense or an attempted criminal sexual offense;

(e) criminal sexual conduct with minors, second degree (Section 16-3-655(B)). If evidence is presented at the criminal proceeding, or in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the court makes a specific finding on the record that the conviction obtained for this offense resulted from consensual sexual conduct, as contained in Section 16-3-655(B)(2), provided the offender is eighteen years of age or less, or consensual sexual conduct between persons under sixteen years of age, the convicted person is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article;

(f) criminal sexual conduct with minors, third degree (Section 16-3-655(C)). If evidence is presented at the criminal proceeding, or in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the court makes a specific finding on the record that the conviction obtained for this offense resulted from consensual sexual conduct, as contained in Section 16-3-655(B)(2), provided the offender is eighteen years of age or less, or consensual sexual conduct between persons under sixteen years of age, the convicted person is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article;

(g) criminal solicitation of a minor if the purpose or intent of the solicitation or attempted solicitation was to:

(i) persuade, induce, entice, or coerce the person solicited to engage or participate in sexual activity as defined in Section 16-15-375(5);

(ii) perform a sexual activity in the presence of the person solicited (Section 16-15-342); or

(h) violations of Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 involving a minor, except as otherwise provided in this article.

(3) For purposes of this article, a person who has been convicted of, or pled guilty or nolo contendere to any of the following offenses shall be referred to as a Tier III offender:

(a) criminal sexual conduct in the first degree (Section 16-3-652);

(b) criminal sexual conduct with minors, first degree (Section

16-3-655(A));

(c) criminal sexual conduct: assaults with intent to commit (Section 16-3-656);

(d) kidnapping (Section 16-3-910) of a person under eighteen years of age except when the offense is committed by a parent;

(e) criminal sexual conduct when the victim is a spouse (Section 16-3-658);

(f) sexual battery of a spouse (Section 16-3-615); or

(g) any offense listed or described in this section committed after the offender becomes a Tier I or Tier II offender.

SECTION 3. Section 23-3-462(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) After successful completion of the requirements of this section, an offender may apply to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for the termination of the requirements of registration pursuant to this article. If it is determined that the offender has met the requirements of this section, SLED shall remove the offender's name and identifying information from the sex offender registry and shall notify the offender within one hundred twenty days that the offender has been relieved of the registration requirements of this article.

~~(1) An offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED, in a form and process established by the agency:~~

~~(a) after having been registered for at least fifteen years if the offender was required to register based on an adjudication of delinquency or the offender was required to register as a Tier I offender;~~

~~(b) after having been registered for at least twenty-five years, if the offender was convicted as an adult, and was required to register as a Tier II offender;~~

(1) A Tier I offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED in a form and process established by the agency, if the person:

(a) has been registered for at least fifteen years; or

(b) has been discharged from incarceration without supervision for at least fifteen years for the charge requiring registration; or

(c) has had at least fifteen years pass since the termination of active supervision of probation, parole, or any other alternative to incarceration for the charge requiring registration; or

~~(c)~~ (d) ~~an~~ is a Tier I offender who was required to register as an offender because of a conviction in another state or because of a federal conviction and who ~~may apply to be removed from the requirements of the registry if he~~ is eligible to be removed under the laws of the

jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.

(2) A Tier II offender may file a request for termination of the requirement of registration with SLED in a form and process established by the agency, if the person:

(a) has been registered for at least twenty-five years;

(b) has been discharged from incarceration without supervision for at least twenty-five years for the charge requiring registration;

(c) has had at least twenty-five years pass since the termination of active supervision of probation, parole, or any other alternative to incarceration for the charge requiring registration; or

(d) is a Tier II offender who was required to register as an offender because of a conviction in another state or because of a federal conviction and who is eligible to be removed under the laws of the jurisdiction where the conviction occurred.

~~(2)~~(3) An offender who was convicted as an adult, and who is required to register as a Tier III offender may not file a request for termination of registration with SLED nor shall any such request be granted pursuant to this subsection.

~~(3)~~(4) The requesting offender must have successfully completed all sex offender treatment programs that have been required.

~~(4)~~(5) The requesting offender must not have been convicted of failure to register within the previous ten years.

~~(5)~~(6) The offender must not have been convicted of any additional sexual offense or violent sexual offense after being placed on the registry.

~~(6)~~(7) A filing fee, as set by SLED but not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars, shall be paid to file the request for termination of registration requirements. The initial application may be filed with SLED and the administrative review may begin one hundred twenty days prior to the date specified in subsection (A)(1); however, any removal may not occur prior to the date specified.

SECTION 4. The State Department of Education, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and the Attorney General's Office, as appropriate, shall develop and implement a policy to educate and notify students of the provision of this act. The State Department of Education must file a report as to the status of the adoption and implementation of the education policies under this act to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representative, by July 1, 2026.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the

constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Hutto	/s/Rep. T. Moore
/s/Sen. Kimbrell	/s/Rep. Wetmore
/s/Sen. Adams	/s/Rep. McCabe
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:
Rutherford

Total--1

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 29:

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE

IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 29--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that the Report of the Committee of Conference on the following Bill, having been

adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for ratification:

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. OREMUS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 4:05 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that the Report of the Committee of Free Conference on the following Bill, having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act and the Act enrolled for ratification:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 28:

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 28--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 8, 2025
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has enrolled S. 210 after receiving a message that the House receded from its amendments.

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED

CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

Rep. WICKENSIMER moved that the House do now adjourn, pending receipt of messages from the Senate and pursuant to the provisions of S. 292, the Sine Die Resolution, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4242 -- Rep. Chumley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE ENOREE RIVER TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "OLD ANTIOCH CHURCH WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4215 -- Reps. Collins, Bowers, Hiott, Cromer, White, Kilmartin, Gilreath and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE OVER TWELVE MILE RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 IN PICKENS COUNTY "GENERAL ANDREW PICKENS BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4381 -- Reps. Atkinson and Kirby: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME NESMITH CORNER ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF NESMITH IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY

"COLUMBUS PRESSLEY AND CLAUDIE E. PRESSLEY MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4415 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025, AS UNITED STATES ARMY DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE TO REFLECT UPON THE PROFOUND SENSE OF DUTY AND PATRIOTISM EXHIBITED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

H. 4416 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OLD STAGECOACH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHUNE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM MCLAUGHLIN ROAD TO STEPHENS LANE "CHARLIE AND PAT STEPHENS INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4429 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AT 35º5'30" N

BY 82º36'53" W CONTAINING THE WORDS "ALAMO COVE" TO HONOR THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT TO CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THE PERSIMMON RIDGE FIRE.

H. 4184 -- Rep. Teeple: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INDIGO HILL ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 174 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARK ROAD "GENO MIDDLETON ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 8, 2025, at 1:25 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 46, S. 77) -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVESTREAM OR ALTERNATE ELECTRONIC MEANS

TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026.

(R. 47, S. 78) -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE CREDIT FOR CERTAIN RELEVANT NON-TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATORS WHO SATISFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH EXPERIENCE CREDIT MAY BE AWARDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCEMENT ON THE TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE, TO PROVIDE OTHER EXISTING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED BY THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTIVES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.

(R. 48, S. 79) -- Senators Hembree and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY REQUESTS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.

(R. 49, S. 89) -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSON, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 50, S. 101) -- Senator Gambrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FIRE DEPARTMENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-40, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ISSUED BY THIS STATE.

(R. 51, S. 171) -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; AND TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 52, S. 176) -- Senator Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO APPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS TO USAGES IN ELECTRONIC FILES

AND METADATA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE UNIFORM CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT EXAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO ENTITIES REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH REGISTRATION OF FIRMS THAT PERFORM COMPILATION SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE OWNERSHIP OF SUCH FIRMS MAY BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATORS MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO OBTAIN LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE RECIPROCITY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-2-20(18) RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SECTION 40-2-35(H) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.

(R. 53, S. 221) -- Senator Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

(R. 54, S. 269) -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP RELATED STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 18, TITLE 40, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

(R. 55, S. 618) -- Senator Peeler: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 389 OF 1907, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CITY OF GAFFNEY, SO AS TO RESTATE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER OF ELECTION AND OF ELECTIONS; AND TO REPEAL ACT 205 OF 1953 AND ACT 128 OF 1967 RELATED TO THE BOARD.

(R. 56, H. 3058) -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Guffey, W. Newton, B. Newton and Willis: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF

UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

(R. 57, H. 3127) -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M.M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES, TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL FELONY OFFENSE WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS LED ON A HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

(R. 58, H. 3175) -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

(R. 59, H. 3276) -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M.M. Smith and Hartnett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT” BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, TO DEFINE THE TERM “MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE,” TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

MAY NOT BE USED WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FINES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS RELATED TO CITIZENS ARRESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT SIGNS ADVISING MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE ONLY WARNINGS MAY BE ISSUED FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH CERTAIN OFFICIALS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS STOPPED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

(R. 60, H. 3309) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M.M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF

REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ONE OR MORE NATURAL GAS-FIRED GENERATION FACILITIES AND RELATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA IN COLLETON COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-1220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PLANS IF A COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE RELATED RURAL ZONING OR ORDINANCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS REQUIRING MORE THAN THIRTEEN ACRES OF LAND; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ALLOW ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO REQUEST THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADJUST THEIR RATES ANNUALLY, ADJUST UTILITY RATES, ESTABLISH THE BASELINE RATE ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN RATES, TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF FUSION ENERGY AND ADVANCED NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO

AS TO PERMIT THE EVALUATION OF SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN THIS STATE AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION, AND TO DESIGNATE ALL SECTIONS CURRENTLY IN CHAPTER 37 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "PLANNING FOR ENERGY SUPPLY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF AND APPROVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES, STANDARD OFFERS, FORM CONTRACTS, AND COMMITMENT TO SELL FORMS, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO OPEN A DOCKET TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY," SO AS TO REITERATE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION

REPORT, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT IF TRUE TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR A PETITION FOR REHEARING OR RECONSIDERATION, AND TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JUDICIAL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE VARIOUS THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR MODELS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO “DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM” AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR “COST-EFFECTIVE” AND “DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM”; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS,

AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THESE PORTFOLIOS ON AT LEAST A TRIENNIAL BASIS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSE MIX OF LONG-LEAD, CLEAN GENERATION RESOURCES, AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FIND CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PERMIT AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO CAPTURE AVAILABLE INCENTIVES FOR RATEPAYERS; TO PERMIT DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COSTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE”; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELECTRICITY RATE AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-135 SO AS TO TRANSFER A PENDING APPEAL REGARDING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PERMITS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING

SECTION 58-3-530, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DUTIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY RELATED TO ITS REPRESENTATION OF CONSUMERS IN UTILITY MATTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S CHIEF CLERK'S SALARY BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-200 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION ANALYST FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BUDGET OF AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS; TO REQUIRE A REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 24, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58; TO REQUIRE DOMINION ENERGY TO EVALUATE CONVERTING THE WATEREE GENERATION STATION TO BIOMASS-FIRED GENERATION, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-50, RELATING TO OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DUTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

(R. 61, H. 3430) -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M.M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY AND THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO FURTHER MODIFY PROVISIONS RELATING TO JOINT AND SEVERAL LIABILITY, TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION APPLYING TO THE USE, SALE, OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE INCLUSION OF ADDITIONAL TORTFEASORS IN A

CAUSE OF ACTION AND FOR THE TRIER OF FACT TO ALLOCATE FAULT TO ADDITIONAL TORTFEASORS, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH ADDITIONAL NONDEFENDANT TORTFEASORS SHALL BE ADDED TO A VERDICT FORM AND CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THEY SHALL NOT BE ADDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS FOR THE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS BY HOLDERS OF PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER OR WINE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-523 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT COLLEGIATE SPORTING EVENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-73-550 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS REGARDING LIQUOR LIABILITY COVERAGE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-147 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TORTFEASORS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSES SHALL APPEAR ON THE JURY VERDICT FORM UPON MOTION OF THE DEFENDANT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE IF A VERDICT IS RENDERED AGAINST BOTH A LICENSEE AND A DEFENDANT CHARGED WITH CERTAIN DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OFFENSES THAT THE LICENSEE IS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY LIABLE FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PLAINTIFF'S ACTUAL DAMAGES.

(R. 62, H. 3563**Error! Bookmark not defined.**) -- Reps. Davis, B.J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams, Holman and Govan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE NO MORE THAN TWICE PER YEAR.

(R. 63, H. 3632) -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Bauer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

(R. 64, H. 3800) -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

(R. 65, H. 3813) -- Rep. Hixon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

(R. 66, H. 3862) -- Reps. Erickson, G.M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING

TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO REVISE ADMISSIONS PREFERENCE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

(R. 67, H. 3877) -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(R. 68, H. 3878) -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(R. 69, H. 3910) -- Reps. Davis, G.M. Smith and B.J. Cox: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION THEREAFTER FOR CERTAIN MATTERS.

(R. 70, H. 3969) -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J.L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose:

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

(R. 71, H. 3973) -- Rep. Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.

(R. 72, H. 3996) -- Reps. Sessions and Chapman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.

(R. 73, H. 4003) -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B.J. Cox and Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PROVIDE REFUSE, GARBAGE, OR TRASH COLLECTING SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AFTER JUNE 30, 2026, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SUCH SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION MAY DEVELOP CERTAIN PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN USE RESTRICTIONS, AND TO REVISE THE ANNEXATION AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF FREEHOLDERS REQUIRED FOR A PETITION TO REQUEST SUCH ANNEXATIONS.

(R. 74, H. 4026) -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL

RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

(R. 75, H. 4067) -- Reps. Davis, Sessions, Forrest and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

(R. 76, H. 4160) -- Reps. W. Newton, G.M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT NINE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, THIRTEENTH, TWELFTH, FIFTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS.

(R. 77, H. 4261) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS “BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.”

(R. 78, H. 4296) -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS

TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN

APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(R. 79, H. 4307) -- Rep. B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

(R. 80, H. 4350) -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 81, H. 4402) -- Rep. Herbkersman: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026; AND TO SUSPEND SECTION 2-20-15 FOR ELECTIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR YEARS 2025 AND 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:15 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Thelma C. Edwards, to meet pursuant to the provisions of S. 292, the Sine Die Resolution

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 115:12: “The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us.”

Let us pray. Most Holy God, make us to know Your great love and compassion for us and send Your guardian angels to guide and keep these Representatives and Staff in Your care, as they discern the work of the people. Bless those who lead us in this Assembly, our State, and Nation. Protect our defenders of freedom, at home and abroad, as they protect us. Touch our wounded warriors and heal them. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, May 8, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HOSEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dawan E. "Pookie" Smith, which was agreed to.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--115

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. ALEXANDER and RUTHERFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Thursday, May 8.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WEEKS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CASKEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3408
Date:	ADD:
05/28/25	W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3435
Date:	ADD:
05/28/25	BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3630
Date:	ADD:
05/28/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3631
Date:	ADD:
05/28/25	POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3779
Date:	ADD:
05/28/25	BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4397
Date:	REMOVE:
05/28/25	WILLIS

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4025--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR

THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

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Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Harvey Smith Peeler Jr.	/s/Rep. Bruce Wyche Bannister
/s/Sen. Thomas C. Alexander	/s/Rep. Leonidas E. "Leon" Stavrinakis
/s/Sen. Darrell Jackson Sr.	/s/Rep. William Lee Hewitt III
On Part of the Senate.	On Part of the House.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Conference Report.

Rep. WHITE spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. LANDING spoke upon the Conference Report.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. GUFFEY spoke in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. TEEPLE spoke against the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Magnuson
May	McCravy	Mitchell
Morgan	Pace	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Teeple	Terribile
White		

Total--25

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. Terry Alexander

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the Veto by the Governor on S. 136 by a vote of 44 to 0.

(R. 86, S. 136) -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Very respectfully,
President

R. 86, S. 136--ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER ordered the following Veto printed in the Journal:

May 22, 2025
The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander
President of the South Carolina Senate
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-86, S. 136, which seeks to require prosecutors in South Carolina to dismiss pending charges for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to section 16-23-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended by the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, "if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of' that Act. As the General Assembly may recall, I vetoed nearly identical legislation last year. *See* S. 1166 (R-200), 125th Gen. Assembly, 2nd Reg. Sess. (May 21, 2024). While the Senate voted to override my objections to that bill, the House of Representatives declined to do so.

Although I appreciate that the General Assembly included language in this year's legislation to address law enforcement's concerns that the blanket dismissal of these charges could theoretically serve as the basis for wrongful arrest lawsuits, given that that the operative language in S. 136 is nearly identical to last year's bill, my fundamental objections to the legislation remain unchanged. As a former United States Attorney and South Carolina Attorney General, I have great respect and admiration for prosecutors and recognize the important role that prosecutorial discretion plays in our criminal justice system. I am therefore wary of any attempt to limit that authority and discretion. Every case is unique, and the prosecutors in our State should be permitted to evaluate each case based on the law and the facts and then proceed as they deem appropriate. Some charges might warrant dismissal; other charges may warrant continued prosecution. Unfortunately, S. 136 would universally strip prosecutors of the ability to make such individualized determinations.

I similarly remain skeptical of, and opposed to, S. 136's mandatory, blanket dismissals of pending criminal charges for another reason: When the defendants who would benefit from these dismissals committed their alleged crimes, their alleged actions were, in fact, unlawful. To be sure, those actions might not be illegal today, but that distinction misses the critical point that such actions were illegal at the time they were committed. I have repeatedly noted by belief in the importance of upholding and adhering to the Rule of Law, which requires not only that everyone follow the law as written but also that the law apply equally to every person. If a person disobeys the law, consequences-including potential criminal prosecution-may follow, even if a person believes a law should be changed. Just as all speeding tickets would not automatically disappear if a speed limit is subsequently increased,

universal dismissals are rarely the answer for previous violations of a later-amended law. Likewise, I remain convinced that blanket dismissals are unnecessary in this context.

As a practical matter, continuing to pw-sue criminal charges despite an intervening change in law may make for a difficult prosecution, but if a prosecutor determines that the facts warrant prosecution, I do not believe that it is appropriate for the General Assembly to obviate that discretionary authority, in all cases, in the abstract. While I am advised that the universe of pending charges for unlawful possession of a handgun, without companion offenses, is particularly limited, to the extent that this bill's proponents have generally claimed that these remaining charges are the product of procedural stagnation rather than prosecutorial discretion, I am confident that our State's Circuit Solicitors will expeditiously review these pending charges and determine whether to proceed based on the facts and the law. To the extent further analysis or assistance may be required, by copy of this letter, I am simultaneously advising the Attorney General of this matter in view of his role as "the chief prosecuting officer of the State with authority to supervise the prosecution of all criminal cases in courts of record." S.C. Const. art. V, § 24.

For the foregoing reasons, I am respectfully vetoing R-86, S. 136 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4025:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER

PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 4025--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS
FOR MAY 20, 2025

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolution were ratified:

(R. 82, S. 28) -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 83, S. 29) -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE

OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-412 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR ARREST WARRANTS WHEN THE OFFENSE INCLUDES MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE ON THE APPROPRIATE TIERS OF THE REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 84, S. 74) -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ISSUE ORDERS AND WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN STORED SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER INFORMATION RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE.

(R. 85, S. 127) -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS

TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

(R. 86, S. 136) -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

(R. 87, S. 156) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH PERSONS SHALL NOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

(R. 88, S. 210) -- Senator Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO

CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

(R. 89, S. 214) -- Senators Massey and Jackson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMISSION AND TO REMOVE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-20, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF STUDY FOR THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO STUDY SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION OF COMMUNITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-40, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DUTIES.

(R. 90, S. 507) -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

(R. 91, S. 623) -- Senator Goldfinch: AN ACT TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

(R. 92, H. 3292) -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B.L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PASSENGERS MUST WEAR SAFETY BELTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.

(R. 93, H. 3571) -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J.L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "COMMENCEMENT DATE," "LARGE PROJECT," "LARGE PROJECT FACILITY LOCATION AGREEMENT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING," AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO NOTICES OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO EXCAVATORS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE, REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS OF CIVIL PENALTIES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE EXCAVATORS TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGES TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSES, SO AS TO ADD REFERENCES TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

(R. 94, H. 3752) -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING

THE COMPACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE APPLICANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SUCH CERTIFICATION SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN FINGERPRINT-BASED STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION AND SPECIFIC USES OF SUCH FINGERPRINTS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATIONS.

(R. 95, H. 4247) -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ORDERS TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE ORDERS RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES

FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHAT DATA IS USED TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS.

(R. 96, H. 4267) -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

RATIFICATION OF ACT

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. and the following Act was ratified:

(R. 97, H. 4025) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO

MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:20 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HOSEY, adjourned in memory of Dawan E. "Pookie" Smith, to meet pursuant to the provisions of S. 292, the Sine Die Adjournment Resolution.

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H. 3002 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 166; Rep. Com. 1372; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3416; Adopted 1423

H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 166; Rep. Com. 1373; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1744; Adopted 1424

H. 3004 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES TAYLOR CREEK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 901 IN YORK COUNTY "JACK ARMOUR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 167; Rep. Com. 1373; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3729; Adopted 1424

H. 3005 -- Reps. Taylor, B. Newton and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, AND TO URGE THE GOVERNOR AND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO LITIGATE AGGRESSIVELY AGAINST ANY EFFORT TO REPEAL OR NULLIFY IT, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT.
Int. & Com. 167

H. 3006 -- Reps. King, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S BELIEF THAT A FELONY CONVICTION SHOULD NO LONGER DISQUALIFY A PERSON FROM BEING REGISTERED OR VOTING WHO IS NO LONGER INCARCERATED.
Int. & Com. 167

H. 3007 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Taylor, B. Newton, Pope, Pedalino, Hixon, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.
Int. & Com. 168; Rep. Com. 1477; Co-Sponsor added 1419, 1511, 1561, 1730; D. A. 1586, 1707, 1774, 1837, 1880, 1913, 2005, 2073; Adopted 2089

H. 3008 -- Reps. Forrest, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Robbins, Mitchell, Yow, Ligon, J. L. Johnson and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A CONVENTION UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO PROPOSE A CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS AMENDMENT.
Int. & Com. 168; Rep. Com. 1478; Co-Sponsor added 449, 1419, 1511, 1561, 1730; Amd. 2090; D. A. 1587, 1707, 1774, 1838, 1880, 1913, 2005, 2074; Op. 2090; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4231; Adopted 2102

H. 3009 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-165 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES' DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT TO ENFORCE CERTAIN ALIMONY OBLIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO AWARD OF ALIMONY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-17-710, 63-17-720, 63-17-730, 63-17-750, 63-17-760, 63-17-850, 63-17-1010, 63-17-1020, 63-17-1050, 63-17-1210, 63-17-1410, 63-17-1510, 63-17-1810, 63-17-1890, 63-17-1910, 63-17-2310, 63-17-2320, 63-17-2330, AND ARTICLE 21 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE 63, ALL RELATING IN PART TO CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 20-1-350, 27-23-10, 41-35-140, 44-63-60, 44-63-80, 44-63-84, 44-63-86, AND 44-63-110, RELATING TO MARRIAGE LICENSES, FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, AND VITAL RECORDS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ALLOWING RETROACTIVE APPLICATION OF THE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 169

H. 3010 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CURE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 140 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA INTO A MULTISTATE COMPACT GOVERNED BY A COMMISSION THAT FACILITATES A PROCESS BY WHICH SUBSTANTIAL CASH PRIZES ARE AWARDED FOR THE CURE OF CERTAIN DISEASES; TO ESTABLISH POWERS

AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, INCLUDING THE DUTY TO EXPEDITIOUSLY REVIEW SUBMITTED TREATMENTS AND THERAPEUTIC PROTOCOLS FOR THE CURE OF DISEASE AND TO AWARD PRIZES FOR SUBMISSIONS THAT MEET THE COMMISSION'S STANDARDS; TO ESTABLISH COMMISSION MEETING AND VOTING REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO ADOPT RULES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 170

H. 3011 -- Reps. Pope, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Beach, Hewitt, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Terribile, Gibson, Huff, Lawson, Burns, Edgerton, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PARENTAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARENTS HAVE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN, TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENING THOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59, AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."
Int. & Com. 170; Co-Sponsor added 449, 1160, 1206, 1761, 3025

H. 3012 -- Reps. Pope, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Lawson, Burns and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PREGNANCY CENTER AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION (CARE) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY CENTERS CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO ENSURE THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THEIR LIFE-AFFIRMING OPERATING PRINCIPLES; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF AND MONETARY DAMAGES FOR VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 171; Co-Sponsor added 1160, 1206

H. 3013 -- Reps. Robbins, Pope, Pedalino, McCravy, W. Newton and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PRIVATE FAMILY COURT CASES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM.
Int. & Com. 171

H. 3014 -- Reps. Robbins, W. Newton and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING IN PART TO AN UNMARRIED FATHER'S VISITATION RIGHTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO AWARD VISITATION TO THE FATHER IF PATERNITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED OR ADJUDICATED, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Int. & Com. 171

H. 3015 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-34-110, RELATING TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LOCATIONS OF TATTOO FACILITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE FOR SUCH A FACILITY IF ALL CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, AND PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE PARAMETERS AFFIRMATIVELY STATE THAT THEY DO NOT OBJECT TO THE ISSUANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 172

H. 3016 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-19-815 SO AS TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE INTERROGATING A CHILD WHO HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR VIOLATING A CRIMINAL LAW OR ORDINANCE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 172

H. 3017 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 44-53-398 RELATING TO THE SALE OF NONPRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 14 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 RELATING TO THE SLED ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM TO MONITOR THE SALE OF SUCH NONPRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS.
Int. & Com. 172

H. 3018 -- Reps. Rutherford, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LEGALIZE THE POSSESSION OF TWENTY-EIGHT GRAMS OR ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA OR TEN GRAMS OR LESS OF HASHISH BY CERTAIN VETERANS DIAGNOSED WITH SERVICE-CONNECTED POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.
Int. & Com. 172

H. 3019 -- Reps. Rutherford, Garvin, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PUT PATIENTS FIRST ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGISTERED PATIENTS TO USE MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES, PHYSICIANS TO RECOMMEND THE MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA FOR THOSE PATIENTS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO ACT AS REGISTERED CAREGIVERS FOR THOSE PATIENTS, ALL WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO CREATE A CONFIDENTIAL REGISTRY THROUGH WHICH TO ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS AND REGISTERED CAREGIVERS; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND OTHER PROTECTIONS TO REGISTERED PATIENTS, REGISTERED CAREGIVERS, AND PHYSICIANS FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF DISPENSARIES TO CULTIVATE, GROW, AND DISPENSE

MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFENSES AND PROTECTIONS TO DISPENSARIES FOR CONDUCT AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE; TO ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES; TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDANCE AND FORMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH.

Int. & Com. 173

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Grant, Atkinson, King and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Int. & Com. 173; Rep. Com. 1479; Co-Sponsor added 1535, 1561; 2nd R. 1573; 3rd R. 1650; Rec. V. 1573

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE

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ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

Int. & Com. 174; Rep. Com. 1886; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1419, 1535, 1761, 1872, 1976, 2033, 2059; 2nd R. 2075; 3rd R. 2146; Rec. V. 2081, 2147; Amd. 2076; Proposed Amd. 2077, 2078, 2079; Req. Deb. 2040; Point of Order 1981

H. 3022 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 175; Rep. Com. 1549; 2nd R. 1698; 3rd R. 1712; Rec. V. 1699; Amd. 1698; Op. 1701

H. 3023 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-310, RELATING TO THE ADULT PROTECTION COORDINATING COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT A MEMBER AGENCY NAME.

Int. & Com. 175

H. 3024 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-36-330, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS RESOURCE COORDINATING CENTER, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE ON THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Int. & Com. 176

H. 3025 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Kirby, Spann-Wilder, Davis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-200, RELATING TO THE GERIATRIC PHYSICIAN LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXPAND THE POOL OF ELIGIBLE

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND TO INCREASE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF REIMBURSABLE LOANS.
Int. & Com. 176; Co-Sponsor added 450, 2122

H. 3026 -- Reps. Beach and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO BOND AND MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SET OR DENY BOND AND DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMES THAT CARRY MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF THREE YEARS OR MORE AND WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ILLEGAL ALIENS.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 3027 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-25, RELATING TO MANDATED REPORTERS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO REPORT THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 3028 -- Reps. Bailey, Pope, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-25-120, RELATING TO RELEASE ON BOND AND FACTORS TO CONSIDER WHEN GRANTING BOND FOR VIOLENT OFFENDERS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT, IN LIEU OF SETTING BOND OR AS AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION OF RELEASE ON BOND, TO PLACE A PERSON CHARGED WITH A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE ON SURVEILLANCE VIA AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE NOTIFIED AT ALL TIMES OF THE PERSON'S IMMEDIATE LOCATION, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE MONITORING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR TAMPERING WITH AN ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING DEVICE
Int. & Com. 177; Co-Sponsor added 1561

H. 3029 -- Reps. Rutherford and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-132 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTAIN SPOUSAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO OFFSET ALIMONY OWED BY THE PAYOR SPOUSE.
Int. & Com. 177; Co-Sponsor added 1730

H. 3030 -- Reps. Burns, Pedalino, Beach, Long, Pace, Lawson and Pope: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT'S SECTION 287(G) PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, UPON LEARNING OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, TO BRING UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO COMMENCE RICO-BASED SEIZURES TO SEIZE ALL ASSETS USED IN THE EFFORTS TO IMPORT UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS

TO THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 177; Co-Sponsor added 1976, 2033, 3189

H. 3031 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy, Beach and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-420, RELATING TO INTENT AND FINDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO THE ARTICLE COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS STAND YOUR GROUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE PLACES OF WORSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-430, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF STAND YOUR GROUND PROVISIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "PLACE OF WORSHIP"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-440, RELATING TO THE PRESUMPTION OF REASONABLE FEAR OF IMMINENT PERIL WHEN USING DEADLY FORCE AGAINST ANOTHER UNLAWFULLY ENTERING A RESIDENCE, OCCUPIED VEHICLE, OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE.
Int. & Com. 177; Co-Sponsor added 1561

H. 3032 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-530, RELATING TO PUBLIC DISORDERLY CONDUCT, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSE TO INCLUDE DISRUPTING OR DISTURBING A RELIGIOUS SERVICE OR FUNERAL IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISORDERLY CONDUCT OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-17-520 AND 16-17-525 RELATING TO DISTURBING RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND FUNERALS, RESPECTIVELY.
Int. & Com. 178

H. 3033 -- Reps. Chumley, Magnuson and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-5, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION CREATION, APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE AND SCREENING PROCESS OF JUDGES OR JUSTICES THEY APPEAR BEFORE OR HAVE APPEARED BEFORE IN THE PRECEDING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO ELECTION OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS WHO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM THE VOTE AND SCREENING PROCESS OF JUDGES OR JUSTICES THEY APPEAR BEFORE OR HAVE APPEARED BEFORE IN THE PRECEDING FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.
Int. & Com. 178; Co-Sponsor added 1561

H. 3034 -- Reps. Collins, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Hewitt, Yow, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B. L. Cox, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, Moss, Lawson, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, Forrest, Gilliam, Willis, Erickson, Schuessler, Vaughan, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Robbins, T. Moore, Brewer, Guffey, Martin, J. L. Johnson, Haddon, Wickensimer, Brittain and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FARGO'S, HYCO'S, RICO'S, COBA'S, WICK'S, AND MIKKA'S LAW" BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3,

TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 179; Co-Sponsor added 1160, 1430, 1536, 1561, 1644, 1761, 1821, 2160, 3126

H. 3035 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant, Cobb-Hunter and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.
Int. & Com. 179; Co-Sponsor added 3126

H. 3036 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant, Cobb-Hunter and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENACT THE "TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, PROVIDE A PENALTY, ALLOW VICTIMS TO SEEK ORDERS OF PROTECTION OR RESTRAINING ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PROHIBIT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION FROM PARTICIPATING IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 59-32-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "TEEN DATING VIOLENCE"; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-32-20, 59-32-30, AND 59-32-50, ALL RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, ALL SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF TEEN DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 179; Co-Sponsor added 3127

H. 3037 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-13-20, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN CITIZENS MAY ARREST, SO AS TO LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A CITIZEN MAY ARREST, INCLUDING TAKING THE LIFE OF THE PERSON, TO ARREST A PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED A DWELLING HOUSE WITHOUT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PERMISSION.
Int. & Com. 180

H. 3038 -- Reps. Garvin, Bauer and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 21 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 BY ENACTING THE "SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT."
Int. & Com. 180

H. 3039 -- Reps. Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Grant, Bauer, Cobb-Hunter, Taylor, Hixon, Hartz, Kirby, Alexander, Reese, Williams, Clyburn, Hosey, Rivers, Henderson-Myers, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, King, J. Moore, Bernstein, Jones, Govan, Wetmore, Stavrinakis and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ENACTING THE "SENATOR CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY HATE CRIMES ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "PENALTY ENHANCEMENTS FOR CERTAIN CRIMES," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN DELINEATED CRIMES WHEN THE VICTIM WAS INTENTIONALLY SELECTED BASED ON CERTAIN FACTORS.
Int. & Com. 180; Co-Sponsor added 1400, 1562, 1644, 1872, 2122

H. 3040 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO DWELLINGS, STRUCTURES, ENCLOSURES, VEHICLES, OR EQUIPMENT; AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE TO CERTAIN NONEXCLUSIVE PLACES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIFE IMPRISONMENT WITHOUT PAROLE WHEN ANY TYPE OF BODILY INJURY IS SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF THE OFFENSE.
Int. & Com. 180

H. 3041 -- Reps. Gilliard and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION, AND CREATE A TWO-TIERED PENALTY SCHEME; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "ASSAULT WEAPON"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16-23-220, 16-23-230, AND 16-23-240, ALL RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION, STORING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSING AND SALE, RENTAL, OR GIVING AWAY OF MACHINE GUNS, MILITARY FIREARMS, SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS OR RIFLES, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE LIST OF WEAPONS BANNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO SELL OR GIVE A FIREARM TO A PERSON WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON THE TERRORIST WATCH LIST AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 181

H. 3042 -- Reps. Guffey, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-470, RELATING TO THE CRIMES OF EAVESDROPPING, PEEPING, AND VOYEURISM, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE REALISTIC BUT FALSE IMAGES, RECORDINGS, OR DIGITAL ELECTRONIC FILES CREATED OR ALTERED USING GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORK TECHNIQUES OR OTHER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY ITEMS WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED AS EVIDENCE, AND TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL VICTIMS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
Int. & Com. 181

H. 3043 -- Reps. Guffey, Wooten, Pope, W. Newton, Taylor and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, AND SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 182

H. 3044 -- Reps. Guffey, Magnuson, Chumley, Beach, Edgerton and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MAY ORDER SURGICAL CASTRATION FOR OFFENDERS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER CONVICTED OF CERTAIN TIER II AND III SEX OFFENSES FOR WHICH THEY MUST REGISTER ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WHEN VICTIMS ARE THIRTEEN YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A COURT ORDER.
Int. & Com. 182; Co-Sponsor added 1562, 2122

H. 3045 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Henderson-Myers, Taylor, Gilliard, Anderson, Williams, Cromer, Gilreath, Hixon, Erickson, Bradley, Willis and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS.
Int. & Com. 182; Rep. Com. 2583; Co-Sponsor added 1160, 1730, 1872, 1900, 2060, 2635, 2680, 2747, 2780, 2820; Co-Sponsor removed 2822; 2nd R. 2891; 3rd R. 2950; Rec. V. 2901, 2950; Amd. 2892, 2894, 2900; Proposed Amd. 2899; D. A. 2715, 2757; Req. Deb. 2687; Point of Order 2650, 2894, 2898

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Int. & Com. 183; Rep. Com. 1960; Co-Sponsor added 1160, 1730, 1900, 1977, 2033, 2060, 2122, 2400, 2635, 2680, 2747, 2780; Co-Sponsor removed 2783; 2nd R. 2802; 3rd R. 2890; Rec. V. 2802; D. A. 2044, 2071, 2129, 2649, 2713, 2755; Req. Deb. 2685; Point of Order 2003

H. 3047 -- Rep. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY RELEASING, ORGANIZING THE RELEASE OF, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH GAS THAT IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO THE DUMPING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPTIONS, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOONS IN THE LITTER STATUTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-710, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH BOND IN LIEU OF AN IMMEDIATE COURT APPEARANCE IN LITTER CONTROL PROSECUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE BALLOON STATUTE WHEN A CASH BOND IS ALLOWED.

Int. & Com. 184

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Int. & Com. 184; Rep. Com. 1748; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1160; 2nd R. 1881; 3rd R. 1912; Rec. V. 1882; Amd. 1875, 1882; Req. Deb. 1875; Point of Order 1834

H. 3049 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Taylor, Long, Cobb-Hunter and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIFORM CIVIL REMEDIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE IMAGES ACT"; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE A CIVIL ACTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SUFFERS HARM FROM A PERSON'S INTENTIONAL OR THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE, INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT CONSENT, AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO LIABILITY.

Int. & Com. 184; Rep. Com. 3424; Co-Sponsor added 3536; 2nd R. 3569; 3rd R. 3732; Rec. V. 3570; Amd. 3569; Op. 3571

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Int. & Com. 185

H. 3051 -- Reps. Pope and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-23-430, RELATING TO HEARINGS ON A PERSON'S FITNESS TO STAND TRIAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER INPATIENT TREATMENT OF PERSONS DETERMINED UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Int. & Com. 185

H. 3052 -- Reps. Pope, Wooten, Chapman, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Forrest, Hartnett, Vaughan and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-605 SO AS TO CREATE AN ENHANCED PENALTY FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY CONVICTIONS AGAINST AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Int. & Com. 185; Co-Sponsor added 1644, 2033, 2681, 2934

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Int. & Com. 185

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H. 3055 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS REGARDING HARASSMENT AND STALKING OFFENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PATTERN" TO INCLUDE INCIDENCES IN WHICH ONE ACT IS COMMITTED AGAINST ONE VICTIM AND ANOTHER ACT IS COMMITTED AGAINST ANOTHER VICTIM EQUALING TWO ACTS SIMILAR IN NATURE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1710, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF HARASSMENT IN THE SECOND DEGREE, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1720, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF HARASSMENT IN THE FIRST DEGREE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1730, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CONVICTIONS OF STALKING, ALL SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN-YEAR RESTRICTION FOR PRIOR OFFENSES AND PROVIDE THAT PROVISIONS REGARDING RESTRAINING ORDERS APPLY NO MATTER THE VICTIM.
Int. & Com. 186; Co-Sponsor added 1900

H. 3056 -- Reps. Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.
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Int. & Com. 186; Co-Sponsor added 1160

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Int. & Com. 187; Rep. Com. 2812; Co-Sponsor added 1419, 1730, 3127, 3189; 2nd R. 3191; 3rd R. 3247; Rec. V. 3193, 4043; Amd. 3191; D. A. 2989, 2992, 3006, 3034, 3138; Point of Order 2944; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4042; Conc. & Enr. 4042; Rat. 4235

H. 3059 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-485 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "TRACKING DEVICE", TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL TRACKING, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 187

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METHOD OF ALLOCATING VARIOUS ASSETS OBTAINED THROUGH DRUG FORFEITURES SO THAT AFTER THE FIRST ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS RETAINED BY THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THE REMAINING ASSETS MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE PROSECUTING AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES REFLECTING THE NEW DISTRIBUTION OF THESE ASSETS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-586, RELATING TO THE RETURN OF SEIZED ITEMS UNDER DRUG FORFEITURE LAWS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO ALLOW PROCEEDINGS TO BE HELD IN MAGISTRATES COURT IF THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED DOES NOT EXCEED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
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Int. & Com. 196; Co-Sponsor added 2681, 2821, 2934, 3245

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Int. & Com. 199; Co-Sponsor added 3026

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Int. & Com. 201; Rep. Com. 3422; D. A. 3766, 3787, 3805; Point of Order 3555

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H. 3117 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESSLEY CAVIN STUTTS JR. PATIENT AND HEALTH PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-364 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESCRIBING OF OFF-LABEL MEDICATIONS AND, IF PRESCRIBED, TO REQUIRE THEIR DISPENSING, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
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PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.
Int. & Com. 204; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1431, 1512, 1563

H. 3126 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-7-920, RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-90, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY" FOR THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-13-240, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO VARIOUS ENTITIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 5-3-90, 5-7-110, 9-11-180, 10-11-80, 11-35-710, 12-28-1910, 12-28-2325, 13-7-70, 13-7-160, 14-1-206, 14-1-207, 14-1-208, 14-1-212, 17-22-350, 23-1-230, AND 23-1-240, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE PROVISIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF ACTIVE HIGHWAY PATROL MEMBER EMPLOYEES, PARKING ON CERTAIN STATE PARKING LOTS, STATE PROCUREMENT CODE EXEMPTIONS, THE INSPECTION OF FUEL AND SHIPPING PAPERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PAYING TAXES AND THE DELEGATION OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS, REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, COURT ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES, TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FEES, THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS, AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY," OR "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6, TITLE 23, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REESTABLISH IT AS A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 23-23-30, 23-25-20, 36-9-410, 38-55-530, 38-55-570, 38-77-1120, 39-9-230, 43-5-1250, 44-4-130, 54-17-60, 56-1-190, 56-1-286, 56-

1-460, 56-1-1320, 56-1-1760, 56-1-2220, 56-1-2230, 56-3-662, 56-3-663, 56-3-840, 56-3-8710, 56-5-330, 56-5-380, 56-5-765, 56-5-1270, 56-5-1300, 56-5-1320, 56-5-1330, 56-5-1340, 56-5-1350, 56-5-1520, 56-5-1535, 56-5-2930, 56-5-2933, 56-5-2945, 56-5-2951, 56-5-2953, 56-5-3660, 56-5-3670, 56-5-3680, 56-5-3690, 56-5-3890, 56-5-3900, 56-5-4010, 56-5-4030, 56-5-4035, 56-5-4070, 56-5-4075, 56-5-4140, 56-5-4160, 56-5-4170, 56-5-4240, 56-5-4630, 56-5-4840, 56-5-4880, 56-5-4970, 56-5-5015, 56-5-5080, 56-5-5120, 56-5-5140, 56-5-5810, 56-5-5870, 56-5-5880, 56-5-6170, 56-5-6525, 56-5-6560, 56-5-6565, 56-7-10, 56-7-12, 56-7-30, 56-9-350, 56-10-45, 56-10-552, 56-11-20, 56-11-40, 56-19-420, 56-35-50, 57-3-180, 58-23-50, 58-23-1120, 59-67-20, 59-67-260, 59-67-570, 61-6-2900, 61-6-4250, AND 61-6-4290, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE, RESERVE DETENTION OFFICERS, THE UNLAWFUL SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A SECURITY INTEREST, INSURANCE FRAUD AND REPORTING IMMUNITY, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND THE MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FRAUD-REPORTING IMMUNITY ACT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM, THE STATEWIDE NETWORK OF MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS, THE EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT, ACTIVITIES OF THE MARITIME SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE NAVAL MILITIA, MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS' LICENSES, CARRYING AND DISPLAY OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE DRUG TESTING ACT, THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, NASCAR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS, THE INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, CORONER REPORTS, ACCIDENT REPORTS, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, THE OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND THEIR DRIVERS, MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTIONS, SAFETY BELT EDUCATION PROGRAMS, THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, THE PRINTING, ORDERING AND ISSUANCE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS, VERIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, THE CONFISCATION OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND LICENSE PLATES, THE UNINSURED ENFORCEMENT FUND, THE ROAD TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS, MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, DIESEL IDLING RESTRICTIONS, CERTAIN PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIERS, THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY," OR "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 23-3-10, 23-3-680, AND 23-3-690, ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

Int. & Com. 204

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith,

Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES, TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL FELONY OFFENSE WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS LED ON A HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Int. & Com. 207; Rep. Com. 1961; Co-Sponsor added 1208, 2033, 2635, 2681, 2780, 3026; 2nd R. 3065; 3rd R. 3164; Rec. V. 3072, 4037; Amd. 3066, 3067; S/A Amd. 4037; Proposed Amd. 3066, 3068, 3070, 4035, 4036; D. A. 2045, 2650, 2686, 2714, 2756, 2891, 2952, 3961; Point of Order 2004, 4036; M. from S. 4095; Rat. 4236

H. 3128 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-50, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PAROLE, PARDON, AND CLEMENCY HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE POTENTIAL PAROLEES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE OR THEIR COUNSEL HAVE A RIGHT TO CONFRONT WITNESSES THAT APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THEIR HEARINGS, AND ALL TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT PAROLE HEARINGS MUST BE TAKEN UNDER OATH.

Int. & Com. 207

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

Int. & Com. 208; Rep. Com. 3106; 2nd R. 3156; 3rd R. 3191; Rec. V. 3157; Amd. 3156

H. 3130 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 24 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY CONDITIONALLY RELEASE INMATES WHO ARE SERVING SENTENCES FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND OFFER THE INMATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

Int. & Com. 208

H. 3131 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT CURRENTLY POSSESS OR USE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY SHALL DISCONTINUE THEIR USE AND DISCARD THE TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY."

Int. & Com. 208; Co-Sponsor removed 2684

H. 3132 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-4800, RELATING TO SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS LICENSE PLATES, DISTRIBUTION OF FEES, AND PREPAID APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE LICENSE PLATES SHALL NOT CONTAIN A CONFEDERATE FLAG, AND TO PROVIDE UPON REVALIDATION OF THESE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT DO NOT CONTAIN A CONFEDERATE FLAG MUST BE ISSUED TO REPLACE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES THAT CONTAIN CONFEDERATE FLAGS.
Int. & Com. 208

H. 3133 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4530, RELATING TO ILLUMINATION OF REAR REGISTRATION PLATES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO PROVIDE VEHICLES MAY NOT BE STOPPED FOR HAVING INOPERABLE TAIL LAMPS OR SEPARATE LAMPS IN THE ABSENCE OF A VIOLATION OF ANOTHER LAW.
Int. & Com. 209

H. 3134 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY FROM COMPANIES THAT REQUIRE THE PURCHASERS OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO ENTER INTO NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY."
Int. & Com. 209

H. 3135 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-13-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES SHALL NOT BE DENIED VISITATION RIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES MAY BE USED TO ALLOW INMATES TO COMMUNICATE WITH VISITORS.
Int. & Com. 209

H. 3136 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-557 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A PERSON APPEALS A CONVICTION THAT REQUIRES THE SUSPENSION OF HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION MUST BE STAYED WHILE THE CASE IS BEING APPEALED OR WHEN A PETITION FOR REHEARING HAS BEEN FILED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-365, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO SURRENDERS HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY NOT SUSPEND A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE IF IT FAILS TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF A CONVICTION THAT REQUIRES THE LICENSE TO BE SUSPENDED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THE CONVICTION.
Int. & Com. 209

H. 3137 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE

OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "GREAT BODILY INJURY," AND REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 210

H. 3138 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1560, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG HIGHWAYS WITH MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMITS OF SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR IS FIFTY MILES AN HOUR.
Int. & Com. 210

H. 3139 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-255 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTING A WARRANT, PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THESE PROCEDURES, AND A CIVIL REMEDY FOR A PERSON AGGRIEVED FOR A VIOLATION OF THESE PROCEDURES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-80, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, POWERS, AND DUTIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A COURSE TO TRAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON ASPECTS OF EXECUTING WARRANTS AND MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION AND RECERTIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS ELIGIBLE TO CONDUCT THE EXECUTION OF WARRANTS, AND TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 210

H. 3140 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-464 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE TO ALLOW CERTAIN REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS' NAMES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE TO ALLOW CERTAIN JUVENILES WHO HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT BY THE FAMILY COURT FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN OFFENSES TO BE PLACED ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.
Int. & Com. 211

H. 3141 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES CONFINED IN STATE OR LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES MUST BE ALLOWED AT LEAST ONE IN-PERSON MEETING EACH MONTH AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "IN-PERSON MEETING."
Int. & Com. 211

H. 3142 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-460, RELATING TO PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE IS CANCELED, SUSPENDED, OR REVOKED, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 211

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H. 3143 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-925 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED PARDONS MAY BE GRANTED TO PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF FELONY OFFENSES THAT ARE NOT CONSIDERED "CRIMES OF VIOLENCE," THAT WOULD ALLOW THEM TO POSSESS FIREARMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING ONLY, AND TO PROVIDE AN APPLICATION FEE.
Int. & Com. 211

H. 3144 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE INMATES CONFINED TO STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL DETENTION FACILITIES SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSEL WHEN REQUESTED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "IN-PERSON MEETING."
Int. & Com. 212

H. 3145 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6560, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE STOP DATA REGARDING AGE, GENDER, AND RACE OF DRIVERS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF DATABASE REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES ALSO TO MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS WHERE OFFICERS ISSUE CITATIONS OR MAKE ARRESTS AND TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 212

H. 3146 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-25-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING DEFENDANTS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES MAY SEEK TO AND THE COURT MAY LIMIT PUBLIC ACCESS TO CERTAIN INFORMATION PRESENTED DURING THESE HEARINGS.
Int. & Com. 212

H. 3147 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-975 SO AS TO PROVIDE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL JAIL, OR DETENTION FACILITIES SHALL NOT INTERCEPT, RECORD, MONITOR, OR DIVULGE TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN INMATES AND OTHER PERSONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 212

H. 3148 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT BE PLACED UNDER CUSTODIAL ARREST WHEN STOPPED FOR OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SUSPENDED DRIVERS' LICENSES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS' DRIVERS' LICENSES AND THE DISMISSAL OF THE DRIVING WHILE UNDER SUSPENSION CHARGES.
Int. & Com. 213

H. 3149 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1520, RELATING TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6190, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN CRIMES AS MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS FOR WHICH OTHER PENALTIES ARE NOT PROVIDED SHALL BE FINED NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-730 RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES AS MISDEMEANORS UNLESS OTHERWISE DECLARED.
Int. & Com. 213

H. 3150 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-7-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS MAY NOT BE PLACED UNDER CUSTODIAL ARREST WHEN THEY ARE CHARGED WITH CERTAIN TRAFFIC OFFENSES FOR WHICH A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET IS ISSUED.
Int. & Com. 213

H. 3151 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERMITTED LEVEL OF LIGHT TRANSMISSION FOR SUNSCREENING DEVICES INSTALLED ON THE WINDSHIELDS, SIDE WINDOWS, AND REAR WINDOWS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.
Int. & Com. 213

H. 3152 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4905 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES ALONG A HIGHWAY WITHOUT SPEEDOMETERS MAINTAINED IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS CHARGED WITH OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES TWENTY MILES AN HOUR OR LESS IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS THAT CAN PROVE THEIR VEHICLES' SPEEDOMETERS WERE NOT IN GOOD WORKING ORDER, MUST BE CHARGED WITH OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT SPEEDOMETERS THAT ARE MAINTAINED IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.
Int. & Com. 214

H. 3153 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-430, RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF PROBATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE TESTS FOR THE PRESENCE OF MARIJUANA MAY NOT BE PERFORMED DURING URINALYSES OR BLOOD TESTS PERFORMED ON PROBATIONERS.
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H. 3154 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-490, RELATING TO COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFENDER'S RESTITUTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES SHALL CONSIDER AN OFFENDER'S ABILITY TO MAKE RESTITUTION WHEN IT DETERMINES THE AMOUNT OF HIS MONTHLY PAYMENT.
Int. & Com. 214

H. 3155 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE ONLY CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE SYSTEM MAY BE INSTALLED, TO PROVIDE HOW INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 214

H. 3156 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2956 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL EVIDENCE OF THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS AND ANY ENTRY IN THE DRIVING RECORDS OF PERSONS SHOWING THEY WERE ISSUED TEMPORARY DRIVERS' LICENSES OR THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO INSTALL IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES ON VEHICLES THEY DRIVE MUST BE REMOVED FROM THEIR DRIVING RECORDS IF THEY SUBSEQUENTLY WERE ACQUITTED OF DRIVING WITH UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS.
Int. & Com. 215

H. 3157 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Pope, Davis, M. M. Smith and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-30, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR AN ADOPTED CHILD TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A LIFETIME RECREATIONAL LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-520, RELATING TO LIFETIME STATEWIDE COMBINATION LICENSES; SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ADOPTED CHILD MAY OBTAIN A COMBINATION LICENSE AT NO COST.
Int. & Com. 215; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1563

H. 3158 -- Reps. Yow, Lawson, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Forrest and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE" AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THEM ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

Int. & Com. 215; Co-Sponsor added 1400

H. 3159 -- Reps. Yow, Pedalino, Kilmartin and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATION FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT RESTRICTS THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ONTO CERTAIN PREMISES, AND TO PROVIDE AT NO CHARGE, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL ISSUE CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO CERTAIN HOLDERS OF QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CREDENTIALS.

Int. & Com. 216; Co-Sponsor added 1536, 2160

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Int. & Com. 218; Rep. Com. 3106; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1431, 2747, 2780, 2966, 3026, 3127; 2nd R. 3153; 3rd R. 3190; Rec. V. 3155; Amd. 3154

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H. 3171 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson, McCravy and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "MADDIE'S LAW" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2915 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF "RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY" AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2910, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 220; Co-Sponsor added 1563

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Int. & Com. 221; Co-Sponsor added 1232, 1431, 1645

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Int. & Com. 221; Co-Sponsor added 1563

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Int. & Com. 221; Co-Sponsor added 1161; 2nd R. 3139; 3rd R. 3190; Rec. V. 3139, 4041; Com. 3064; Recalled 3064; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4041; Conc. & Enr. 4041; Rat. 4236

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Int. & Com. 221; Co-Sponsor added 1563

H. 3177 -- Reps. Garvin, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE INMATES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF THEIR VOTING RIGHTS UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM CUSTODY.
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H. 3178 -- Reps. Garvin, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE - JUNETEENTH SHALL BE A STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY.
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Int. & Com. 222

H. 3181 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-450 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND MANAGE A STATEWIDE SEXUAL EXTORTION INVESTIGATION AND OUTCOME DATABASE.
Int. & Com. 222

H. 3182 -- Reps. Haddon, Mitchell, Magnuson, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest and Edgerton: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 26 TO ARTICLE I SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS IN THIS STATE HAVE THE INALIENABLE RIGHT TO GROW, RAISE, HARVEST,

PRODUCE, AND CONSUME FOOD OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING.
Int. & Com. 223; Co-Sponsor added 1563

H. 3183 -- Reps. Haddon, Taylor, Forrest, Davis, M. M. Smith and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-59-160 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM" UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-50, RELATING TO BANK POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BANK SHALL ADMINISTER THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM."
Int. & Com. 223; Co-Sponsor added 450, 3448

H. 3184 -- Reps. Magnuson, McCravy, Chumley, Beach, Edgerton, Pace, Frank, Gilreath, Huff, Harris, Kilmartin, White, Cromer, Mitchell, Rankin, Oremus, Gibson, Lawson, Burns and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OR STATEMENTS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN MAKING ADMISSIONS OR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM REQUIRING FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING OR TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TRAINING, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM INFRINGING ON FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THESE PROVISIONS TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND FACULTY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 223; Co-Sponsor added 1161, 1208, 1512

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Int. & Com. 224; Co-Sponsor added 1161

H. 3186 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson, Chumley, Gagnon, Sessions and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 60-11-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE PLAQUES, MARKERS, OR OTHER MESSAGES ON HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS ON PROPERTY OWNED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR A RELATED REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 60-11-30, RELATING TO OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 224; Co-Sponsor added 1536, 3536

H. 3187 -- Reps. Long and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-7-40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF A BARBER POLE IF NOT LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF BARBERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE BARBER POLE.
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H. 3188 -- Reps. Long and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-80-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES THROUGH WHICH A FIRE DEPARTMENT THAT ASSUMES THE COST OF TRAINING A FIREFIGHTER MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR THESE COSTS BY OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT SUBSEQUENTLY HIRE THE FIREFIGHTER WITHIN A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME.
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H. 3189 -- Reps. King and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF ANY PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OR COUNCIL ON WHICH THEY SERVE, TO PROVIDE SUCH REQUESTED ITEMS MUST BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IF OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO PERIODS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS ANY FAILURES TO PLACE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH PERIODS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MUST OCCUR BEFORE THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED.
Int. & Com. 225; Co-Sponsor added 1900

H. 3190 -- Rep. Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 26-1-100, RELATING TO FEES FOR NOTARIAL ACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES THAT NOTARIES MAY CHARGE FOR NOTARIAL ACTS TO TEN DOLLARS.
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H. 3191 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO

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H. 3192 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Beach and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY EACH CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER WHO IS TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES FULL-TIME IN THE DISTRICT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF AT LEAST FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR.
Int. & Com. 226

H. 3193 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TRUMP CRIMINAL BACKGROUND RECORDS CHECK BAN ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE REHABILITATION OF CRIMINAL OFFENDERS AND TO ASSIST THEM IN THE RESUMPTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP BY PROVIDING THAT NO PERSON MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, NOR MAY A PERSON BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PURSUING, PRACTICING, OR ENGAGING IN ANY OCCUPATION FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS REQUIRED SOLELY OR IN PART BECAUSE OF A PRIOR CONVICTION OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES.
Int. & Com. 226

H. 3194 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 41-43-40, 41-43-70, AND 41-43-280, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REVISE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE AND REFERENCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-65, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT STATE AGENCIES JUSTIFY THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET APPPORIATIONS REQUESTS, SO AS TO REVISE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 41-43-170 RELATING TO THE CREATING AND PURPOSES OF THE GUARANTY FUND BY THE AUTHORITY, SECTION 41-43-180 RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF ECONOMICALLY DISTRESSED AREAS, AND SECTION 41-43-200 RELATING TO COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND DATA.
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H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS

FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

Int. & Com. 227; Rep. Com. 1488; Co-Sponsor added 1419, 1536, 1563, 1645; 2nd R. 1660; 3rd R. 1710; Rec. V. 1661; Proposed Amd. 1660, 1661; D. A. 1630; Op. 1663

H. 3196 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Martin, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Gilliam, Collins, Vaughan, Caskey, Terribile, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Haddon, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Sanders, Duncan, Teeple, Grant, Hartnett, Pedalino, Taylor, Hixon, Govan, Calhoon, Ligon, Lawson, Yow, Edgerton, Cromer, Reese, Gilliard, Alexander, Rivers, Oremus, Hartz and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR ASSISTANCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-145 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF DATA BEING COLLECTED UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES TO REPORT ON CERTAIN POSTSECONDARY MATTERS CONCERNING GRADUATES OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STREAMLINING OF DATA COLLECTION TIMELINES AND PROCESSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-47, RELATING TO POLICIES AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED TEACHER LEAVE, SO AS TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL POLICIES THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO DONATE SUCH UNUSED LEAVE TO A LEAVE BANK FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-410, RELATING TO ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL TEACHER EMPLOYMENT AND ASSIGNMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE REQUIRED NOTICE, TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF TENTATIVE TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE PROVIDED NO LATER THAN FOURTEEN CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT LIMITATIONS ON TEACHER REASSIGNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO REQUIRED DAYS FOR COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS TO FOUR, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MUST VERIFY COMPLETING OF THE REQUIRED COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS MUST BE PROVIDED SELF-DIRECTED FREE TIME TO EVALUATE STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA, INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING, AND CLASSROOM PREPARATION, AND TO REMOVE A TWO-DAY MAXIMUM LIMITATION ON USE OF THESE COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR THE PREPARATION AND OPENING OF SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-160, RELATING TO ACTIONS CONSTITUTING JUST CAUSE GROUNDS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION PURPOSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BREACH OF CONTRACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-25-530, RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND BREACH OF CONTRACT

BY TEACHERS, SO AS TO RECHARACTERIZE CERTAIN ACTIONS AS BEING BREACH OF CONTRACT INSTEAD OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES AND CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH BREACHES OF CONTRACT, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FROM BREACH OF CONTRACT FINDINGS FOR TEACHERS WHO MOVE TO BONA FIDE RESIDENCES IN NONCONTIGUOUS COUNTIES DURING THE CONTRACT TERM, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-40, RELATING TO CONTINUING CONTRACT STATUS FOR TEACHERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE COMPLETION OF COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYING DISTRICTS SHALL AWARD CREDITS FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL TO CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE SUCH COLLEGIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-45, RELATING TO RETIRED EDUCATOR TEACHING CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH CERTIFICATES LIFETIME IN DURATION INSTEAD OF RENEWABLE, TO PROVIDE SUCH TEACHERS MAY TEACH ON A FULL-TIME BASIS OR PART-TIME BASIS, AND TO EXEMPT SUCH TEACHERS FROM CERTIFICATE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-130 RELATING TO HIGH SCHOOLS REPORTING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING REPORTING TO HIGH SCHOOLS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-140 RELATING TO TABULATION OF REPORTS.

Int. & Com. 227; Rep. Com. 1486; Co-Sponsor added 450, 1161, 1208, 1420, 1512, 1536, 1564; 2nd R. 1623; 3rd R. 1651; Rec. V. 1629, 3523; Amd. 1625; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 3521; Conc. & Enr. 3521; Rat. 3993

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SHALL MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE FREE ONLINE ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF COLLEGE MAJORS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY INCREASING THE PERCENTAGE OF WORKING-AGED ADULTS WITH POSTSECONDARY DEGREES OR INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS BY FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION AND MAXIMIZING USE OF CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTERS TO IMPROVE AND UPDATE CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 229; Co-Sponsor added 1208

H. 3198 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-15-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MESSENGER RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.
Int. & Com. 230

H. 3199 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, W. Newton, Taylor, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Huff, Burns and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-102 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY THAT SUPERVISES, SANCTIONS, OR REGULATES INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS UNLESS THE ENTITY ALLOWS STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF THEIR ATTENDANCE ZONE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE A LIMITED TRANSFER OPTION TO CERTAIN CURRENT STUDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-63-30 AND 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION, AND SECTION 59-63-480, RELATING TO ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS IN ADJACENT COUNTIES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-63-500 RELATING TO TRANSFER WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE.
Int. & Com. 230; Co-Sponsor added 1161, 1208

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Int. & Com. 231; Co-Sponsor added 1564, 1900

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Int. & Com. 231; Rep. Com. 2811; Co-Sponsor added 2781, 2934, 3026; 2nd R. 3089; 3rd R. 3130; Rec. V. 3090; Amd. 3089; D. A. 2984, 2992, 3005, 3033; Point of Order 2942

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Int. & Com. 236; Rep. Com. 3390; Co-Sponsor added 2781, 3448; 2nd R. 3488; 3rd R. 3544; Rec. V. 3488

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Int. & Com. 236; Co-Sponsor added 1564

H. 3216 -- Reps. Burns and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL RECORD ALL CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETENTION AND DISCLOSURE OF RECORDINGS, TO PROVIDE CONSENT AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOLS, AND TO PROHIBIT THE COMMERCIAL USE OF RECORDINGS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 237; Co-Sponsor added 1564

H. 3217 -- Reps. Beach, Rankin, McCravy, Vaughan, Mitchell, Long, Oremus, Gibson,

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Int. & Com. 237; Co-Sponsor added 1161, 1208, 2966

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Int. & Com. 238; Co-Sponsor added 1564

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Int. & Com. 238; Co-Sponsor added 1161, 1208

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Int. & Com. 239; Rep. Com. 1547; 2nd R. 1693; 3rd R. 1732; Rec. V. 1694; Point of Order 1693

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Int. & Com. 239; Rep. Com. 3390; 2nd R. 3490; 3rd R. 3544; Rec. V. 3496; Amd. 3490

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H. 3267 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-140, RELATING TO BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR LIMITS FOR BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH.
Int. & Com. 253

H. 3268 -- Reps. Rutherford and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION MAY, BY THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION, APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION THAT WAS ESTABLISHED AS A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF HOME RULE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF A COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION WHO THE COUNTY DELEGATION APPOINTS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.
Int. & Com. 253; Co-Sponsor added 3127

H. 3269 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-18-75 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PRIVATE INVESTIGATION BUSINESS FROM DISCLOSING CERTAIN INFORMATION AND KNOWINGLY REPRESENTING MULTIPLE PARTIES WITH OPPOSING INTERESTS IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 253

H. 3270 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-220, RELATING TO DENTAL SPECIALTIES RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION FOR WHICH SPECIAL LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO INCLUDE DENTAL SPECIALTIES RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES SUBJECT TO THESE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-250, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF DENTAL SPECIALTY LICENSES WITHOUT BOARD EXAMINATION TO DIPLOMATES OF CERTAIN NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AMONG SUCH NATIONAL CERTIFYING BOARDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-260, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DENTAL SPECIALTY LICENSES TO APPLICANTS WHO COMPLY WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLIANCE WITH EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AS AN ALTERNATIVE.
Int. & Com. 253

H. 3271 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-440 SO AS TO PROVIDE A STUDENT MUST BE EXEMPT FROM PAYING OUT-OF-STATE TUITION AT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND MUST BE

ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIPS AND TUITION ASSISTANCE IF HE ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS STATE FOR THREE OR MORE YEARS, GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE STATE OR RECEIVED THE EQUIVALENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN THIS STATE, REGISTERS AS AN ENTERING STUDENT OR IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION NO EARLIER THAN THE FALL SEMESTER OF THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR, AND, IF LACKING LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS, FILES AN AFFIDAVIT WITH THE INSTITUTION STATING HE HAS FILED AN APPLICATION TO LEGALIZE HIS IMMIGRATION OR WILL FILE AN APPLICATION WHEN ELIGIBLE; TO PROVIDE A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS ACT ALSO MUST MEET OTHER QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE-SPONSORED SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE TO RECEIVE THE SCHOLARSHIP OR TUITION ASSISTANCE; TO PROVIDE STUDENT INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT MUST BE CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 254

H. 3272 -- Reps. Rutherford, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BAN THE BOX ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS UNLESS THE CONVICTION DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE EMPLOYMENT OR LICENSURE SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, EXCLUSIONS, AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 255

H. 3273 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE THAT A NONPROFIT CORPORATION WITH AN ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE EXCEEDING ONE BILLION DOLLARS HAS WITH CURRENT AND FORMER EMPLOYEES IS NULL, VOID, AND UNENFORCEABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO SUCH COVENANT MAY BE ENTERED INTO WITH FUTURE EMPLOYEES.
Int. & Com. 255

H. 3274 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION LAWFULLY MAY OWN, MARKET, AND REGULATE CERTAIN CASH DEPOSIT-ACTIVATED GAMES OF SKILL MACHINES THAT SKILLED PLAYERS MAY PLAY TO EARN PRIZES; TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF THESE GAMES OF SKILL MACHINES; AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER LAWFULLY MAY PLAY THESE MACHINES AND ESTABLISHMENTS APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION LAWFULLY MAY POSSESS THE MACHINES.

Int. & Com. 255

H. 3275 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS HE IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

Int. & Com. 256

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, TO DEFINE THE TERM "MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE," TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY NOT BE USED WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FINES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH THIS SECTION MAY BE ENFORCED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION IS NOT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS RELATED TO CITIZENS ARRESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT SIGNS ADVISING MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE ONLY WARNINGS MAY BE ISSUED FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL FILE A REPORT WITH CERTAIN OFFICIALS CONTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONS STOPPED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

Int. & Com. 256; Rep. Com. 2586; Co-Sponsor added 1232, 1537, 1645, 1730, 2636, 2681, 2747, 2781, 2934, 3026; Co-Sponsor removed 2748, 3028; 2nd R. 3073; 3rd R. 3165; Rec. V. 3077, 4039; Amd. 2760, 3074, 3075, 3077; Proposed Amd. 2749, 2762, 3074; D. A. 2696, 2758, 3962; Req. Deb. 2749; Point of Order 2657; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4039; Conc. & Enr. 4039; Rat. 4236

H. 3277 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-557 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH SEX OFFENDERS MAY HAVE CONTACT OR CUSTODY WITH THEIR OR ANY OTHER MINOR CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST REPORT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN TO THE COURT, AND TO PROVIDE THE SOLICITOR MUST PROVIDE NONOFFENDING PARENTS INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING MINORS FROM OFFENDING PARENTS.
Int. & Com. 257

H. 3278 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS PRISONERS TO USE TIME SPENT UNDER MONITORED HOUSE ARREST AGAINST THEIR SENTENCE WHEN COMPUTING TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS.
Int. & Com. 257

H. 3279 -- Reps. Moss and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE PROMOTION ACT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO ESTABLISH THE EQUINE PROMOTION BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD AND THE TERMS OF THE BOARD MEMBERS, TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON ALL COMMERCIAL FEED AND CUSTOM BLENDS LABELED FOR EQUINE USE, TO PROVIDE HOW THE FUNDS MAY BE USED TO PROMOTE THE EQUINE INDUSTRY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE EQUINE PROMOTION FUND.
Int. & Com. 257; Co-Sponsor removed 2401

H. 3280 -- Reps. McCravy, T. Moore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-950, RELATING TO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARDON SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES INMATES BE CONSIDERED FOR PARDONS BEFORE PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 258

H. 3281 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Willis, Burns, Chumley, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Rankin, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, Davis, Yow and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 18 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN

THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND TO PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
Int. & Com. 258; Co-Sponsor added 451, 1162, 1565

H. 3282 -- Reps. Magnuson, Beach, Huff, Gilreath, Pace, Edgerton, Frank, Kilmartin, White and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2028, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE IN SELECTING A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL EXAMINE WHETHER THE PERSON POSSESSES CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S COMPENSATION.
Int. & Com. 258

H. 3283 -- Reps. Long, McCravy, Chumley and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON HOLDERS OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS ON CARRYING FIREARMS ON POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL PROPERTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE RESTRICTION PLACED ON THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS INTO COLLEGE ATHLETIC EVENTS.
Int. & Com. 258; Co-Sponsor added 1565

H. 3284 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL" TO INCLUDE TOW TRUCK OPERATORS.
Int. & Com. 259

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Waters, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.
Int. & Com. 259; Rep. Com. 2813; Co-Sponsor added 2747, 2781, 2935, 2967; 2nd R. 2989; 3rd R. 3031; Rec. V. 2989; Point of Order 2945

H. 3286 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE

47 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADVERTISE, OFFER FOR SALE, OR SELL PLANT-BASED MEAT PRODUCTS AS "MEAT," "CLEAN-MEAT," OR "MEAT-FOOD" PRODUCTS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 259

H. 3287 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, W. Newton and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2937 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR ANY OTHER DRUG OR COMBINATION OF DRUGS, OR CONVICTED OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND HAD AT LEAST ONE PRIOR CONVICTION FOR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, ANY OTHER DRUG, OR A COMBINATION OF OTHER DRUGS OR SUBSTANCES, OR DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WITH AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION AND WHOSE VICTIMS WERE PARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN, MUST PAY RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD MAINTENANCE TO EACH OF THE VICTIMS' CHILDREN UNTIL EACH CHILD REACHES EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-118 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS CONVICTED OF OPERATING MOVING WATER DEVICES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS WHEN DEATH RESULTS, OR RECKLESS HOMICIDE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS AND WHOSE VICTIMS WERE PARENTS OF MINOR CHILDREN, MUST PAY RESTITUTION IN THE FORM OF CHILD MAINTENANCE TO EACH OF THE VICTIMS' CHILDREN UNTIL EACH CHILD REACHES EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND HAS GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.
Int. & Com. 260; Co-Sponsor added 1431

H. 3288 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, W. Newton and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-240, RELATING TO BODY-WORN CAMERAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO ARE SUBJECTS IN DATA RECORDED BY BODY-WORN CAMERAS MAY REQUEST AND MUST RECEIVE RECORDED DATA WITHOUT PURSUING ACTIONS UNDER THE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE OR CIVIL PROCEDURE, OR BY OBTAINING COURT ORDERS.
Int. & Com. 260

H. 3289 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "FIRST RESPONDER"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-47-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE 911 PROFESSIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN BENEFITS.
Int. & Com. 260

H. 3290 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-320, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF TAGS FOR HUNTING AND TAKING DEER AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY USE PRINTED COPIES OF TAGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST POSSESS TAGS WHEN TAGGING DEER BUT NOT WHILE HUNTING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-544, RELATING

TO WILD TURKEY TAGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY USE PRINTED COPIES OF TAGS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND MUST POSSESS TAGS WHEN TAGGING WILD TURKEY BUT NOT WHILE HUNTING.
Int. & Com. 261

H. 3291 -- Reps. Hixon and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 56-1-250 RELATING TO CANCELLATION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES OR PERMITS OF MINORS UPON DEATH OF PERSONS SIGNING THE MINOR'S APPLICATION FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS.
Int. & Com. 261

H. 3292 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B. L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PASSENGERS MUST WEAR SAFETY BELTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-2-105 RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.
Int. & Com. 261; Rep. Com. 1485; Co-Sponsor added 1162, 1420, 1537, 1645; 2nd R. 1656; 3rd R. 1710; Rec. V. 1656, 4172; D. A. 1622; Op. 1657; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4172; Conc. & Enr. 4172; Rat. 4263

H. 3293 -- Reps. Hardee, Pedalino, W. Newton and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, AND FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ON THE HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 261

H. 3295 -- Reps. Hardee and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPANIES THAT MAINTAIN IN-VEHICLE SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES MUST RELEASE VEHICLE LOCATION INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
Int. & Com. 262

H. 3296 -- Reps. Haddon, Lawson, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Huff, Burns, Magnuson and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" SO AS TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.
Int. & Com. 262; Co-Sponsor added 451, 1162, 1209

H. 3297 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PER PUPIL FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS WITH A CERTAIN POVERTY INDEX OR LOCATED IN A CERTAIN COUNTY.

Int. & Com. 262

H. 3298 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OVERTIME INCOME IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES.
Int. & Com. 262

H. 3299 -- Reps. Beach, Pope, Magnuson, Chumley, Bowers and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUST CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PERSONS ARRESTED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS MUST BE RECORDED IN THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED, CONVICTED, OR BOTH.
Int. & Com. 262; Co-Sponsor added 1512, 1565

H. 3300 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BANK MAY NOT ALLOW A GOVERNMENTAL TAX COLLECTION AGENCY TO COLLECT CERTAIN CUSTOMER DATA.
Int. & Com. 263

H. 3301 -- Reps. Burns, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A RETAIL LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MUST ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS.
Int. & Com. 263

H. 3302 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STOP SURPRISE BILLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-292 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM ENGAGING IN SURPRISE BILLING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-45 SO AS TO MAKE IT AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE FOR AN INSURER OR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF SURPRISE BILLING.
Int. & Com. 263

H. 3303 -- Reps. Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO PETROLEUM PIPELINES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS, PERMITTING, AND HEARINGS, TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENDERING FINAL ORDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REHEARINGS, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REQUIRE RECORDS PRODUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOVERY, TO EMPLOY EXPERT WITNESSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A

PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY MAY REQUEST REASONABLE ACCESS TO PROPERTY ON A PROPOSED SITE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPILL OR AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR EMINENT DOMAIN AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 58-7-10 THROUGH 58-7-70 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANIES."
Int. & Com. 263

H. 3304 -- Reps. Landing, Magnuson, Chumley and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-1-201, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL CODE GENERAL DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY" AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MONEY" TO EXCLUDE CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 26-6-160, RELATING TO CONTROL OF TRANSFERABLE RECORDS PURSUANT TO THE UNIFORM ELECTRONIC TRANSACTIONS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 34-3-210, RELATING TO THE GENERAL POWERS OF A BANKING CORPORATION, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A BANKING CORPORATION FROM OFFERING ANY SERVICE OR APPROVING OF OR CONDUCTING ANY TRANSACTION THAT INVOLVES CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT ENTITIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION FROM OFFERING OR PROVIDING ANY SERVICE OR CONDUCTING ANY TRANSACTION THAT WOULD UTILIZE CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY.
Int. & Com. 264; Co-Sponsor added 1565

H. 3305 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT," REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.
Int. & Com. 265; Rep. Com. 2584; 2nd R. 2652; 3rd R. 2684; Rec. V. 2653; Amd. 2652

H. 3306 -- Reps. Rutherford and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-10, RELATING TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FROM NINE TO FIFTEEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-20, RELATING TO THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR JUDGES ON THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH STAGGERED TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-80, RELATING TO THE COURT SITTING IN PANELS OR AS A WHOLE, AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS TO PANELS BY THE CHIEF JUDGE, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF CASES BETWEEN THE PANELS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHIEF JUDGE ESTABLISH TWO PANELS TO PRESIDE OVER CRIMINAL MATTERS, TWO PANELS TO PRESIDE OVER CIVIL MATTERS, AND A FIFTH

PANEL TO MAINTAIN APPROXIMATELY EQUAL CASELOADS BETWEEN THE PANELS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-8-90, RELATING TO WHEN THE COURT MAY SIT EN BANC, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FOR A PETITION OR MOTION FOR THE COURT TO SIT EN BANC FROM SIX TO TEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT TEN JUSTICES CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.
Int. & Com. 265

H. 3307 -- Reps. Rutherford, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-15 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CABLE SERVICE PROVIDER TO ISSUE REFUNDS TO CUSTOMERS DUE TO AN INTERRUPTION IN SERVICE.
Int. & Com. 265

H. 3308 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFEND THE GUARD ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-1930 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MAY NOT BE RELEASED FROM THE STATE INTO ACTIVE-DUTY COMBAT UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS.
Int. & Com. 266; Co-Sponsor added 1565

H. 3309 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Gatch, Herbkersman, Pope, B. Newton, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt, Kirby, Schuessler, Yow, Long, M. M. Smith, Hardee, Montgomery, Atkinson, Hixon, Ligon, Anderson, Weeks, Willis, Govan and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY SECURITY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ONE OR MORE NATURAL GAS-FIRED GENERATION FACILITIES AND RELATED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA IN COLLETON

COUNTY, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-1220 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PLANS IF A COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE RELATED RURAL ZONING OR ORDINANCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS REQUIRING MORE THAN THIRTEEN ACRES OF LAND; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ALLOW ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO REQUEST THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADJUST THEIR RATES ANNUALLY, ADJUST UTILITY RATES, ESTABLISH THE BASELINE RATE ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADJUSTMENTS IN RATES, TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CUSTOMERS, AND TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF FUSION ENERGY AND ADVANCED NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT THE EVALUATION OF SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN THIS STATE AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION, AND TO DESIGNATE ALL SECTIONS CURRENTLY IN CHAPTER 37 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "PLANNING FOR ENERGY SUPPLY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR," SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF AND APPROVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES, STANDARD OFFERS, FORM CONTRACTS, AND COMMITMENT TO SELL FORMS, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM STANDARDS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO OPEN A DOCKET TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAM FOR ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY," SO AS TO REITERATE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION,

AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION REPORT, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT IF TRUE TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIMELINE FOR A PETITION FOR REHEARING OR RECONSIDERATION, AND TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JUDICIAL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO REITERATE THE SECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE VARIOUS THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR MODELS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THESE PORTFOLIOS ON AT LEAST A TRIENNIAL BASIS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES

IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATION FOR CO-LOCATED RESOURCES BETWEEN AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY AND ITS CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIVERSE MIX OF LONG-LEAD, CLEAN GENERATION RESOURCES, AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO FIND CERTAIN ACTIONS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PERMIT AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO CAPTURE AVAILABLE INCENTIVES FOR RATEPAYERS; TO PERMIT DEFERRAL OF CERTAIN REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COSTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE"; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELECTRICITY RATE AND CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-135 SO AS TO TRANSFER A PENDING APPEAL REGARDING ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PERMITS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-530, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DUTIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER ADVOCACY RELATED TO ITS REPRESENTATION OF CONSUMERS IN UTILITY MATTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S CHIEF CLERK'S SALARY BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-200 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO RETAIN AN INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION ANALYST FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT BUDGET OF AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS; TO REQUIRE A REPORT BY THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 24, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58; TO REQUIRE DOMINION ENERGY TO EVALUATE CONVERTING THE WATEREE GENERATION STATION TO BIOMASS-FIRED GENERATION, AND TO PROVIDE A REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-50, RELATING TO OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF DUTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

Int. & Com. 266; Rep. Com. 1481; Co-Sponsor added 451, 1162, 1420, 1512, 1537, 1565; 2nd R. 1587; 3rd R. 1702; Rec. V. 1619, 3715; Amd. 1591, 3711; S/A Amd. 3707; Proposed Amd. 1619; D. A. 3260, 3367, 3516, 3692; Req. Deb. 1581; Point of Order 3160; Reconsidered 3702; M. from S. 4082; Rat. 4237

H. 3310 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson, Chapman, Harris, Huff, Cromer, Gilreath, Kilmartin, Frank, Edgerton, Pace, Terribile, Rankin and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN

A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.
Int. & Com. 270; Co-Sponsor added 1209, 1512, 1566, 1645, 1645, 1872

H. 3311 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson, Frank and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1625 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VOTING SYSTEM PURCHASED FOR USE IN SOUTH CAROLINA MUST UTILIZE HAND-MARKED PAPER BALLOTS THAT ARE COUNTED BY HAND.
Int. & Com. 271; Co-Sponsor added 1512, 1566

H. 3312 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-225, RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PROOF OF INSURANCE IN A VEHICLE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY NOT BE CONFISCATED BASED ON A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 271

H. 3313 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy, Forrest, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman and B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 56-3-2210 AND 56-3-2230, BOTH RELATING TO CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES AS ANTIQUE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES MAY BE USED AT NIGHT FOR PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN THESE SECTIONS IF EQUIPPED WITH WORKING HEADLIGHTS AND REAR LIGHTS.
Int. & Com. 271; Co-Sponsor added 1431

H. 3314 -- Reps. Chumley, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-668 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE RESTORATION, EXHIBITION, SHOWING, AND ENJOYMENT OF CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AS THE OFFICIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY PASTIME OF THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 271

H. 3315 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-190, RELATING TO WARRANTS ISSUED IN OTHER COUNTIES OR BY MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TO SERVE WARRANTS ISSUED BY MUNICIPAL JURISDICTIONS WITHIN THE SAME COUNTY ON A PERSON INCARCERATED IN THAT COUNTY'S JAIL OR DETENTION CENTER

WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A MAGISTRATE ENDORSING THE WARRANT.
Int. & Com. 272

H. 3316 -- Rep. Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFUL DISSEMINATION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIALS.
Int. & Com. 272

H. 3317 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "DATING VIOLENCE" AND "DATING" OR "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-32-20, 59-32-30, AND 59-32-50, ALL RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT, ALL SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM AND MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON THE TOPIC OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS OFFERING DATING VIOLENCE EDUCATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AND THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF DATING VIOLENCE REPORTED AND ADDRESSED BY EACH SCHOOL; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A POLICY ON THE TOPIC OF DATING VIOLENCE, AND TO ANNUALLY MAINTAIN A REPORT DETAILING THE INSTITUTION'S COMPLIANCE WITH THIS REQUIREMENT AND IDENTIFYING THE NUMBER OF INSTANCES OF DATING VIOLENCE REPORTED AND ADDRESSED BY THE INSTITUTION.
Int. & Com. 272

H. 3318 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE RUNOFFS FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.
Int. & Com. 273

H. 3319 -- Reps. Guffey, Chapman and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-25-180, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE, SO AS TO DECLARE UNLAWFUL CERTAIN OTHER CONDUCT WITHIN THE PROXIMITY OF AN ENTRANCE TO A POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING LOCATION.
Int. & Com. 273

H. 3320 -- Reps. Burns, Long and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME

IS PERMANENTLY THE STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND BY PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.
Int. & Com. 273; Co-Sponsor added 1512

H. 3321 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS DO NOT NEED TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST OR CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORM.
Int. & Com. 274

H. 3322 -- Reps. Caskey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT QUESTIONS OF LAW DECIDED BY A COURT MUST BE MADE WITHOUT ANY DEFERENCE TO ANY DETERMINATION OR INTERPRETATION MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.
Int. & Com. 274

H. 3323 -- Rep. Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TELEPHONE SOLICITATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN TELEPHONIC SALES CALLS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SELLERS FROM USING CERTAIN TECHNOLOGY, TO PROVIDE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION FOR CERTAIN CALLS MADE TO ANY AREA CODE IN THIS STATE, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN AUTOMATED DIALING OR RECORDED MESSAGES, TO PROVIDE FOR A CERTAIN TIME FRAME FOR COMMERCIAL CALLS, TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF CALLS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES.
Int. & Com. 274

H. 3324 -- Rep. Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATE VETERANS MONUMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-230 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CONFEDERATE VETERANS MONUMENT COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, TO ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A PROPOSED DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 274

H. 3325 -- Reps. Chumley, Pedalino, Long and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS ADVANCED BY ONE HOUR BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH OF 2025, AND BEGINNING ON THIS DATE

AND TIME AND THEREAFTER PERMANENTLY BECOMES STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND BY PROVIDING FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.
Int. & Com. 275; Co-Sponsor added 1513

H. 3326 -- Reps. Chumley and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICE FOR A PERSON OR ENTITY TO MAKE A BAD FAITH ASSERTION OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT, TO PROVIDE EVIDENTIARY CONSIDERATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES.
Int. & Com. 275

H. 3327 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-380, RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL LOTTERY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE PURPOSES AND FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR TEACHERS TO OBTAIN A MASTER'S DEGREE IN THEIR CONTENT AREA, FULL SCHOLARSHIPS TO UNDERGRADUATES WHO CHOOSE TO MAJOR IN EDUCATION, AND GRANTS TO TEACHERS AND CERTIFIED PROSPECTIVE TEACHERS TO REPAY STUDENT LOANS, AND TO ESTABLISH THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR THESE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR A LIFE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS FRESHMAN YEAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT IS NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP UNTIL AFTER THE COMPLETION OF HIS FRESHMAN YEAR.
Int. & Com. 275

H. 3328 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3790, RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S FUND, SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILD" TO INCLUDE A CHILD WHO IS IN FOSTER CARE.
Int. & Com. 276

H. 3329 -- Reps. Collins, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR DIAPERS AND TOILET PAPER.
Int. & Com. 276

H. 3330 -- Reps. Collins and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A

SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT EXPEND MORE THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ITS BUDGET ON OPERATIONAL EXPENSES.
Int. & Com. 276

H. 3331 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP AND IS ENROLLED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHING FELLOWS PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STUDENT SHALL COMMIT TO TEACH IN A SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR SEVEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A STUDENT DOES NOT TEACH IN A SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, THE STUDENT SHALL RETURN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP.
Int. & Com. 276

H. 3332 -- Reps. Collins and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY BY JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL IMPOSE A STATEWIDE MILLAGE ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN THIS STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING REVENUE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND IN THE JOINT RESOLUTION IMPOSING THE TAX SHALL PROVIDE THE PLAN OF DISTRIBUTING THE REVENUE FOR THE APPLICABLE FISCAL YEAR TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAX IN THIS STATE FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS.
Int. & Com. 277

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.
Int. & Com. 277; Rep. Com. 2906; Co-Sponsor added 2967; 2nd R. 3036; 3rd R. 3130; Rec. V. 3036; Rat. 3995

H. 3334 -- Reps. Davis, Mitchell, Chapman, Pedalino and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-1050 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND REDUCING COSTS.
Int. & Com. 278

H. 3335 -- Reps. Dillard, Spann-Wilder and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.
Int. & Com. 278; Rep. Com. 3425; Co-Sponsor added 3536; 2nd R. 3575; 3rd R. 3733; Rec. V. 3575; Op. 3577

H. 3336 -- Reps. Dillard, Garvin, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-21-40, 31-21-50, AND 31-21-60, ALL RELATING TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO DISABILITY OR SOURCE OF INCOME.
Int. & Com. 278

H. 3337 -- Reps. Dillard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AGING WITH DIGNITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A TAXPAYER WHO IS CARING FOR A SENIOR FAMILY MEMBER.
Int. & Com. 278

H. 3338 -- Reps. Dillard, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR DIAPERS.
Int. & Com. 278

H. 3339 -- Reps. Dillard, Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-37-10, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR EJECTMENT OF TENANT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME WHEN AN EVICTION MAY BE IMPLEMENTED.
Int. & Com. 278; Co-Sponsor added 3402

H. 3340 -- Reps. Forrest, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Chumley and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-65, RELATING TO FEE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENTS FOR STATE PARKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISCOUNTS TO CERTAIN MILITARY MEMBERS, RETIREES, AND VETERANS.
Int. & Com. 279; Co-Sponsor added 451

H. 3341 -- Reps. Garvin and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 31-21-65, 59-63-41, AND 45-9-11 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN HOUSING, EDUCATION, AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIR STYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE; BY

AMENDING SECTION 1-13-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN EMPLOYMENT TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-80, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO COVERED EMPLOYERS ALLOWING THEM TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIRSTYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE WHEN NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE.
Int. & Com. 279

H. 3342 -- Reps. Garvin and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-48 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE ALL HEALTH INSURANCE AND GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COVER HEARING AIDS AND REPLACEMENT HEARING AIDS FOR INSUREDS WITH IMPAIRED HEARING, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 279

H. 3343 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Lawson, Wooten, Robbins, Mitchell, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Davis, M. M. Smith, Yow and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY LAND OR REAL ESTATE LOCATED WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF A STATE OR FEDERAL MILITARY BASE OR INSTALLATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING OR ERECTING CERTAIN TOWERS.
Int. & Com. 280; Co-Sponsor added 451, 1163, 1901

H. 3344 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Mitchell, Pedalino, McCravy and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN-OWNED COMPANIES IN CONNECTION WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.
Int. & Com. 280

H. 3345 -- Reps. Gilliam and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR IS DESIGNATED AS "SOUTH CAROLINA MENTORING DAY."
Int. & Com. 280

H. 3346 -- Reps. Gilliard, Spann-Wilder and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RENT CONTROL ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 27-39-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON RAISING RESIDENTIAL RENT.
Int. & Com. 280; Co-Sponsor added 1232

H. 3347 -- Reps. Gilliard and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO PERFORM WORK FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Int. & Com. 280

H. 3348 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL REGISTERED NURSES AND DOCTORS PRACTICING IN THIS STATE QUALIFY FOR STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS.
Int. & Com. 281

H. 3349 -- Rep. Gilliard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO FORGIVE THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT OF ALL REGISTERED NURSES AND DOCTORS.
Int. & Com. 164

H. 3350 -- Reps. Guest, B. Newton, Pope, Taylor and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-120, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITION OF "INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-140, RELATING TO ANNUAL BUDGET INCREASES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN NOTICES FOR HOLDING MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-150, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PROVISIONS THAT APPLY TO CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS SHALL ESTABLISH AN INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-160, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAGISTRATES COURT HAS JURISDICTION OVER ALL MATTERS BETWEEN A HOMEOWNER AND A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-340, RELATING TO COMPLAINTS FROM HOMEOWNERS OR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COPIES OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED IN COMPLAINTS.
Int. & Com. 281; Co-Sponsor added 1901

H. 3351 -- Reps. Guest, Lawson, Garvin, Pedalino and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-32-40, RELATING TO FURNISHING COPIES OF TIMESHARE CONTRACTS TO PURCHASERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PURCHASER MAY CANCEL THE CONTRACT WITHIN TEN DAYS OF SIGNING.
Int. & Com. 281; Co-Sponsor added 1901

H. 3352 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO, SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN ASSESSOR FROM REQUIRING AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL TAX RECORDS.

Int. & Com. 282

H. 3353 -- Reps. Rutherford and Grant: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LAW, IN SPECIFIED AREAS OF THE STATE, MAY PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF GAMBLING AND GAMING ACTIVITIES ON WHICH BETS ARE MADE TO INCLUDE PARI MUTUEL BETTING ON HORSE RACING, SPORTS BETTING ON PROFESSIONAL SPORTS, CASINO ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CARD AND DICE GAMES WHERE THE SKILL OF THE PLAYER IS INVOLVED IN THE OUTCOME, AND GAMES OF CHANCE WITH THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES OR GAMING TABLES, ALL OF WHICH STRICTLY MUST BE REGULATED AND MAY BE CONDUCTED IN ONE LOCATION OR IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE SPECIFIED AREA SUBJECT TO SPECIAL LAWS, INCLUDING CRIMINAL LAWS, ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, APPLICABLE ONLY IN THE SPECIFIED AREA, WITH THE REVENUE REALIZED BY THE STATE AND LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO BE USED FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, AND REPAIR; AND BY PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 8, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY DELETING SECTION 8 WHICH MAKES IT UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON HOLDING AN OFFICE OF HONOR, TRUST, OR PROFIT TO ENGAGE IN GAMBLING OR BETTING ON GAMES OF CHANCE, AND REQUIRES THE OFFICER'S REMOVAL FROM OFFICE UPON CONVICTION FOR A GAMBLING OFFENSE.
Int. & Com. 282

H. 3354 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE A NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT HAS AN ANNUAL GROSS REVENUE EXCEEDING ONE BILLION DOLLARS THAT IMPOSES A REDUCTION IN FORCE OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED EMPLOYEES TO PREPARE AND PRESENT A REPORT TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND ENTITIES DETAILING ALL ECONOMIC AND PROCEDURAL BENEFITS MADE AVAILABLE TO IT AND WHY IT WAS NECESSARY TO IMPOSE THE REDUCTION IN FORCE.
Int. & Com. 283

H. 3355 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A COMMUNITY CHARGE ON NONPROFIT HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE CHARGE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN COLLECTION MEASURES.
Int. & Com. 283

H. 3356 -- Rep. Rutherford: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 14, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO CITIZENS DEEMED SUI JURIS AND

RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALSO TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS, SUBSTANCES, OR SERVICES DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO BE UNREASONABLY HAZARDOUS, PERILOUS, OR UNSAFE TO PERSONS UNTIL AGE TWENTY-ONE.
Int. & Com. 283

H. 3357 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "SHIPPING TRANSPORTATION AND PORT BRIDGE SAFETY STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES CONCERNING THE NAVIGATION OF LARGE VESSELS UNDER MAJOR WATERWAY BRIDGES WHILE ENTERING OR LEAVING HARBORS, PORTS, AND CANALS IN THIS STATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND DURATION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.
Int. & Com. 283

H. 3358 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, McCravy, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, Hewitt and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION IF THE TAXPAYER HAS LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OF NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 284

H. 3359 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADMISSION TO ANY AGROTOURISM ACTIVITY.
Int. & Com. 284

H. 3360 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2130, RELATING TO USE TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE PURCHASED OR LEASED IN ANOTHER STATE IF THE PURCHASER PAID THE SALES TAX IN THE OTHER STATE.
Int. & Com. 284

H. 3361 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-409 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY FROM REDUCING ITS FUNDING FOR CIRCUIT SOLICITOR OPERATIONS.
Int. & Com. 285

H. 3362 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-65-30, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEXTILES COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH INCOME TAX CREDITS TO BE TRANSFERRED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH INCOME TAX CREDITS TO BE TRANSFERRED.
Int. & Com. 285

H. 3363 -- Reps. B. Newton, Ligon, Pope, Sessions, Guffey, Martin and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-11-10 AND 9-11-40, BOTH RELATING TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO SET FORTH CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY WHICH THE CATAWBA NATION MAY BECOME AN EMPLOYER FOR PURPOSES OF THE SYSTEM.
Int. & Com. 285

H. 3364 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON FARM MACHINERY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES ARE NOT CONSIDERED AUTOMOBILES OR TRUCKS AND QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION IF USED FOR QUALIFYING PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 285

H. 3365 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Burns, Chumley, Willis, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Mitchell, Magnuson, Rankin, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Huff, Lawson and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "ELIMINATE THE MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-525 SO AS TO ALLOW MARRIED TAXPAYERS WHO FILE A JOINT FEDERAL RETURN TO CALCULATE THEIR AMOUNT OF SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX OWED FOR THE TAX YEAR AS THOUGH EACH TAXPAYER FILED A RETURN AS A SINGLE TAXPAYER IF THE TAXPAYERS' CUMULATIVE TAX OWED WOULD BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD OWE HAD THEY FILED A JOINT RETURN.
Int. & Com. 285; Co-Sponsor added 1209

H. 3366 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FROM OFFERING OR AWARDING INCENTIVES TO CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, AND TO PROHIBIT ANY COMPANY RECEIVING AN INCENTIVE FROM CONTRACTING WITH SUCH PROHIBITED COMPANIES.
Int. & Com. 286

H. 3367 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Lowe, King, McDaniel, T. Moore, Caskey, Pace, Terribile, White, Frank, Edgerton, Magnuson, Kilmartin, B. L. Cox, Harris, Bailey, Reese, Oremus, Robbins, Waters, Bradley, Bustos, Wickensimer, Erickson, Hager, Whitmire, Hosey and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220,

RELATING TO ROLLBACK TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ROLLBACK TAXES ONLY APPLY TO THE PREVIOUS TAX YEAR INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUS THREE TAX YEARS.
Int. & Com. 286; Co-Sponsor added 3245; Co-Sponsor removed 3403, 3449

H. 3368 -- Reps. Long and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO MODIFICATIONS TO GROSS INCOME FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE OVERTIME PAY AND CERTAIN BONUS PAY FROM GROSS INCOME.
Int. & Com. 286

H. 3369 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Chumley and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK AND WECHAT.
Int. & Com. 286; Co-Sponsor added 2967

H. 3370 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Grant and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-696, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL STATE LANGUAGE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GULLAH LANGUAGE.
Int. & Com. 287; Co-Sponsor added 2400

H. 3371 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADMISSIONS CHARGED BY CERTAIN NONPROFIT BUSINESS LEAGUES AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.
Int. & Com. 287

H. 3372 -- Reps. Hixon and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-110, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAIL SALES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY SOLD BY CERTAIN ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN MAKING LIMITED SALES AT CERTAIN FESTIVALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-510, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A RETAIL LICENSE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SUCH ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OBTAIN A RETAIL LICENSE.
Int. & Com. 287

H. 3373 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-50-30, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO DIRECT THE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AUTHORITY AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATER QUALITY REVOLVING FUND AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-50-40, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA

RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO MODIFY A DEFINITION; BY REPEALING SECTION 1-11-25 RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE AUTHORITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 1-11-26 RELATING TO GRANTS FUNDS OF THE AUTHORITY.
Int. & Com. 287

H. 3374 -- Reps. Hardee, Mitchell, Chumley and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON BE A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR, TO OBTAIN THE EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 288; Co-Sponsor added 1163

H. 3375 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK.
Int. & Com. 288

H. 3376 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 4-10-470 RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED.
Int. & Com. 288

H. 3377 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant, Govan, Bauer and Cobb-Hunter: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SOUTH CAROLINA SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN MEDICAID EXPANSION.
Int. & Com. 288

H. 3378 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, McCravy and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2120, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ALL PROPERTY FROM TAXATION AND PROVIDE A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR REIMBURSEMENT TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.
Int. & Com. 289

H. 3379 -- Reps. Burns and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.
Int. & Com. 289

H. 3380 -- Reps. Burns, Lawson and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO SET THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT AS THE GREATER OF THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE FIRST THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 289

H. 3381 -- Reps. Beach, Lawson, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFENSE OF CHILDREN'S INNOCENCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY BUSINESS WHERE DRAG SHOWS ARE HELD IS DEEMED TO BE A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS FOR ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-210 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR ANY ENTITY THAT IS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS FROM USING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS TO HOST OR PROVIDE A DRAG SHOW; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIALS TO MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF ALLOWING A MINOR TO VIEW A DRAG SHOW.
Int. & Com. 289; Co-Sponsor added 1163, 1210, 1513

H. 3382 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 290

H. 3383 -- Reps. Ballentine, Taylor and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-52, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO INDEX PROJECT LIMITS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES.
Int. & Com. 290; Co-Sponsor added 1210

H. 3384 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 290

H. 3385 -- Reps. Wooten and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-130, RELATING TO USE OF INMATE LABOR FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WORK CAMPS.
Int. & Com. 290

H. 3386 -- Reps. Taylor, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING OR INSTANT RUNOFF BALLOTS IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 290

H. 3387 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, B. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, McCravy, Chumley, Taylor, Forrest, Long, Ligon, Guest, Crawford, Edgerton, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Davis, Brewer, Murphy, Calhoon, Erickson, Bradley, Williams, Hixon, Burns, Hewitt, Gilreath, Cromer, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "EJECTMENT OF UNLAWFUL OCCUPANTS OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE REMEDY TO REMOVE PERSONS UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS "EJECTMENT PROCEEDINGS"; TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 AND ENTITLE IT "EJECTMENT OF TENANTS"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-521 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINAL MISCHIEF.
Int. & Com. 291; Rep. Com. 2584; Co-Sponsor added 1645, 1901, 2060, 2400, 2636, 2781, 2821, 2935; 2nd R. 2952; 3rd R. 2961; Rec. V. 2958; Amd. 2953, 2957; D. A. 2715, 2757; Req. Deb. 2687; Op. 2960; Point of Order 2651

H. 3388 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A VIOLENT CRIME, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-100, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A NO PAROLE OFFENSE, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN OFFENSES INVOLVING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 291

H. 3389 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-450, RELATING TO IMMUNITY UNDER THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY ACT, SO AS TO GRANT A PERSON THE RIGHT TO APPEAL A COURT FINDING THAT THE PERSON IS NOT ENTITLED TO IMMUNITY NOTWITHSTANDING A SUBSEQUENT GUILTY PLEA TO THE SAME UNDERLYING OFFENSE.
Int. & Com. 291

H. 3390 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE EIGHTEEN.
Int. & Com. 291

H. 3391 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF

AGGRAVATED INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 292

H. 3392 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A HEALTHCARE WORKER OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.
Int. & Com. 292; Co-Sponsor added 3245

H. 3393 -- Rep. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL OFFENSE FOR LITTERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR LITTERING OFFENSES.
Int. & Com. 292

H. 3394 -- Reps. T. Moore, Robbins, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Long, Bailey, Lawson, Guest, Crawford, Erickson, Bradley and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.
Int. & Com. 292; Co-Sponsor added 1233, 1431, 1901, 2401

H. 3395 -- Rep. Long: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL RESCIND, REPEAL, CANCEL, NULLIFY, AND SUPERSEDE TO THE SAME EFFECT AS IF THEY HAD NEVER BEEN PASSED, ANY AND ALL EXTANT APPLICATIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO CALL A CONVENTION TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Int. & Com. 292

H. 3396 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson, Rankin, McCravy, Chumley and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR A PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY OR IS REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY OR REGISTERED AS AN INDEPENDENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO

PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTRATION AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY OR STATUS AS A REGISTERED INDEPENDENT AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.
Int. & Com. 293; Co-Sponsor added 451

H. 3397 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO A TENANT REMOVED FROM A PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT MUST BE STORED FOR SIX MONTHS AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MEET CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 293

H. 3398 -- Reps. King, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-120, RELATING TO PERSONS DISQUALIFIED FROM REGISTERING OR VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE DISQUALIFYING PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN APPLICANT AFFIRM, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE HAS NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR OFFENSE AGAINST THE ELECTION LAWS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-185, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 294

H. 3399 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Govan, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEFAULT TO SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AGAINST UNFILTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO AUTOMATICALLY ENABLE AND PASSCODE-PROTECT THE FILTERS BLOCKING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON DEVICES ACTIVATED IN THIS STATE; TO SUBJECT MANUFACTURERS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUALS TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PROVIDING A PASSCODE TO REMOVE THE PORNOGRAPHY FILTER FOR AN INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE DEVICE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.
Int. & Com. 294; Co-Sponsor added 1420

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H. 3400 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Spann-Wilder and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY NOT COLLECT, RETAIN, PROCESS, OR SELL CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES SHALL UTILIZE PRIVACY BY DEFAULT, TO PROVIDE THAT USERS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SUBPOENAS AND WARRANTS MUST BE EXPEDITED, TO PROVIDE THAT PRIVACY POLICIES MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE FOR METHODS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, TO REQUIRE A REPORT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION.
Int. & Com. 295

H. 3401 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT COMMUNICATE WITH A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXERCISING OF CERTAIN RIGHTS, TO ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS THAT WAIVE RIGHTS ARE VOID, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH METHODS TO SUBMIT REQUESTS, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES FOR CONTROLLERS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVACY NOTICE, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A PROCESSOR, TO PROVIDE FOR A DATA PROTECTION ASSESSMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A CONTROLLER IN POSSESSION OF DEIDENTIFIED DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS THAT ARE NOT RESTRICTED, TO PROVIDE FOR THIRD-PARTY DATA DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA MAY NOT BE PROCESSED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE.
Int. & Com. 295

H. 3402 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION FIDUCIARY, TO PROVIDE SCOPE AND EXCLUSIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR DATA PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS.
Int. & Com. 296

H. 3403 -- Reps. Guffey and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING

DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS.
Int. & Com. 296

H. 3404 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, OR LIKENESS IN ANY MEDIUM IN ANY MANNER AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 296

H. 3405 -- Reps. Guffey, Wooten, Pope and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "APP STORE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT APP STORE PROVIDERS DETERMINE CERTAIN AGE CATEGORIES AND CERTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS SHALL ISSUE CERTAIN GUIDANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR CONFLICTING SIGNALS, TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REMEDIES.
Int. & Com. 296; Co-Sponsor added 3246

H. 3406 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MAY NOT UPLOAD OR ALLOW A USER TO UPLOAD CERTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES WITHOUT CERTAIN VERIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MUST ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN IMAGES MAY NOT BE UPLOADED WITHOUT CONSENT, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN CONSENT FORMS.
Int. & Com. 297

H. 3407 -- Reps. Haddon and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FOOD AND BEVERAGE LABELING.
Int. & Com. 297

H. 3408 -- Reps. Haddon, Forrest, Gilliam, Ligon, Taylor, Mitchell, Pope, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, Hewitt and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY ANY UNITED STATES-DECLARED FOREIGN ADVERSARY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS ARE VOID.

Int. & Com. 297; Co-Sponsor added 4253

H. 3409 -- Reps. Haddon, Robbins, Pope, W. Newton and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3515, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION OR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.
Int. & Com. 298; Co-Sponsor added 2034

H. 3410 -- Reps. Hardee, Pope, Martin and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES OWNED OR LEASED BY ANY PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FORMER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR FORMER FIREFIGHTER.
Int. & Com. 298

H. 3411 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Grant, Long, Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ACCEPT BANK STATEMENTS AND CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS AS PROOF OF RECEIPT.
Int. & Com. 298; Co-Sponsor added 1901

H. 3412 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 81 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "JOINT COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS" AND TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP, TO PROVIDE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY HOLD CERTAIN HEARINGS AND RECEIVE CERTAIN TESTIMONY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAY ADOPT RULES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN PER DIEM, MILEAGE, AND SUBSISTENCE.
Int. & Com. 298

H. 3413 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 37 SO AS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT INTEREST MAY ACCRUE ON A STUDENT EDUCATION LOAN.
Int. & Com. 299

H. 3414 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 299

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H. 3415 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE JUNE TWENTY-SECOND OF EACH YEAR AS "SARAH MAE FLEMMING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 299

H. 3416 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Wooten, Pope, Magnuson, Martin, Terribile and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 299; Co-Sponsor added 2681

H. 3417 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Pope and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF TEACHERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 299

H. 3418 -- Reps. Landing, Pope and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT FORM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY DETAINS OR OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 300

H. 3419 -- Reps. Long, Lawson, Pope, Magnuson, Spann-Wilder and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 300

H. 3420 -- Reps. Long and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3791 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES GRANTS FOR STUDENTS TO ATTEND CERTAIN INDEPENDENT AND HOME SCHOOLS, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CREDIT IS CLAIMED, TO SPECIFY THE PROCESS BY WHICH CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS BECOME ELIGIBLE, TO SPECIFY

CERTAIN INFORMATION WHICH MUST BE MADE PUBLIC, AND TO ALLOW THE STATE TREASURER AND DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CREDIT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-3790 RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL CREDIT FOR EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS CHILDREN'S FUND.
Int. & Com. 300

H. 3421 -- Reps. Long, Magnuson, Pedalino, McCravy and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 9-16-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE RETIREMENT INVESTMENT COMMISSION MAY NOT INVEST PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT FUNDS IN CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY.
Int. & Com. 301

H. 3422 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-18-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS HELD IN A TRUST ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY AND MUST BE DONATED TO A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.
Int. & Com. 301

H. 3423 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Vaughan, Burns, Chumley, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Willis, Lawson and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPLY ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FUEL STATIONS TO HAVE PRE-WIRING FOR A BACKUP GENERATOR.
Int. & Com. 301

H. 3424 -- Reps. McCravy, Gilliam, Burns, Chumley, Willis, Vaughan, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Lawson, Mitchell, Pope, Rankin, Martin and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR SENIORS ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL SALES, USE, AND CASUAL EXCISE TAX.
Int. & Com. 301

H. 3425 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-135 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-137 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FROM PAYING UTILITY BILLS ON BEHALF OF THE HOMEOWNER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-140, RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S BUDGET, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

BEFORE IT MAY TAKE ACTION TO SPEND FUNDS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE BUDGET AND TO REQUIRE A QUORUM OF HOMEOWNERS TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE.
Int. & Com. 302

H. 3426 -- Reps. McDaniel and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-20, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY IS A STATE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-13-30, RELATING TO COMMISSIONERS; 31-13-40, RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; 31-13-50, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES; 31-13-200, RELATING TO NOTES AND BONDS; 31-13-210, RELATING TO MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE; 31-13-340, RELATING TO STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PROGRAM FUND; 31-13-410, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS; 31-13-420, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND; 31-13-430, RELATING TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE; 31-13-440, RELATING TO DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; 31-13-445, RELATING TO FUND MONEY; AND 31-13-450, RELATING TO USE OF MONIES IN FUND, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 302

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Int. & Com. 304; Rep. Com. 1663; Co-Sponsor added 1233, 1420, 1537, 1731, 1762; Co-Sponsor removed 1763; 2nd R. 1775; 3rd R. 1835; Rec. V. 1801, 1836; Amd. 1775; Proposed Amd. 1775, 1786, 1788, 1792, 1793; Req. Deb. 1769; Point of Order 1801

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H. 3454 -- Rep. Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-1-201, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CONSPICUOUS," "DELIVERY," "HOLDER," "MONEY," "PERSON," "SEND," "SIGNED," AND TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTRONIC"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2-102, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO INCLUDE HYBRID TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2-106, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "HYBRID TRANSACTION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2A-102, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF CHAPTER 2A, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR A HYBRID LEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-2A-103, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "HYBRID LEASE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-104, RELATING TO NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR WHAT CONSTITUTES A NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-105, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ISSUE," SO AS TO AMEND THAT DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-401, RELATING TO LIABILITY ON AN INSTRUMENT, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE STANDARDS REGARDING A SIGNATURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-3-604, RELATING TO THE OBLIGATION OF A PARTY TO PAY A CHECK, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN THE OBLIGATION TO PAY A CHECK IS NOT DISCHARGED; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-4A-103, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PAYMENT ORDER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-4A-201,

RELATING TO "SECURITY PROCEDURE," SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECURITY PROCEDURE MAY IMPOSE AN OBLIGATION ON THE RECEIVING BANK OR CUSTOMER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-5-104, RELATING TO FORMAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A LETTER OF CREDIT, CONFIRMATION, ADVICE, TRANSFER, AMENDMENT, OR CANCELLATION MAY BE ISSUED IN ANY FORM THAT IS A SIGNED RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-5-116, RELATING TO CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE BRANCH OF A BANK'S ADDRESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-7-102, RELATING TO AMENDMENTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEFINITION OF "SIGN"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-7-106, RELATING TO CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OF TITLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON HAS CONTROL OF AN ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT OF TITLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-102, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "COMMUNICATE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-103, RELATING TO RULES FOR DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND INTERESTS ARE SECURITIES OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE IS NOT A FINANCIAL ASSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-106, RELATING TO WHEN A PURCHASER HAS CONTROL OF A SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON, OTHER THAN THE TRANSFEROR TO THE PURCHASER OF AN INTEREST IN THE SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, HAS CONTROL OF THE SECURITY ENTITLEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONTROL FOR SECURITY ENTITLEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-110, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND CHOICE OF LAW, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN THE LOCAL LAW OF THE ISSUER'S OR SECURITY INTERMEDIARY'S JURISDICTION GOVERNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-303, RELATING TO A PROTECTED PURCHASER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROTECTED PURCHASER ALSO ACQUIRES ITS INTEREST IN THE SECURITY FREE OF ANY ADVERSE CLAIM; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-102, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ACCOUNT," "ACCOUNT DEBTOR," "ACCOUNTING," "AUTHENTICATE," "ASSIGNEE," "ASSIGNOR," "CHATTEL PAPER," "CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT," "CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE," "ELECTRONIC CHATTEL PAPER," "GENERAL INTANGIBLE," "INSTRUMENT," "PAYMENT INTANGIBLE," "SEND," AND "TANGIBLE CHATTEL PAPER," AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO "CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD," "PROTECTED PURCHASER," AND "QUALIFYING PURCHASER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-104, RELATING TO CONTROL OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY HAS CONTROL OF A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-105, RELATING TO CONTROL OF ELECTRONIC CHATTEL PAPER, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PURCHASER HAS CONTROL OF AN AUTHORITATIVE ELECTRONIC COPY OF A RECORD EVIDENCING CHATTEL PAPER; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-107A SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY HAS CONTROL OF A CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-107B SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON THAT HAS CONTROL OF CERTAIN ITEMS IS NOT REQUIRED TO ACKNOWLEDGE CONTROL ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON; BY

AMENDING SECTION 36-9-204, RELATING TO AFTER-ACQUIRED PROPERTY AND FUTURE ADVANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD NOT PREVENT A SECURITY INTEREST FROM ATTACHING; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-208, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF A SECURED PARTY HAVING CONTROL OF COLLATERAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY THAT HAS CONTROL OF AN AUTHORITATIVE ELECTRONIC COPY OF A RECORD EVIDENCING CHATTEL PAPER OR CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD SHALL TRANSFER CONTROL; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-304, RELATING TO LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE LOCAL LAW OF A BANK'S JURISDICTION GOVERNS PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT MAINTAINED WITH THAT BANK, EVEN IF THE TRANSACTION DOES NOT BEAR ANY RELATION TO THE BANK'S JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-305, RELATING TO LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE LOCAL LAW GOVERNS, EVEN IF THE TRANSACTION DOES NOT BEAR ANY RELATION TO THE JURISDICTION; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-306A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION OF CHATTEL PAPER; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-306B SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR JURISDICTION OF A CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-310, RELATING TO FILING TO PERFECT A SECURITY INTEREST OR AGRICULTURAL LIEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES, AND CHATTEL PAPER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-312, RELATING TO PERFECTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES, AND NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-314, RELATING TO PERFECTION BY CONTROL, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, AND CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-314A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PERFECTING A SECURITY INTEREST IN CHATTEL PAPER; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-316, RELATING TO CONTINUED PERFECTION OF A SECURITY INTEREST FOLLOWING CHANGE IN GOVERNING LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR CHATTEL PAPER, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNTS, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS, AND CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLES; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-317, RELATING TO INTERESTS THAT TAKE PRIORITY OVER OR TAKE FREE OF SECURITY INTEREST OR AGRICULTURAL LIEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CHATTEL PAPER, ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-323, RELATING TO A LESSEE OF GOODS TAKING THE LEASEHOLD INTEREST, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO A BUYER OR A LESSEE IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 36-9-326A SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRIORITY OF A SECURITY INTEREST IN A CONTROLLABLE ACCOUNT, CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORD, OR CONTROLLABLE PAYMENT INTANGIBLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-332, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF MONEY AND

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM A DEPOSIT ACCOUNT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TANGIBLE MONEY AND ELECTRONIC MONEY; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-408, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON ASSIGNMENT OF PROMISSORY NOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROVISION FOR A PROMISSORY NOTE; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-605, RELATING TO AN UNKNOWN DEBTOR OR SECONDARY OBLIGOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A SECURED PARTY OWES A DUTY BASED ON ITS STATUS AS A SECURED PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-613, RELATING TO THE NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL FORM AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-614, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS AND FORM OF NOTIFICATION BEFORE DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL FOR A CONSUMER-GOODS TRANSACTION, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NOTICE OF PLAN TO SELL PROPERTY FORM AND RELATED INSTRUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-628, RELATING TO NONLIABILITY AND LIMITATION ON LIABILITY OF A SECURED PARTY AND LIABILITY OF SECONDARY OBLIGOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY OF A SECURED PARTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 12A TO TITLE 36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE AMENDMENTS (2022); AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 36-1-204, 36-1-301, 36-1-306, 36-2-201, 36-2-202, 36-2-203, 36-2-205, 36-2-209, 36-2A-107, 36-2A-201, 36-2A-202, 36-2A-203, 36-2A-205, 36-2A-208, 36-4A-202, 36-4A-203, 36-4A-207, 36-4A-208, 36-4A-210, 36-4A-211, 36-4A-305, 36-9-203, 36-9-207, 36-9-209, 36-9-210, 36-9-301, 36-9-313, 36-9-324, 36-9-330, 36-9-331, 36-9-334, 36-9-341, 36-9-404, 36-9-406, 36-9-509, 36-9-513, 36-9-601, 36-9-608, 36-9-611, 36-9-615, 36-9-616, 36-9-619, 36-9-620, 36-9-621, AND 36-9-624, ALL RELATING TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, ALL SO AS TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 310

H. 3455 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-10, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDENTS WITHIN THAT SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ADMINISTRATION TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, TO PROHIBIT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM ENTERING INTO A NEW CONTRACT OR EXTENDING A CONTRACT FOR A DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO ABOLISH THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 59 RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Int. & Com. 315

H. 3456 -- Rep. Collins: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO ABOLISH THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 315

H. 3457 -- Reps. McCravy, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Bailey, Burns, Chumley, B. J. Cox, Edgerton, Gilliam, Haddon, Hager, Hayes, Herbkersman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Lawson, Ligon, Long, McCabe, Oremus, Pace, Pope, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, White, Willis, Yow, Robbins, Mitchell, Rankin, Pedalino, Huff, Cromer, Gilreath, Frank, Sanders, Beach, Kilmartin and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-615 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ALL ABORTIONS IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WITH AN EXCEPTION FOR MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-41-685 SO AS TO ADDRESS A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO ANONYMITY IN RELATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-41-610, 44-41-620, 44-41-630, AND 44-41-640, ALL RELATING TO THE "FETAL HEARTBEAT AND PROTECTION FROM ABORTION ACT," SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO ADDRESS ACCESS TO CONTRACEPTIVES AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES; BY PROVIDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE RIGHT TO INTERVENE IN LEGAL CHALLENGES TO THE ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-37, RELATING TO ABORTION COUNSELING FOR MINORS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO A JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-41-60 AND 44-41-90, RELATING TO REPORTING OF ABORTIONS AND PUBLIC FUNDING OF ABORTIONS RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-32, 44-41-33, AND 44-41-34 RELATING TO A JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURE FOR MINORS SEEKING AN ABORTION; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-650 AND 44-41-660 RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FOR RAPE AND INCEST AND FOR FATAL FETAL ANOMALY RESPECTIVELY; AND TO RETITLE ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44, AS THE "HUMAN LIFE PROTECTION ACT."
Int. & Com. 315; Co-Sponsor added 1210, 1513, 1537, 1872, 3359; Co-Sponsor removed 2063

H. 3458 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY BUILD CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MAINTAIN ITS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS.
Int. & Com. 316

H. 3459 -- Reps. W. Newton, B. Newton, Pedalino and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE ORGANIZATIONS THAT INTEND TO CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES TO REGISTER WITH THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND COMPLY WITH CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-1-25, RELATING TO THE MEANING OF "DOMICILE" FOR VOTING PURPOSES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN FACTORS FROM CONSIDERATION IN DETERMINING A PERSON'S DOMICILE, AND TO

CLARIFY THAT A PERSON IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CHANGED HIS DOMICILE IF HE REGISTERS TO VOTE OR VOTES IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCLUDE OVERSEEING THE REGISTRATION OF THIRD-PARTY VOTER REGISTRATION ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-60, RELATING TO REPORTS OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN OFFENSES FURNISHED BY CLERKS AND MAGISTRATES TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF PERSONS WHO HAVE INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO JUROR SUMMONSES THAT THEY ARE NOT UNITED STATES CITIZENS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO INFORMATION CONTAINED ON VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT TO PROVIDE HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER OR, IF NONE, HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-185, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICANT'S DRIVER'S LICENSE OR STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD NUMBER, OR THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF HIS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-25-10, RELATING TO FALSE SWEARING IN APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO KNOWINGLY FILL OUT INFORMATION ON ANOTHER PERSON'S VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION WITHOUT THAT PERSON'S KNOWLEDGE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 316

H. 3460 -- Reps. Wooten, Wetmore, Bernstein, Erickson, Neese, Sessions, Guffey, Pope, Lawson and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-17-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Int. & Com. 318; Co-Sponsor added 1821, 2060

H. 3461 -- Reps. Lawson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDER WAGES.

Int. & Com. 318

H. 3462 -- Reps. Jones and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-33-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LANDLORDS SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO PROSPECTIVE TENANTS REGARDING FEES AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN NOTICES AFTER A DENIAL.

Int. & Com. 318/

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H. 3463 -- Reps. Lawson, Pope and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 318

H. 3464 -- Reps. Bowers and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INCOME TAX CREDIT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A SMALL BUSINESS THAT PURCHASES A GENERATOR.
Int. & Com. 318

H. 3465 -- Reps. Jones, Pope, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A GROCER WHO OPENS A NEW LOCATION IN A FOOD DESERT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY A GROCER WHO OPERATES A NEW STORE LOCATED IN A FOOD DESERT.
Int. & Com. 319

H. 3466 -- Reps. Jones and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY JOBS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER THAT HIRES CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.
Int. & Com. 319

H. 3467 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO USE SURPLUS LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
Int. & Com. 319

H. 3468 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-420 SO AS TO INCREASE CERTAIN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE INCREASES.
Int. & Com. 319

H. 3469 -- Reps. Jones and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.
Int. & Com. 319

H. 3470 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2027; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-36 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY JULY 1, 2032.
Int. & Com. 320

H. 3471 -- Reps. Guffey, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bradley, Pope, Spann-Wilder and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES.
Int. & Com. 320

H. 3472 -- Reps. McCabe, W. Newton, Pedalino, Hixon, Gibson, Gagnon, Calhoon, Mitchell, Yow and Ligon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1201, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY AFFIDAVIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1203, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND SUMMARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-1204, RELATING TO SMALL ESTATES AND CLOSING BY SWORN STATEMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF ESTATES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-2-401, RELATING TO EXEMPT PROPERTIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF EXEMPT PROPERTIES TO FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 320; Rep. Com. 1546; Co-Sponsor added 1210, 1233, 1431, 1566, 1645; 2nd R. 1690; 3rd R. 1711; Rec. V. 1692; Amd. 1692; Op. 1693; Rat. 3996

H. 3473 -- Reps. McCabe and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-14-40, RELATING TO CERTAIN LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14, TITLE 48, SO AS TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES USED TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, CROPS, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, MATERIAL, OR EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES OF ONE OR MORE ACRES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 321; Co-Sponsor added 1210

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H. 3474 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE."

Int. & Com. 321

H. 3475 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-30, RELATING TO A LOBBYIST'S REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL REPORT WHEN A LOBBYIST HAS PERFORMED LOBBYING ACTIVITIES OR HAD OTHER WORK-RELATED CONTACT WITH A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-35, RELATING TO A LOBBYIST'S REPORT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL REPORT WHEN A LOBBYIST ACTING ON BEHALF OF A LOBBYIST'S PRINCIPAL HAS PERFORMED LOBBYING ACTIVITIES OR HAD WORK-RELATED CONTACT WITH A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-700, RELATING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF FROM RECEIVING ANYTHING OF VALUE FROM A UTILITY, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ENTITY, JOINT VENTURE, OR PERSON WHOSE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, OPERATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES ARE REGULATED, WHETHER WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY A GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORY AGENCY PURSUANT TO TITLE 58; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1332, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A UTILITY, COMPANY, CORPORATION, ENTITY, JOINT VENTURE, OR PERSON WHOSE BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE, OPERATIONS, OR ACTIVITIES ARE REGULATED, WHETHER WHOLLY OR IN PART, BY A GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORY AGENCY PURSUANT TO TITLE 58 FROM OFFERING, FACILITATING, OR PROVIDING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER OR A CANDIDATE FOR A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICE.

Int. & Com. 321

H. 3476 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 103, TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "ACCREDITING AGENCIES"; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO PROVIDE ACCREDITING AGENCIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE MAY NOT TAKE ACTION ON ACCREDITATION BASED ON CERTAIN FACTORS CONCERNING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION ENGAGEMENT, DATA, OR REQUIRED STATEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE MEANS OF REDRESS FOR VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 322

H. 3477 -- Reps. Caskey, Bannister, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Long, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED IN A BENEFIT YEAR, SO AS TO BASE THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ALLOWED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE RATES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-120, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFITS.
Int. & Com. 322

H. 3478 -- Reps. Garvin and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-373 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF OFFERING ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH SCREENINGS TO STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE TO REDUCE RISKS RELATED TO STUDENTS' UNMET MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS AND IMPROVE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS STATE, TO CREATE THE MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES AND REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 323

H. 3479 -- Reps. Garvin, Pope and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SKILLS-BASED HIRING ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SKILLS-BASED HIRING INITIATIVES TO REMOVE UNNECESSARY BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT BY CUTTING RED TAPE AND ADDRESSING WORKFORCE SHORTAGES ACROSS SKILLED JOBS, AND TO INCLUDE AMONG THESE INITIATIVES AN EXPEDITED PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING PROCESS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES, APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING THROUGH QUALIFIED APPRENTICESHIPS, AND PUBLIC SECTOR REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS AS A PATHWAY TO FULL-TIME PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS OR EMPLOYMENT IN STATE GOVERNMENT.
Int. & Com. 323

H. 3480 -- Reps. Gilliard and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEALTHCARE WORKPLACE SECURITY ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES COMMITTED WITHIN

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES UPON HEALTHCARE WORKERS, TO DEFINE "HEALTHCARE FACILITY" AND "HEALTHCARE WORKER," AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE HEALTHCARE FACILITY'S ADDRESS SHALL SERVE AS THE ADDRESS OF A HEALTHCARE WORKER WHO IS A VICTIM OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITHIN A HEALTHCARE FACILITY.
Int. & Com. 324

H. 3481 -- Reps. McDaniel, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-265 SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS, ESTHETICIANS, AND NAIL TECHNICIANS MAY PROVIDE SERVICES PERMITTED FOR WHICH THEY ARE LICENSED ON LOCATION IN THE HOME OF A CLIENT OR AT CERTAIN EVENT VENUES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 324

H. 3482 -- Reps. McDaniel, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS QUARTERLY SHALL COMPILE AND REPORT INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-130, RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING OF CONDUCT PROHIBITED UNDER THE SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-150, RELATING TO REMEDIES AND IMMUNITIES UNDER THE SAFE SCHOOL CLIMATE ACT, SO AS TO IMPOSE STRINGENT PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.
Int. & Com. 324

H. 3483 -- Reps. McDaniel and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BARBERS AND BARBERING, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF COSMETOLOGY AND COSMETOLOGISTS, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES.
Int. & Com. 325

H. 3484 -- Reps. McDaniel, Wooten and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING BARBERS AND BARBERING, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HAIR BRAIDING"; BY AMENDING

SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-7-255 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HAIR-BRAIDING PRACTITIONERS.
Int. & Com. 325

H. 3485 -- Reps. McDaniel and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-20, RELATING TO ANNUAL AUDITS OF STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED ENTITIES BY THE STATE AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE AUDITOR ALSO SHALL ANNUALLY AUDIT EACH COUNTY, COUNTY AGENCY AND OFFICE, MUNICIPALITY, MUNICIPAL AGENCY AND OFFICE, JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY REPEALING SECTION 4-9-150 RELATING TO COUNTY AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 5-7-240 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-17-100 RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDIT REPORTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-25 RELATING TO PERIOD AUDITS OF CERTAIN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY THE STATE AUDITOR.
Int. & Com. 326

H. 3486 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STUDENT AND ADMINISTRATION EQUALITY ACT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING STUDENT AND STUDENT ORGANIZATION DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 326

H. 3487 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE STATE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECTOR'S TERM OF OFFICE, QUALIFICATIONS, VACANCY, AND RELATED MATTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ELECTED TO OFFICE UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS UNDER THE INSURANCE LAWS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE DEFINITION OF "DIRECTOR" OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DIRECTOR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR IS ELECTED

RATHER THAN APPOINTED, AND TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-100, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO AMONG OTHER CHANGES, DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT, IF THE DIRECTOR BECOMES A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OR BECOMES A MEMBER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE DURING TENURE, HIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY MUST BE VACATED; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE BEGINS WITH THE 2028 STATEWIDE ELECTION PROCESS AND THAT THE DIRECTOR SERVING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT SHALL CONTINUE TO SERVE UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIES FOR OFFICE.

Int. & Com. 326

H. 3488 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, BY AMENDING SECTION 59-113-20, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON SOUTH CAROLINA TUITION GRANTS QUALIFICATIONS, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-90, RELATING TO THE IMPACT OF FELONIES AND ALCOHOL OR DRUG-RELATED MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES ON LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, ALL SO AS TO REMOVE CONVICTIONS FOR MISDEMEANOR ALCOHOL-RELATED OR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES FROM THOSE OFFENSES WHICH DISQUALIFY PERSONS FROM RECEIVING THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

Int. & Com. 327

H. 3489 -- Reps. Ballentine and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 328; Rep. Com. 3421; Co-Sponsor added 2122; 2nd R. 3554; 3rd R. 3731; Rec. V. 3554; Op. 3555

H. 3490 -- Reps. Bernstein, Stavrinakis, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Schuessler and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Int. & Com. 328; Co-Sponsor added 2061, 3026

H. 3491 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN

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AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 16 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 328

H. 3492 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3632, RELATING TO EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PORTION OF THE CREDIT IS REFUNDABLE.
Int. & Com. 328; Co-Sponsor added 1163

H. 3493 -- Reps. Jones and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3805 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR A TAXPAYER THAT CONTRACTS WITH A SMALL BUSINESS WHICH NECESSITATES THE SMALL BUSINESS HIRING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.
Int. & Com. 329

H. 3494 -- Reps. McDaniel and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-39-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OR JUDICIAL SALE MAY BE HELD TO FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-51-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO COUNTY TREASURER MAY FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 329

H. 3495 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-6-37 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE INITIATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-6-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "AGENCY," SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 329

H. 3496 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO REQUIRE A COUNTY TO CONSULT WITH OTHER AFFECTED TAXING ENTITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO A FEE IN LIEU OF PROPERTY TAXES AGREEMENT, TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO ISSUE AN ANNUAL REPORT DETAILING DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TREASURER TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY IF THE PROPERTY DISTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DISBURSED.
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H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey,

M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.
Int. & Com. 330; Rep. Com. 2105; Co-Sponsor added 1537, 2034, 2061, 2123; 2nd R. 2141; 3rd R. 2155; Rec. V. 2130, 2144; Proposed Amd. 2140, 2141, 2143; Com. 3219; Op. 2130, 2145, 3219; Point of Order 2143

H. 3498 -- Reps. Pace, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXABLE INCOME IS TAXED AT A RATE OF ZERO PERCENT AND THE TOP MARGINAL RATE APPLIES THEREAFTER TO AMOUNTS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 330; Co-Sponsor added 1164, 1513

H. 3499 -- Reps. Pace and Frank: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BONDED DEBT BY ADDING SECTION 17 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TAXPAYER'S BILL OF RIGHTS THAT REQUIRES VOTER APPROVAL FOR NEW AND INCREASED TAXES AND FEES AND LIMITS INCREASES IN CERTAIN REVENUE.
Int. & Com. 330; Co-Sponsor added 1513

H. 3500 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AND DISTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN RETIREMENT PLANS.
Int. & Com. 331

H. 3501 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Garvin and Cobb-Hunter: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO RATIFY A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA PROVIDING THAT EQUALITY OF RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW MUST NOT BE DENIED OR ABRIDGED ON ACCOUNT OF SEX.
Int. & Com. 331

H. 3502 -- Reps. Bannister, Rutherford, Caskey, Erickson, Weeks, Davis, Mitchell, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Hixon and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-10 AND 63-7-1620, RELATING TO PRINCIPLES OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND LEGAL REPRESENTATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PROCEEDINGS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST ENSURE THAT CHILD WELFARE AND SAFETY ARE THE PREDOMINANT BASIS OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISIONS AND THAT LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE SOLE DISCRETION OVER DECISIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS.
Int. & Com. 331; Rep. Com. 1480; Co-Sponsor added 1566; 2nd R. 1576; 3rd R. 1651; Rec. V. 1576

H. 3503 -- Reps. Bustos and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-96-295 AND 48-20-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM ISSUING ANY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR FOR MINING ACTIVITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IF LOCATED WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO A PUBLIC PARK OR OTHER PUBLIC NATURAL AREA.
Int. & Com. 331

H. 3504 -- Reps. Edgerton, Rankin, McCravy, Beach, Mitchell, Oremus, Gibson, Huff, Lawson and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PREGNANCY CENTER AUTONOMY AND RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION (CARE) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE PREGNANCY CENTERS CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FROM GOVERNMENT REGULATION TO ENSURE THEIR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THEIR LIFE-AFFIRMING OPERATING PRINCIPLES; TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR EQUITABLE RELIEF AND MONETARY DAMAGES FOR VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 332; Co-Sponsor added 1210

H. 3505 -- Rep. Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-15-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL PARENTING TIME FOR A PARENT WHO HAS BEEN DENIED COURT-ORDERED PARENTING TIME FOR CERTAIN REASONS.
Int. & Com. 332

H. 3506 -- Reps. T. Moore, Magnuson, McCravy, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Lawson, Burns and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND OTHER RULES OF CONSTRUCTION RELATING TO HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SEXES FOR PURPOSES OF THE LAWS, ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 332; Co-Sponsor added 1164, 1211

H. 3507 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Spann-Wilder, Bauer and Cobb-Hunter: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION

OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 26 SO AS TO CREATE A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT ONE'S OWN REPRODUCTIVE DECISIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 332; Co-Sponsor added 1211

H. 3508 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Mitchell and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-120, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD TENANT ACT EXCLUSIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TENANCIES FROM THE ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 45-2-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN RIGHTS FOR OWNERS TO DEMAND A TENANT'S REMOVAL; BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 27 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EJECTMENT OF PERSONS OTHER THAN TENANTS; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-11-785, 16-11-790, AND 16-11-795 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 333

H. 3509 -- Reps. Chumley and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 45-2-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PARK GUESTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 333; Co-Sponsor added 1901

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow, Mitchell, Hart, Williams, Luck, Gagnon and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 333; Rep. Com. 1548; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1164, 1646, 1731; 2nd R. 1738; 3rd R. 1764; Rec. V. 1742; Amd. 1739; Proposed Amd. 1740; Point of Order 1697

H. 3511 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Lawson, Mitchell, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Brewer, Dillard, Jones, Wickensimer, Sanders, Garvin, Grant, Bernstein, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Clyburn, Luck, Williams, Hosey and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 333; Co-Sponsor added 1420, 1537, 1566

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H. 3512 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STATE EMPLOYEE EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 8 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BY GENDER REGARDLESS OF GENDER IN COMPENSATION PAID STATE EMPLOYEES FOR SAME KIND, GRADE, AND QUALITY OF STATE EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROHIBIT SPECIFIC EMPLOYER ACTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, JUDICIAL REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 334

H. 3513 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-780 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PENALTY, FINE, OR OTHER ADDITIONAL COST MAY NOT BE IMPOSED WITH RESPECT TO LOCAL HOSPITALITY TAX PAYMENTS RECEIVED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE DUE DATE THAT IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEEDS FIVE PERCENT OF THE DELINQUENT TAX.
Int. & Com. 334

H. 3514 -- Reps. Wooten, Mitchell, Pedalino, Guest, Crawford and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS, AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN FLAGS UNLESS THE FLAGS ARE MADE IN THE UNITED STATES.
Int. & Com. 334; Rep. Com. 3424; Co-Sponsor added 1901, 3449; 2nd R. 3567; 3rd R. 3732; Rec. V. 3567; Amd. 3567; Op. 3569

H. 3515 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-320, RELATING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE ALSO SERVING AS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGARDLESS OF FORM, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, OR AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, AS APPROPRIATE, ALONG WITH CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTIONS OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 334

H. 3516 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-212, RELATING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A NEWLY ACQUIRED VEHICLE OR VEHICLE MOVED INTO THIS STATE MUST BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED, SO AS TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF SUCH VEHICLES WITHIN THIS TIME PERIOD SO LONG AS THE BILL OF SALE AND PROOF OF INSURANCE ARE

MAINTAINED IN THE VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.
Int. & Com. 335

H. 3517 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-230 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT DEEPFAKE MEDIA OF A CANDIDATE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF AN ELECTION UNLESS THE MEDIA INCLUDES REQUISITE DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE A CANDIDATE WHOSE LIKENESS IS DEPICTED IN MEDIA DISTRIBUTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE OR OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF AS WELL AS AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE MEDIA.
Int. & Com. 335

H. 3518 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Grant and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELECTION OFFICIAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 7 SO AS TO ESTABLISH OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR CONDUCT AGAINST AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM PUBLIC DISSEMINATION, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO, OR TAMPERING WITH, COMPONENTS OF ELECTION-RELATED SYSTEMS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR AN ELECTION OFFICIAL TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO PREVENT OR RESTRAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-13-1920 RELATING TO TAMPERING WITH VOTING MACHINES.
Int. & Com. 335; Co-Sponsor added 1421

H. 3519 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS MUST TREAT A SUBPOENA, COURT ORDER, OR WARRANT ISSUED BY ANOTHER STATE AS IF THE SUBPOENA, COURT ORDER, OR WARRANT WERE ISSUED BY A SOUTH CAROLINA COURT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE, EXECUTION, AND RETURN OF SEARCH WARRANTS FOR ELECTRONIC DATA OR INFORMATION.
Int. & Com. 336

H. 3520 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION AND ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16, RELATING TO THE CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, REVISE THE DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, AND RESTRUCTURE THE ARTICLE AND THE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES CONTAINED WITHIN IT; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 SO AS TO CREATE ANTI-RACKETEERING PROVISIONS TO COMPLIMENT THE REVISED STREET GANG AND CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE PREVENTION ARTICLE, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE VARIOUS RACKETEERING OFFENSES AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND PROVIDE

FOR FORFEITURE OF ASSETS USED IN A VIOLATION OF RACKETEERING PROVISIONS.
Int. & Com. 336

H. 3521 -- Reps. Caskey, Calhoon and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY TWO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.
Int. & Com. 337

H. 3522 -- Reps. Caskey, Pope, Gilliam, Wooten, Pedalino, Forrest and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-605 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "STRANGULATION," CREATE THE OFFENSES OF STRANGULATION AND AGGRAVATED STRANGULATION, PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES, AND PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.
Int. & Com. 337; Co-Sponsor added 452

H. 3523 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE.
Int. & Com. 337; Rep. Com. 1480; Co-Sponsor added 1233, 1432, 1566, 1646; 2nd R. 1654; 3rd R. 1709; Rec. V. 1654, 2006; D. A. 1580; Op. 1656; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 2006; Conc. & Enr. 2006; Rat. 2154

H. 3524 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1410, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION EXEMPTING CERTAIN CRIME VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM BASIC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER" TO EXCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS LICENSED IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 337; Rep. Com. 2671; Co-Sponsor added 2747, 2781; 2nd R. 2793; 3rd R. 2888; Rec. V. 2793; Point of Order 2751

H. 3525 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Williams and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-211.5, RELATING TO TRAINING AND TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES REGARDING CRIME VICTIM FUNDS, SO AS TO CHANGE A REFERENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE GRANTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1200, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF CRIME VICTIMS AND CONDUCT OF A VICTIM OR INTERVENOR CONTRIBUTING TO INFLICTION OF INJURY, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE DEFINITION OF "INTERVENOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1420, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE ON CRIME VICTIM SERVICES TRAINING, PROVIDER CERTIFICATION, AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, SO AS TO REMOVE AN UNNECESSARY DEFINITION OF "WITNESS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1430, RELATING TO VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO SPOUSE ABUSE AND REFERENCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND UPDATE THE STATUTE TO REFLECT VICTIM SERVICES, TO REPLACE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VICTIM ASSISTANCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATING COUNCIL, AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1510, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF VICTIM AND WITNESS SERVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CRIMINAL OFFENSE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-45, RELATING TO LIFE SENTENCES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES AND THE LIST OF "MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE," SO AS TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE.

Int. & Com. 338; Rep. Com. 2671; Co-Sponsor added 2748, 2781; 2nd R. 2795; 3rd R. 2889; Rec. V. 2796; Amd. 2796; Point of Order 2751

H. 3526 -- Reps. Magnuson, Harris, Edgerton, Frank, Pace, Kilmartin, White, Cromer, Gilreath, Huff and Ballentine: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTIONS 3, 8, AND 13, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES, AND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THEY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN BEING ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND SECTION 18, ARTICLE V, RELATING TO VACANCIES IN THESE JUDGESHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR UPON ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS REGARDING UNEXPIRED TERMS NOT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 27, ARTICLE V REGARDING PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ESTABLISH A JUDICIAL MERIT SCREENING COMMISSION.

Int. & Com. 339; Co-Sponsor added 1164, 1432

H. 3527 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace, Cromer, Harris, Edgerton, Frank, Kilmartin, White and Gilreath: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOR COMMITTEES TO TAKE UP THEIR BILLS, SO AS TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH THIRTY OR MORE SPONSORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR

SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ITS REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE.
Int. & Com. 164; Co-Sponsor added 1164, 1514

H. 3528 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace, Cromer, Beach, Huff, Gilreath, Edgerton, Frank, Kilmartin, White and Long: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 5.1 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THEIR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE TO BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.
Int. & Com. 165; Co-Sponsor added 1164

H. 3529 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Wooten, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Ballentine, Robbins, Mitchell and Weeks: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY ONE THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND FOURTEENTH CIRCUITS.
Int. & Com. 339; Rep. Com. 1478; Co-Sponsor added 1432, 1514, 1567; 2nd R. 1571; 3rd R. 1650; Rec. V. 1571; Rat. 3381

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Bernstein and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.
Int. & Com. 339; Co-Sponsor removed 1213, 1233

H. 3531 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Wooten, Pedalino and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR 911 CALL ABUSE INCLUDING FALSE REPORTING, SO AS TO INCLUDE 911 CALL ABUSE VIA TEXT

MESSAGING.
Int. & Com. 340

H. 3532 -- Reps. Pope and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 ENTITLED "TERRORISM" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FURTHERING TERRORISM, DEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MATERIAL OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF AN ACT OF TERRORISM OR CONCEALMENT OF THE ACTIONS OR PLANS OF ANOTHER TO CARRY OUT AN ACT OF TERRORISM, DEFINE THE ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFENSE CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-710, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING HANDGUNS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "TERRORISM."
Int. & Com. 340

H. 3533 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Pedalino, Hartnett, Vaughan, Chapman, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER, A FIREFIGHTER, OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) WORKER IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.
Int. & Com. 341; Co-Sponsor added 2682, 2935, 3246

H. 3534 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Kilmartin and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20, 15-38-40, AND 15-38-50, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 341; Co-Sponsor added 1164

H. 3535 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Hixon, Robbins, Bailey, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, Forrest, Calhoon, Martin, Haddon, Moss, Hayes, Sanders, Yow, Mitchell, Kilmartin, Hardee and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HELPING ALLEVIATE LAWFUL OBSTRUCTION (HALO) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1092 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF IMPEDING, INTERFERING, THREATENING, OR HARASSING A FIRST RESPONDER ENGAGED IN THE LAWFUL PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.
Int. & Com. 341; Co-Sponsor added 1567, 1646, 1821, 1872, 2682, 3026, 3127, 3189

H. 3536 -- Reps. Taylor, McGinnis, Forrest, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman and B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED

DRIVING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3995 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICES, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED AND A SCHEDULE OF POINTS FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT SIGNS ADVISING MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-3890 RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL ISSUE WARNINGS FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT DURING THE NINETY-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING ITS EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE AT THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL ISSUE A REPORT CONTAINING THE AGE, GENDER, AND RACE OF EVERY DRIVER ISSUED A CITATION.

Int. & Com. 341; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1233, 1432

H. 3537 -- Reps. Harris, Magnuson, Chumley, Burns, Long, Beach, Huff, Rankin, Sanders and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRENATAL EQUAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-3-6, 16-3-105, 16-3-106, 16-3-107, AND 16-3-108 SO AS TO DEFINE "PERSON" TO INCLUDE AN UNBORN CHILD AT ANY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, AND TO ENSURE THAT AN UNBORN CHILD WHO IS A VICTIM OF HOMICIDE IS AFFORDED EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE HOMICIDE LAWS OF THE STATE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 16-3-760, 16-3-761, 16-3-762, AND 16-3-763 SO AS TO DEFINE "PERSON" TO INCLUDE AN UNBORN CHILD AT ANY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENSURE THAT AN UNBORN CHILD WHO IS A VICTIM OF ASSAULT IS AFFORDED EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE ASSAULT LAWS OF THE STATE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 342; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1432, 1537, 1567

H. 3538 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-160, RELATING TO PROCESSES FOR CHANGING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS TO QUICKLY IDENTIFY NEW SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL FORMULAS FOR SCHEDULING AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO ISSUE EMERGENCY RULES TO SCHEDULE SYNTHETIC CHEMICAL FORMULAS AS A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.

Int. & Com. 342

H. 3539 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HOSPITALS FROM CHARGING FEES TO UNINSURED PATIENTS IN EXCESS OF THE MAXIMUM FEES CHARGED TO INSURED PATIENTS FOR THE SAME SERVICES.

Int. & Com. 343

H. 3540 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3690 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A TAXPAYER THAT OPERATES A SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAM WHICH LINKS STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS WITH THE WORKPLACE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT.
Int. & Com. 343

H. 3541 -- Reps. Williams and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-41-255, RELATING TO RETAIL MOTOR FUEL OUTLETS POSTING SELF-SERVICE PUMP GASOLINE PRICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY RETAIL MOTOR FUEL OUTLET SELLING FUEL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AT RETAIL MUST CHARGE A PRICE PER GALLON NOT STATED OR COMPUTED IN FRACTIONAL CENTS AND MUST ADVERTISE OR DISPLAY THIS PRICE IN LIKE AMOUNTS.
Int. & Com. 343

H. 3542 -- Reps. Williams, Spann-Wilder, Lawson, Taylor, Hixon, Hartz and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1790 AND 9-11-90, RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AFTER RETURNING TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR EARNINGS LIMITATION ON EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO EMPLOYMENT WHO RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2026.
Int. & Com. 343; Co-Sponsor added 1646, 1977, 2821

H. 3543 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-1-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESTROOM FACILITIES IN ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE OF A RETAILER SELLING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PURCHASERS OR PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS ENTERING THIS PLACE OF BUSINESS UPON THEIR REQUEST.
Int. & Com. 344

H. 3544 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-3-240 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY USE ATHLETIC CLUBS OR GYMNASIUMS OWNED BY A STATE OR LOCAL AGENCY, ENTITY, COMMISSION, OR INSTITUTION WITHOUT CHARGE.
Int. & Com. 344

H. 3545 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-15-915 SO AS TO LIMIT THE TIME A TRAIN MAY BLOCK FOUR-LANE STREET INTERSECTIONS IN MUNICIPALITIES DURING CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME.
Int. & Com. 344

H. 3546 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-1-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT SUPPLIES ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 MAY NOT TRANSFER OR APPLY A DELINQUENT, LATE, OVERDUE, OR UNPAID BALANCE FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT HELD INDIVIDUALLY OR JOINTLY IN THE SAME CUSTOMER'S NAME.
Int. & Com. 344

H. 3547 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Garvin and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ONE UNIT OF CIVICS EDUCATION THAT MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN INSTRUCTIONAL AND EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENTS AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL CIVICS CHALLENGE TO ENABLE ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR STUDENT-LED CIVICS PROJECTS THAT PROMOTE AND DEMONSTRATE AN UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, CITIZENSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT RELATED CURRICULUM BEFORE THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO STUDENTS WHO BEGIN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE 2027-2028 SCHOOL YEAR.
Int. & Com. 345

H. 3548 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN A PERSON INTENTIONALLY INJURES A VICTIM BASED ON CERTAIN DELINEATED CHARACTERISTICS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE.
Int. & Com. 345

H. 3549 -- Reps. Williams and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 17-22-50 AND 17-22-60, BOTH RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS WHO MAY PARTICIPATE IN PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS, BOTH SO AS TO REMOVE THE LIMITATION ON PERSONS PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED INTO AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM SO THAT PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE MORE THAN ONCE.
Int. & Com. 345

H. 3550 -- Reps. Williams and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4710, RELATING TO THE USE OF MOUNTED OSCILLATING, ROTATING, OR FLASHING RED LIGHTS BY WRECKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WRECKERS MUST USE FLASHING WARNING LIGHTS AT EMERGENCY SCENES AND WHEN RENDERING ASSISTANCE ON THE ROADSIDE.
Int. & Com. 346

H. 3551 -- Reps. B. Newton, Gilliam, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-10,

RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE EARNABLE COMPENSATION DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF ELECTIONS.

Int. & Com. 346

H. 3552 -- Reps. B. Newton, Taylor, Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CANDIDATE WHO RECEIVES THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR A GIVEN OFFICE IN THE PRIMARY OF A POLITICAL PARTY IS CONSIDERED NOMINATED; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-150 AND 7-5-220, BOTH RELATING TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE PRECEDING AN ELECTION, BOTH SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO RUNOFF ELECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-55, RELATING TO SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS TO REPLACE A PARTY NOMINEE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-25, 7-13-40, AND 7-13-190, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, THE DATE OF PRIMARY PARTY ELECTIONS, AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, RESPECTIVELY, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-280, RELATING TO MANDATORY RECOUNTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-510, RELATING TO CANVASS AND CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY RESULTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-13-50, 7-17-600, AND 7-17-610 RELATING TO SECOND PRIMARIES OR RUNOFFS, THE REQUIREMENT THAT A CANDIDATE RECEIVE A MAJORITY OF VOTES CAST IN A FIRST PRIMARY TO BE DECLARED NOMINATED, AND METHODS OF DETERMINING WHAT CONSTITUTES A MAJORITY VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR OFFICE, RESPECTIVELY.

Int. & Com. 346; Co-Sponsor added 1902

H. 3553 -- Reps. B. Newton, Wetmore, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DIRECTORS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENT.

Int. & Com. 347

H. 3554 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR STATEWIDE CANDIDATES, STATEWIDE CANDIDATES ELECTED JOINTLY, AND CANDIDATES FOR OTHER THAN STATEWIDE OFFICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1316, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM POLITICAL PARTIES, SO AS TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTION LIMITS THAT A CANDIDATE FOR OTHER

THAN STATEWIDE OFFICE MAY RECEIVE FROM A POLITICAL PARTY THROUGH ITS PARTY COMMITTEES OR LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS COMMITTEES.
Int. & Com. 347

H. 3555 -- Reps. B. Newton, Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-71-40, RELATING TO A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER OF ANY YEAR.
Int. & Com. 347

H. 3556 -- Reps. B. Newton, Schuessler, Guest, Taylor and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-560, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY TO HEAR CERTAIN PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ALSO HEAR PROTESTS AND CONTESTS IN THE CASE OF COUNTY OFFICERS, LESS THAN COUNTY OFFICERS, AND MUNICIPAL OFFICERS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE FILING OF ANY PROTEST OR CONTEST TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BOND WITH SURETY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPEALS FROM DECISIONS BY THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-570, RELATING TO HEARINGS OF PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME IN WHICH THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST CONDUCT SUCH HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-80, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROTESTS AND CONTESTS ARE TO BE FILED, HEARD, AND DECIDED IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 7-17-560 AND 7-17-570; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-17-520, 7-17-530, 7-17-540, 7-17-550, 7-17-580, AND 7-17-590 ALL RELATING TO PRIMARY PROTESTS AND CONTESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.
Int. & Com. 348; Rep. Com. 2585; Co-Sponsor added 2682; 2nd R. 2716; 3rd R. 2754; Rec. V. 2717; Amd. 2688; Proposed Amd. 2689; Req. Deb. 2688; Point of Order 2655, 2694

H. 3557 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pedalino, Taylor, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED.
Int. & Com. 348; Rep. Com. 2585; Co-Sponsor added 1902, 2682; 2nd R. 2718; 3rd R. 2755; Rec. V. 2722; Amd. 2718; Proposed Amd. 2695, 2719; Req. Deb. 2694; Point of Order 2656

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 349; Rep. Com. 1478; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1165, 1514, 1567, 1731, 1762, 1872; 2nd R. 2103; 3rd R. 2145; Rec. V. 2103; D. A. 1571, 1654, 1733, 1765, 1881, 1914, 2005, 2074; Req. Deb. 1825

H. 3559 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-40, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE WAGES OF PRISONERS ALLOWED TO WORK, SO AS TO PROVIDE PRISONERS WHO ARE PAID LESS THAN THE FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED MINIMUM WAGE SHALL NOT HAVE THE COST FOR ROOM AND BOARD DEDUCTED FROM THEIR WAGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THIS PORTION OF THEIR WAGES.
Int. & Com. 349

H. 3560 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Robbins and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PROJECT TO AWARD CONTRACTS USING THE "PHASE DESIGN-BUILD" PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD.
Int. & Com. 349

H. 3561 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES DEFINED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS OR RADIO COMMUNICATION VEHICLES ARE "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES."
Int. & Com. 349

H. 3562 -- Rep. Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-66 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A METHOD TO TRACK PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT WITH A STUDENT'S EDUCATION WHO IS ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTS RELATED TO PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND A STUDENT'S EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 350

H. 3563 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Chapman, Kirby, Cromer, Gilreath, Weeks, Williams, Holman and Govan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-50, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY SHALL EVALUATE EACH COUNTY VETERANS'

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Int. & Com. 350; Rep. Com. 1548; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1165, 1646, 1731, 1762, 1821; 2nd R. 1767; 3rd R. 1825; Rec. V. 1767, 4147; Point of Order 1697; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4147; Conc. & Enr. 4147; Rat. 4244

H. 3564 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Taylor, Weeks, Hart and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO ADD AIKEN AS A MILITARY COUNTY, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 350; Rep. Com. 1548; Co-Sponsor added 1646, 1731, 1762; 2nd R. 1826; 3rd R. 1841; Rec. V. 1827; Amd. 1826, 1827; D. A. 1769; Op. 1828; Point of Order 1698

H. 3565 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder, Grant, Davis and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR BREAST PUMPS.
Int. & Com. 350; Co-Sponsor added 452

H. 3566 -- Reps. Garvin and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FAIR CLAIMS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 37-4-305 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE CLAIMS CONSUMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("H-CAP") AND TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTH PLAN OR INSURER IN THIS STATE MAY NOT WRONGFULLY DENY OR INSUFFICIENTLY COVER A VALID CONSUMER INSURANCE CLAIM.
Int. & Com. 351

H. 3567 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Spann-Wilder and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; PROVIDE THAT LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM PROVIDERS SHALL CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO ANY THIRD-PARTY SAFETY SOFTWARE PROVIDER A SET OF THIRD-PARTY ACCESSIBLE REAL TIME APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACES; PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION; PROVIDE FOR GUIDANCE FOR THIRD-PARTY SAFETY SOFTWARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDE FOR GUIDANCE FOR LARGE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS; PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM LIABILITY; PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF DATA; AND PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT.
Int. & Com. 351

H. 3568 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MINORITY HEALTH DISPARITIES STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES AMONG RACIAL AND ETHNIC POPULATIONS.
Int. & Com. 351

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers,

Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

Int. & Com. 351; Rep. Com. 2813; Co-Sponsor added 452, 1731, 2935, 2967; 2nd R. 2993; 3rd R. 3032; Rec. V. 2994; Amd. 2993; Proposed Amd. 2991; D. A. 2991; Point of Order 2945

H. 3570 -- Reps. Bannister, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Mitchell, Bowers and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND "PUBLIC MEMBER" TO INCLUDE A PERSON NOMINATED AND APPOINTED TO A NONCOMPENSATED PART-TIME POSITION ON A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1100 SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DISCLOSING ECONOMIC INTERESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO ADDRESS AGENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FILING DISCLOSURE FORMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1170, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC MEMBER WHO FILES THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER NOTICE FROM THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION SHALL NOT BE IN VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, RELATING TO FILING DEADLINES FOR ECONOMIC INTERESTS STATEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS.

Int. & Com. 352; Rep. Com. 1477; Co-Sponsor added 1514, 1538, 1567; 2nd R. 1568; 3rd R. 1649; Rec. V. 1569; Amd. 1569

H. 3571 -- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "COMMENCEMENT DATE," "LARGE PROJECT," "LARGE PROJECT FACILITY LOCATION AGREEMENT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING," AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO NOTICES OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO EXCAVATORS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE, REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS OF CIVIL PENALTIES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-

80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE EXCAVATORS TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGES TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSES, SO AS TO ADD REFERENCES TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

Int. & Com. 352; Rep. Com. 1888; Co-Sponsor added 1233, 1821, 1902, 1977; 2nd R. 1984; 3rd R. 2015; Rec. V. 1987, 4152; Amd. 1985; Op. 1990; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4151; Conc. & Enr. 4151; Rat. 4263

H. 3572 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, McGinnis, Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Taylor, Gilliam, Hewitt, Vaughan, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Edgerton, Gibson, Huff, Lawson, Burns, Magnuson and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING POLITICAL IDEOLOGY OR STATEMENTS ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN MAKING ADMISSIONS OR EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH PURPOSES, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM REQUIRING FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TRAINING OR TAKE ADVERSE ACTION AGAINST FACULTY OR EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE OR FAIL TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH TRAINING, TO PROHIBIT SUCH INSTITUTIONS FROM INFRINGING ON FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, OR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL PROVIDE ELECTRONIC COPIES OF THESE PROVISIONS TO STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, AND FACULTY, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Int. & Com. 353; Co-Sponsor added 1165, 1211, 1514

H. 3573 -- Reps. Garvin, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIVERSAL HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-152-170 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF OFFERING EVIDENCE-BASED HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START PROGRAMS UNIVERSALLY TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES, TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE PRIVACY MEASURES AND RELATED MEASURES.

Int. & Com. 354

H. 3574 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-215 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE OF CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS IN THE LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLING CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS SHALL REQUIRE ADULTS SEEKING TO ENROLL CHILDREN TO STATE THEIR WRITTEN PREFERENCE FOR RECEIVING COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY AND OTHER MATTERS FROM THE DISTRICT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-217, RELATING TO BARRING ENROLLMENT OF STUDENTS ON CERTAIN GROUNDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE MANDATORY NOTICE OF SUCH ACTIONS MUST BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS.
Int. & Com. 354

H. 3575 -- Reps. Hardee and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-292 AND SECTION 38-71-820 BOTH SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR INSURERS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-2270 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2200, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 355

H. 3576 -- Reps. Lawson, Pope, Chapman and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "LUKE BARRETT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PRACTICES AND EVENTS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONTENTS OF THE PLANS, TO PROVIDE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN IMMUNITY FOR ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PROVISIONS TO COVER ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHALL ENSURE ACCESSIBILITY TO AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT SCHOOL AND OFF-SITE ATHLETIC EVENTS, TO PROVIDE TESTING AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 355; Co-Sponsor added 1211

H. 3577 -- Reps. McDaniel, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-110-60,

RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS, AND GRANTS UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRITICAL NEEDS NURSING INITIATIVE ACT, SO AS TO EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF LOANS FOR NURSING EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WHO CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO PRACTICE NURSING IN CERTAIN CRITICAL NEEDS GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIRED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH CONTRACTS.
Int. & Com. 355

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Waters, Garvin, Williams and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.
Int. & Com. 356; Rep. Com. 2811; Co-Sponsor added 1762, 2636, 2682, 2935, 2967; 2nd R. 2984; 3rd R. 3031; Rec. V. 2985; Amd. 2984; Point of Order 2943

H. 3579 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Terribile, Murphy, W. Newton and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-937 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO MEET CERTAIN POSTGRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE EXPERIENCE MAY PRACTICE PURSUANT ONLY TO AN ATTESTATION STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FUNCTIONS, LOCATIONS, AND COLLABORATION REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED UNDER THESE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-939 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS MAY PROVIDE EMERGENCY CARE IN THIS STATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO LIMIT THEIR LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING SUCH CARE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD TO INCLUDE TWO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR MANNER OF APPOINTMENT AND THE FILLING OF VACANCIES, AND TO LIMIT THEIR TERMS OF SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-113, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS AND THE PRESCRIBING OF DRUGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-195, RELATING TO SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF TASKS TO CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-910, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-915, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

STUDENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO ACTS AND DUTIES AUTHORIZED TO BE PERFORMED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY AND EXPAND THE AUTHORIZED ACTS AND DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-965, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND MEDICAL DEVICES BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1000, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL HOLDING OF ONESELF OUT AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL USE OF CERTAIN ABBREVIATIONS INDICATIVE OF LICENSURE AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1005, RELATING TO MISCONDUCT MANDATING REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSE, SO AS TO SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO DISCIPLINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR MISCONDUCT, TO REVISE THE BASES FOR MISCONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD UPON FINDING MISCONDUCT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1020, RELATING TO THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO MAKE SUCH PAYMENTS MANDATORY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THIRD-PARTY PAYERS MAY NOT IMPOSE MORE RESTRICTIVE OR CONTRADICTORY PRACTICE, EDUCATION, OR COLLABORATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-80-120, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO CREATE, EXECUTE, AND SIGN POST FORMS, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE SCOPE OF PRACTICE AND SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-99-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY ANAPHYLAXIS TREATMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AMONG PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE STUDENT ATHLETES SUSPECTED OF HAVING SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION FROM COMPETITION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-95, RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION OF LIFESAVING MEDICATIONS TO BE MAINTAINED AND USED BY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 356; Co-Sponsor added 1211, 2682

H. 3580 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Collins, Brewer, Murphy, Pope, Cobb-Hunter and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF NURSING MAY GRANT FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF NURSING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, PRACTICE AGREEMENTS, ALLOWED MEDICAL ACTS, AND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-42, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS TO UNLICENSED

ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 358; Co-Sponsor added 1514, 1902, 2123

H. 3581 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-101-290, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF INCOMING STUDENTS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING ABOUT MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE A AND B AND HEPATITIS B CONTRACTION RISKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EVERY STUDENT WHO ATTENDS A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE MUST BE VACCINATED FOR THOSE DISEASES AND DOCUMENT COMPLIANCE WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT AND THEREAFTER AS NEEDED TO DEMONSTRATE ONGOING COMPLIANCE, TO IMPOSE RELATED REQUIREMENTS ON PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS WHEN MEDICALLY NECESSARY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.
Int. & Com. 359

H. 3582 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Pedalino, Hewitt and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FORMING OPEN AND ROBUST UNIVERSITY MINDS (FORUM) ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 148 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE MEASURES TO PROTECT EXPRESSIONS BY STUDENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN CERTAIN PLACES ON THE CAMPUSES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS OF REDRESS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 359; Co-Sponsor added 453, 1762

H. 3583 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-355 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MINIMUM WAGE SCALE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF, TO REQUIRE PUBLICATION OF THE MINIMUM WAGE SCALE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR REDRESS; AND TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.
Int. & Com. 359

H. 3584 -- Rep. Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, OR ITS SUCCESSOR STATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF DARGAN'S POND IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY TO FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY.
Int. & Com. 360

H. 3585 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-456 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE MAY BE GRANTED BY HIS EMPLOYER A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL PAID LEAVE EACH YEAR FOR THE PURPOSE OF

ATTENDING CERTAIN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL CONFERENCES OR ACTIVITIES DURING THE EMPLOYEE'S WORK HOURS OR TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN VOLUNTEER TEACHING ACTIVITIES IN THE SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYERS OF THESE EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO A SPECIFIED STATE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THESE ACTIVITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 360

H. 3586 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-660 SO AS TO REQUIRE ISSUERS OF INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THIS STATE TO ISSUE INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MINOR CHILDREN REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CHILD IS A DEPENDENT OF AN INSURED OF THE ISSUER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED COVERAGE IN INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION POLICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE COVERAGE FOR MATERNITY CARE, AND TO DEFINE "MATERNITY CARE."
Int. & Com. 360

H. 3587 -- Reps. Bernstein, Calhoon, Grant, Bauer and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF A FIREARM, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 361; Co-Sponsor added 2160

H. 3588 -- Reps. Bowers, Hiott, Taylor and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON SEEKING ELECTION FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY WRITE-IN VOTES MUST TIMELY FILE A DECLARATION OF WRITE-IN CANDIDACY IN ORDER FOR WRITE-IN VOTES TO BE COUNTED IN HIS FAVOR; AND BY ADDING SECTION 5-15-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN UNCONTESTED CANDIDATE FOR A MUNICIPAL OFFICE IS DEEMED ELECTED, AND SUCH OFFICE IS NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR ON THE GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT, AS APPLICABLE.
Int. & Com. 361

H. 3589 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Collins and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-200 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE INSTANT RUNOFF METHOD OF CONDUCTING CERTAIN LOCAL ELECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-20, RELATING TO METHODS OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR MULTIPLE MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-60, RELATING TO METHODS FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR AND DETERMINING RESULTS OF NONPARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE INSTANT RUNOFF METHOD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-17-610, RELATING TO THE METHOD FOR DETERMINING WHICH CANDIDATES HAVE RECEIVED A MAJORITY VOTE FOR A PARTICULAR

OFFICE, SO AS TO CLARIFY ITS APPLICATION TO ELECTIONS UNDER THE INSTANT RUNOFF VOTING METHOD.
Int. & Com. 361; Co-Sponsor added 1211, 1233

H. 3590 -- Rep. Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ANY ELECTED OFFICE IN THIS STATE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY HIGHER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-11-110, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF SHERIFFS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-3-10 RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 362

H. 3591 -- Reps. Pope, Mitchell, Gilliam, Bailey, Wooten, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Taylor, Landing, Long, Robbins, Calhoon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO THE CATEGORIZATION OF FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE.
Int. & Com. 362; Co-Sponsor added 1165, 1421, 1567, 1731

H. 3592 -- Reps. Gatch and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON PERSONS ON BOND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FROM RECEIVING CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED.
Int. & Com. 362

H. 3593 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-30-30, RELATING TO THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND BY PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW OR OTHERWISE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS IS LAWFUL IF ALL PARTIES CONSENT PRIOR TO THE INTERCEPTION.
Int. & Com. 362

H. 3594 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-30-30, RELATING TO THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND BY PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW OR OTHERWISE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS IS LAWFUL IF ALL PARTIES CONSENT

PRIOR TO THE INTERCEPTION.
Int. & Com. 363

H. 3595 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ESTABLISH JUVENILE PRETRIAL DIVERSION COURTS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WHO COMMIT FIRST-TIME, NONVIOLENT STATUS OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS, TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO ESTABLISH PREDETENTION DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPANTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 363

H. 3596 -- Reps. Jones, Spann-Wilder and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "THE KINGSTON ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 16 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "ACCESS TO FIREARMS BY CHILDREN," DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF UNSECURED FIREARM AND UNSUPERVISED CHILD FIREARM USE AND PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 363

H. 3597 -- Reps. Robbins, T. Moore, Pope and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.
Int. & Com. 364

H. 3598 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-17-325, RELATING TO REQUIRING CLERKS OF COURT TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CASE IN GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT CLERKS OF COURT REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-200, RELATING TO REQUIRING MAGISTRATES TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CASE TO STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MAGISTRATES REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 14-25-250, RELATING TO REQUIRING MUNICIPAL JUDGES TO REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF EACH CRIMINAL CASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MUNICIPAL JUDGES REPORT THE DISPOSITION OF CASES TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ORDERS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-

1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO REPORT TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE FILINGS OF CERTAIN INCIDENT REPORTS; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 16 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REQUIRE THAT NO GUN TRANSFER PRECEDED BY A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MAY PROCEED, UNLESS THE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE SALE MAY PROCEED, OR UNTIL AT LEAST FIVE DAYS HAVE PASSED FROM THE INITIATION OF THE BACKGROUND CHECK AND THE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM HAS NOT REPORTED THAT THE SALE WOULD VIOLATE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.
Int. & Com. 364

H. 3599 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-545, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL CASES IN WHICH THE PENALTY DOES NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS, RATHER THAN ONE YEAR, MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.
Int. & Com. 365

H. 3600 -- Reps. Taylor and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, EITHER OF ITS RESPECTIVE BODIES, A STANDING COMMITTEE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, OR NOT LESS THAN FIVE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY REVIEW ANY PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NOT AFFIRMED BY CONGRESS AND MAY RECOMMEND THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REVIEW A PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE ORDER TO DETERMINE ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 365

H. 3601 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID.
Int. & Com. 365

H. 3602 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Bernstein, Grant, Wooten, Brewer, Pope, B. Newton, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "JADEN'S LAW"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-118 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, FIRST RESPONDERS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHEN CERTAIN BOATING ACCIDENTS OCCUR, AND TO PROVIDE BOAT LANDINGS MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED.
Int. & Com. 366; Co-Sponsor added 1234, 1421, 1432, 1762, 1872, 2967

H. 3603 -- Reps. Bernstein, Calhoon, Magnuson, T. Moore, Schuessler and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" AND TO DEFINE "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO DESIGNATE PEOPLE WHO CAN APPLY FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ON BEHALF OF A MINOR.
Int. & Com. 366; Co-Sponsor added 1211, 2061, 2781

H. 3604 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDERS MAY PETITION THE COURT TO TERMINATE THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT TEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF INITIAL REGISTRATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-460, RELATING TO BIANNUAL REGISTRATION FOR LIFE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM PERIOD OF REGISTRATION IS FIFTEEN YEARS.
Int. & Com. 366

H. 3605 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO DEFINE "EARNING POTENTIAL."
Int. & Com. 366

H. 3606 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-15-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO CHILD CUSTODY, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "LEGAL CUSTODY."
Int. & Com. 366

H. 3607 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO DEFINE "SUPPORTED SPOUSE."
Int. & Com. 367

H. 3608 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-590, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF CERTAIN FAMILY COURT HEARINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE A JURY TRIAL IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 367

H. 3609 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-12 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT CHILDREN BEING CARED FOR BY NONPARENTAL CAREGIVERS IN A HOUSEHOLD QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS MUST BE COUNTED AS MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD FOR BENEFIT CALCULATION PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 367

H. 3610 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE MARKET REFORM MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND NONVOTING

ADVISORY BOARD; TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 367

H. 3611 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF MEDICAID EXPANSION IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 367

H. 3612 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2570, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS TO A CHILD, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE GROUNDS OF WILFUL FAILURE TO VISIT THE CHILD AND WILFUL FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE CHILD IN THE CASE OF AN INCARCERATED PARENT.
Int. & Com. 368

H. 3613 -- Reps. Hewitt and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH FINANCING, PUBLIC HEALTH, AGING, INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND CERTAIN STAFF OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY REPEALING CHAPTER 49 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-1-20, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-260, 44-1-280, 44-1-290, 44-1-300, AND 44-1-310, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-315, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-1-70, 44-1-143, 44-1-145, AND 44-1-148 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44, AND SECTIONS 44-6-140, 44-6-146, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-190, 44-6-400, 44-6-530, 44-6-540, 44-6-720, 44-6-730, AND 44-6-1010, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FINANCING; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-84, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-170, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-260, 44-7-265, 44-7-266, 44-7-370, 44-7-392, 44-7-510,

44-7-570, 44-7-1420, 44-7-1440, 44-7-1490, 44-7-1590, 44-7-1660, 44-7-1690, 44-7-2420, 44-7-2430, 44-7-2450, 44-7-2460, 44-7-2550, 44-7-2910, 44-7-2940, 44-7-3430, 44-7-3455, AND 44-7-3460, ALL RELATING TO HOSPITALS AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 44-7-180 RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH PLANNING COMMITTEE; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-95 AND 44-9-105 SO AS TO ADD TO THE CHAPTER PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO SERVICES AND TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND TO ADDRESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-20-10, 44-20-20, 44-20-30, 44-20-210, 44-20-220, 44-20-230, 44-20-240, 44-20-250, 44-20-255, 44-20-260, 44-20-270, 44-20-280, 44-20-290, 44-20-300, 44-20-310, 44-20-320, 44-20-330, 44-20-340, 44-20-350, 44-20-355, 44-20-360, 44-20-365, 44-20-370, 44-20-375, 44-20-378, 44-20-380, 44-20-385, 44-20-390, 44-20-400, 44-20-410, 44-20-420, 44-20-430, 44-20-440, 44-20-490, 44-20-510, 44-20-710, 44-20-740, 44-20-900, AND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 20, TITLE 44, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-20-372 SO AS TO ADDRESS SERVICE CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL AND RELATED DISABILITIES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 43-21-10, 43-21-20, 43-21-40, 43-21-60, 43-21-70, 43-21-80, 43-21-100, 43-21-110, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, AND 43-21-140, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-6-60, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.
Int. & Com. 368; Co-Sponsor added 453

H. 3614 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE A WRITTEN PLAN OF CARE AND OTHER INFORMATION TO A PATIENT'S FAMILY.
Int. & Com. 370

H. 3615 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES FROM INITIATING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT "DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS" WITH PATIENTS AND PATIENTS' FAMILY MEMBERS, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 370

H. 3616 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-74, RELATING IN PART TO MEDICAL CERTIFICATIONS OF CAUSE OF DEATH, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE TO A DECEASED PATIENT'S FAMILY THE CAUSE OF DEATH TO BE TRANSMITTED TO THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 370

H. 3617 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Grant and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-87, RELATING TO FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRAINING OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION STAFF, TO ALLOW A VULNERABLE ADULT TO DESIGNATE TRUSTED PERSONS FOR FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION NOTIFICATION PURPOSES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 370

H. 3618 -- Reps. Bernstein, Spann-Wilder, Grant and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES TAX SO AS TO EXEMPT BABY FORMULA, BABY FOOD, AND DIAPERS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN.
Int. & Com. 371; Co-Sponsor added 2061

H. 3619 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP A MINIMUM SET OF STANDARDS THAT A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST FOLLOW WHEN ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A MEDIATION PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF RESOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS.
Int. & Com. 371

H. 3620 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN AN OFFENDER MAY FILE A REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF THE REQUIREMENT.
Int. & Com. 371; Co-Sponsor added 2061

H. 3621 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEALTHY STUDENTS ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NINETY MINUTES OF WEEKLY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, TO INCLUDE SECOND GRADE STUDENTS AMONG THOSE WHOSE FITNESS STATUSES MUST BE REPORTED, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FITNESS STATUS OF STUDENTS IN CERTAIN GRADES IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-310, RELATING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MEAL AND COMPETITIVE FOOD NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS,

SO AS TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS TO THE SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-330, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS TO PERFORM CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING POLICIES LIMITING VENDING MACHINE AND SNACK FOOD SALES; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 OF THE S.C. CODE AS "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES, AND NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS"; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 OF THE S.C. CODE AS "PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS"; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-10-340 RELATING TO SNACKS IN SCHOOL VENDING MACHINES.

Int. & Com. 371

H. 3622 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM IN PRIVATE CUSTODY OR VISITATION CASES, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES REGARDING CASES IN WHICH ATTORNEY AND LAY GUARDIANS AD LITEM MAY BE APPOINTED.

Int. & Com. 372

H. 3623 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-3450, RELATING TO RESOLUTION OF A HOSPITAL PATIENT'S PERSONAL MEDICAL CARE CONCERNS, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE A LIST OF AGENCIES TO THE PATIENT'S FAMILY TO WHICH COMPLAINTS ABOUT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER OR FACILITY MAY BE REPORTED.

Int. & Com. 372

H. 3624 -- Reps. Atkinson, Hayes and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-520, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO A TREE, HOUSE, OUTSIDE FENCE, OR FIXTURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCEPTION OF TRIMMING TREE LIMBS THAT ENCROACH UPON A PROPERTY LINE.

Int. & Com. 373

H. 3625 -- Reps. Murphy, Rutherford, Herbkersman, Brewer, Sessions, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Kirby, B. Newton, M. M. Smith and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SPORTS WAGERING ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPERATION OF SPORTS WAGERING AND ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES ARE LAWFUL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SPORTS WAGERING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE A PRIVILEGE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSES, TO PROVIDE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE TO ENGAGE IN WAGERING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-135 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO ENGAGES IN SPORTS WAGERING IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF CERTAIN LAWS.

Int. & Com. 373; Co-Sponsor added 1165, 1212, 1902

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H. 3626 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-3-230, RELATING TO PENN CENTER HERITAGE DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL PARADE.
Int. & Com. 373

H. 3627 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-43-320 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM GAINING ACCESS TO CEMETERIES, BURIAL GROUNDS, OR GRAVES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 373

H. 3628 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SECURE, ACCURATE, AND VERIFIABLE ELECTIONS ACT" OR THE "SAVE ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE LISTS FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE, AND ARCHIVED VOTER REGISTRATIONS AND PROVIDE A LIST TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS FOR FREE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-160, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, REQUIRE VALID IDENTIFICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AND FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO ISSUE A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EACH REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO PERMIT ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT VOTING LOCATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-7-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM POPULATION OF EACH PRECINCT, REQUIRE A NEW PRECINCT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF POPULATION EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-72, RELATING TO MANAGERS OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FOUR ELECTION MANAGERS FOR EACH TWO HUNDRED FIFTY REGISTERED VOTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-700 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO COMPLY WITH ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-730, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY, MARKING, AND DEPOSIT OF BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INITIALS OF TWO POLL MANAGERS ON EACH BALLOT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPER BALLOTS AND HAND COUNT OF THOSE BALLOTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1110, RELATING TO COUNTING BALLOTS AND RESULTS DECLARATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO VIEW THE BALLOT COUNT PROCESS PROVIDED THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1160, RELATING TO COUNTY REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO POST ITS ELECTION RESULTS BEFORE NOTIFICATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY U.S. CITIZENS

WITH A CURRENT AND VALID VOTER REGISTRATION BE PERMITTED TO VOTE AND AMEND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY VOTE ABSENTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-330, RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF THE REQUESTOR AND A WITNESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420, RELATING TO RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE TRANSPORTED TO THE PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY, PERMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, AND RENDER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NULL AND VOID IF THE VOTER VOTED IN-PERSON FOR THAT ELECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ADD GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.
Int. & Com. 374

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.
Int. & Com. 375; Rep. Com. 1891; 2nd R. 1997; 3rd R. 2017; Rec. V. 1998; Amd. 1998; Op. 2000

H. 3630 -- Reps. Bernstein, Calhoon, Spann-Wilder, Pace, Schuessler, Ballentine and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-110, RELATING TO MANDATORY TEACHER TRAINING IN YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION AS A CONDITION TO RENEWING THEIR CREDENTIALS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED IN A KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE SCHOOL OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHTER EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 376; Co-Sponsor added 2061, 2682, 4253

H. 3631 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Spann-Wilder, Schuessler, Ballentine and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-375, RELATING TO STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOLS SERVING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE, AND TO PROVIDE

ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DELIVERY OF INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS THAT DO NOT ISSUE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.
Int. & Com. 376; Co-Sponsor added 2061, 2682, 4253

H. 3632 -- Reps. Erickson, Spann-Wilder and Bauer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, AND SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS STATISTICS MUST COUNT TOWARDS CERTAIN REQUIRED FRESHMAN YEAR COURSEWORK IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE, AND TO CLARIFY THESE PROVISIONS APPLY BEGINNING WITH ACCOUNTING MAJORS WHO COMPLETED SUCH COURSEWORK AS FRESHMEN IN THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.
Int. & Com. 376; Rep. Com. 3343; Co-Sponsor added 2967; 2nd R. 3411; 3rd R. 3452; Rec. V. 3411; Rat. 4244

H. 3633 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."
Int. & Com. 377; Co-Sponsor added 1234, 1646

H. 3634 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-25 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS IN EACH RESIDENT ROOM IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE LEGAL GUARDIANS OF SUCH PATIENTS MUST BE ALLOWED TO REMOTELY MONITOR CARE OF THE PATIENTS USING THESE CAMERAS, AND TO PROVIDE ANY RECORDINGS MADE USING THE CAMERAS MUST BE SECURED AND AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE RESIDENT, HIS FAMILY MEMBER, OR HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.
Int. & Com. 377

H. 3635 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-42 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ANNUALLY DEVELOP AND APPROVE GUIDELINES FOR A PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN ALL TEACHING AREAS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE ALL DISTRICTS ANNUALLY SHALL PROVIDE THE PROGRAM AS IN-SERVICE TRAINING TO TEACHERS EMPLOYED BY THE DISTRICT AT NO COST TO THE TEACHERS, TO PROVIDE ALL TEACHERS ANNUALLY SHALL COMPLETE THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE ANNUAL COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM DURING EACH YEAR OF A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE RENEWAL CYCLE WILL SATISFY ALL RENEWAL

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Int. & Com. 377

H. 3636 -- Rep. Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CLEARLY ARTICULATES ITS TRUE INTENT AS IT PERTAINS TO MATTERS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, AND TO CHARACTERIZE THIS INTENTION AS THE "CRADLE TO GRAVE COMMITMENT."
Int. & Com. 378

H. 3637 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "COMPETITIVE EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-300, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS IN CERTAIN CORE ACADEMIC AREAS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SPANISH AMONG THESE AREAS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS FOR SPANISH BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, TO BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-310, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE STUDENT LEARNING AND MEASURE STUDENT PERFORMANCE ON STATE STANDARDS, SECTION 59-18-320, RELATING TO THE REVIEW AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENTS, SECTION 59-18-325, RELATING TO THE SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, SECTION 59-18-350, RELATING TO THE CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATEWIDE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, AND SECTION 59-18-900, RELATING TO PERFORMANCE RATINGS OF SCHOOLS, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 378

H. 3638 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, McCravy, Taylor, Hewitt, Vaughan, Rankin, Mitchell, Long, Oremus, Terribile, Edgerton, Huff, Lawson, Burns, Magnuson, Pope, Davis, Guffey, T. Moore, Montgomery, Ligon, McCabe, Pedalino, Forrest, Haddon and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-340, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF MINORS SIXTEEN YEARS OR OLDER TO CONSENT TO HEALTH SERVICES ESSENTIAL TO THEIR LIFE OR HEALTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARENTS HAVE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, AND CARE OF THEIR MINOR CHILDREN, TO PROVIDE THESE RIGHTS EXTEND TO HEALTHCARE DECISIONS CONCERNING THE MINORS AND ACCESS TO THEIR MEDICAL RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE MAY NOT SUBSTANTIALLY BURDEN THESE RIGHTS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-350, RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES THAT MAY BE RENDERED TO MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

MUST OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT BEFORE PROCURING, PROVIDING, OR RENDERING HEALTHCARE FOR A MINOR EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROHIBIT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OR COERCION OF MINORS TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION FROM A PARENT ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD, TO PROVIDE PARENTS MAY ASSERT PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AS CLAIMS OR DEFENSES IN CERTAIN JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS SUBJECT TO A STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES, TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING ACTIONS TO ENFORCE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-5-370 RELATING TO CONSENT NOT SUBJECT TO DISAFFIRMANCE.

Int. & Com. 378; Co-Sponsor added 453, 1165, 1212, 1762, 1902, 1977, 2061, 2123, 3027

H. 3639 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY CHAIRPERSON OF A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY MAY INSTRUCT COUNTY ELECTION OFFICIALS CONDUCTING A HAND COUNT AUDIT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PRECINCTS, OFFICES, OR BOTH.

Int. & Com. 379

H. 3640 -- Reps. Bernstein and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-11-5 SO AS TO REQUIRE PRIMARY ELECTIONS FOR COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL OFFICES, EXCEPT FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT, TO BE CONDUCTED AS NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN WHICH THE TWO CANDIDATES RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-10, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO POLITICAL PARTY PRIMARIES AND CONVENTIONS WITH THE CONDUCTING OF A NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW ALL PERSONS SEEKING NOMINATION VIA NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY TO FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER A FILING FEE OR A NOMINATING PETITION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WRITE-IN CANDIDACIES ARE PERMITTED FOR ANY OFFICE ON THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY BALLOT, BUT NOT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PARTY PRIMARIES, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO POLITICAL PARTY PRIMARIES WITH NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CANDIDATES FOR AN OFFICE TO BE VOTED ON IN THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ARE LISTED ON A SINGLE BALLOT REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, AND TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE TO CHOOSE TO HAVE A PARTY WITH WHICH HE AFFILIATES DESIGNATED BY HIS NAME ON THE BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-330, RELATING TO FORM OF GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-350, RELATING

TO CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE TOP TWO VOTE EARNERS FOR AN OFFICE FROM THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY ARE TO BE CERTIFIED FOR INCLUSION ON THE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-351, RELATING TO NOMINEES BY PETITION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING NOMINATING PETITIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY AS OPPOSED TO THE GENERAL ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-360, RELATING TO PLACE ON BALLOT FOR WRITE-IN NAMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH PLACES ON NONPARTISAN OPEN PRIMARY BALLOTS, BUT NOT ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-610, RELATING TO PRIMARY BALLOT SPECIFICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-611, RELATING TO ARRANGEMENT OF OFFICIAL COUNTY AND STATE PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 7-11-30 RELATING TO CONVENTION NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES, SECTION 7-11-210 RELATING TO PARTY PLEDGE FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND SECTION 7-13-50 RELATING TO SECOND AND OTHER PRIMARIES.

Int. & Com. 379

H. 3641 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 16-15-385 THROUGH 16-15-425, SO AS TO DEFINE "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCORPORATE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THOSE CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE WITHIN THE CLASSIFICATION OF TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TIME AFTER WHICH THE OFFENDER MAY REQUEST TERMINATION OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.

Int. & Com. 381; Co-Sponsor added 2062

H. 3642 -- Rep. McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERM, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO

AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-30, RELATING TO SUSPENSION, REMOVAL, OR NONREAPPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-2-5, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATIONS FOR MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND SUBJECT CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 2 OF THE S.C. CODE; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CONCURRENT CIVIL JURISDICTION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES, AND TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-540, RELATING TO EXCLUSIVE AND CONCURRENT JURISDICTION IN CRIMINAL CASES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE JURISDICTION OF THE TWO CLASSES OF MAGISTRATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-800, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF IMPOSITION OR EXECUTION OF A SENTENCE IN CERTAIN CASES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-8-40, RELATING TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MAGISTRATES' SALARIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASS 2 MAGISTRATES.

Int. & Com. 382

H. 3643 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Bowers, Sanders, Davis, Landing, Kilmartin, Long, Lawson, Hager, Crawford, Bailey, Gagnon, Hartnett, McGinnis, M. M. Smith, Haddon, Neese, Teeple, Forrest, Willis, Rankin, Holman, McCravy, Gibson, Brittain, Guffey, Sessions, B. L. Cox, Bustos, Hixon, Hart, Oremus, T. Moore, Montgomery, Hardee, Wickensimer, Beach, White, Erickson, Bradley, Mitchell, Hartz, B. J. Cox, Guest, Whitmire, Burns, Terribile, Ligon, Duncan, Schuessler, Wooten and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT ONLY ELECTORS REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A CERTIFIED POLITICAL PARTY OR AS UNAFFILIATED FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY OR ADVISORY REFERENDUM HELD BY THAT PARTY, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCESSES BY WHICH ELECTORS REGISTER OR BECOME REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH A POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-170 AND 7-5-185, BOTH RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, BOTH SO AS TO INCLUDE INFORMATION REGARDING AN APPLICANT'S POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-15, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO SHORTEN THE CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD, TO REQUIRE ALL CANDIDATES FROM EACH POLITICAL PARTY IN THIS STATE TO PAY A FILING FEE, AND TO AUTHORIZE POLITICAL PARTIES TO CHARGE A CERTIFICATION FEE TO ALL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-11-210, RELATING TO FILING OF PARTY PLEDGES BY CANDIDATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DATE BY WHICH A PARTY PLEDGE MUST BE FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF NAMES BY A POLITICAL PARTY TO BE PLACED ON PRIMARY BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY PERSONS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A POLITICAL PARTY'S RECENT STATEWIDE PRIMARIES AND ARE REGISTERED AS AFFILIATED WITH THE PARTY FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT FOR THAT PARTY'S

PARTISAN PRIMARY UNLESS THE PARTY HAS TAKEN ACTION TO WAIVE THESE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 382; Co-Sponsor added 453, 1165, 1212, 1234, 1400, 1421, 1432, 1514, 2034, 2062, 2160, 2401

H. 3644 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 383

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby, Weeks, Waters, B. Newton, Henderson-Myers, Govan, Gilliard, Rivers, Anderson, Garvin, King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.
Int. & Com. 383; Rep. Com. 3103; Co-Sponsor added 2062, 2782, 2935, 3127, 3189, 3403; 2nd R. 3404; 3rd R. 3449; Rec. V. 3407, 3450; Amd. 3405; D. A. 3251; Point of Order 3144

H. 3646 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MEETING TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE MEETINGS OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE AS WELL AS CERTAIN DOCUMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-180 SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLINE.
Int. & Com. 384

H. 3647 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EARMARK TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-270 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE MANNER IN WHICH EARMARKS MAY BE AWARDED.
Int. & Com. 384

H. 3648 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-60, SECTION 6-1-2020, AND SECTION 30-4-170 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PUBLIC BODIES TO MAKE AVAILABLE CERTAIN SALARY INFORMATION WITH EITHER THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR ON ITS OWN WEBSITE.
Int. & Com. 384

H. 3649 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace, Beach, Harris, Edgerton, Frank, Kilmartin, White and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "U.S. SENATE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TWO UNITED STATES SENATORS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL

APPEAR ANNUALLY BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW VARIOUS TOPICS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND BY THEM.
Int. & Com. 384; Co-Sponsor added 1165

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest, Caskey, Forrest, B. Newton, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.
Int. & Com. 385; Rep. Com. 1960; Co-Sponsor added 1234, 1400, 1646, 1977, 2034; 2nd R. 2043; 3rd R. 2064; Rec. V. 2043; Point of Order 2002

H. 3651 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-540, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE ACTIVE ELECTRONIC MONITORING FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF THE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR IN THE SECOND DEGREE WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 384; Co-Sponsor added 2062

H. 3652 -- Reps. Bernstein, Brewer, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, Grant and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "IN VITRO FERTILIZATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 140 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ASSISTIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES" AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROTECTIONS TO ACCESS THESE TECHNOLOGIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FERTILIZED HUMAN EGG OR HUMAN EMBRYO OUTSIDE OF THE UTERUS OF A HUMAN BODY IS NOT CONSIDERED AN UNBORN CHILD OR ANOTHER TERM THAT CONNOTES A HUMAN BEING FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER STATE LAW.
Int. & Com. 385; Co-Sponsor removed 1568

H. 3653 -- Reps. Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-61-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT EVERY AMBULANCE OPERATING IN THE STATE BE EQUIPPED WITH EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 385

H. 3654 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Spann-Wilder: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1990 AND 63-11-550, BOTH RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CHILD WELFARE

RECORDS AND INFORMATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CASE RECORDS TO COUNTY AND STATE GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM STAFF AND TO THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-700, 63-11-1340, AND 63-11-1360, RELATING TO CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THESE DIVISIONS.

Int. & Com. 386; Rep. Com. 1748; 2nd R. 1876; 3rd R. 1910; Rec. V. 1876; Point of Order 1835; Rat. 3381

H. 3655 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Spann-Wilder, Schuessler and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-820, RELATING TO OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION FOR CHILDREN TO BE TRIED AS ADULTS AND TO DECREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A CHILD MAY BE HELD IN A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1020, RELATING TO THE INSTITUTION OF JUVENILE PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE CHILD AND HIS FAMILY FIRST SEEK COUNSELING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1440, RELATING TO COMMITMENT, SO AS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN STATUS AND CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COURT ORDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-1810, RELATING TO DETERMINATIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-2050, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OF A JUVENILE'S RECORD FOR STATUS OFFENSES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Int. & Com. 386; Co-Sponsor added 2062, 3359

H. 3656 -- Reps. Ligon and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM DENYING PROPERTY OWNERS THE RIGHT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Int. & Com. 387; Co-Sponsor added 1421

H. 3657 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-3445 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL ATTENDING PHYSICIANS TO CONSULT WITH ANY SPECIALIST PHYSICIAN TREATING A PATIENT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE PATIENT OR THE PATIENT'S FAMILY OR OTHER AUTHORIZED HEALTHCARE DECISION MAKER.

Int. & Com. 387

H. 3658 -- Rep. Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-20, RELATING TO PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION IN SUCH CONTRACTS OF THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND WEBSITE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND A STATEMENT THAT QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-305, RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDITORS

FILING AND POSTING MAXIMUM RATE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS SAME LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-2-307, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACTS CLOSING FEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DEALERS TO INCLUDE SUCH LANGUAGE IN A NOTICE TO CONSUMERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-3-305, RELATING TO CERTAIN CREDITORS FILING AND POSTING MAXIMUM RATE SCHEDULES, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-202, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-204, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS MAKING CONSUMER RENTAL-PURCHASE TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH FILINGS TO INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-11-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE IN THESE AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-16-50, RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR PREPAID LEGAL SERVICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-17-52, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO APPLICANTS BY A DISCOUNT MEDICAL PLAN ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INCLUSION OF SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-61-110, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF SERVICE CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-39-80, RELATING TO PAWN TICKETS AND THE CONTENT REQUIREMENTS THEREOF, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-79-30, RELATING TO CREDIT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO INCLUDE SIMILAR LANGUAGE.
Int. & Com. 387

H. 3659 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BMW MANUFACTURING CO., LLC, ON ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MANUFACTURING IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE'S ECONOMY AND

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H. 3663 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 394

H. 3664 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE EMPLOYEES OF MID-CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING RESTORATION EFFORTS FOLLOWING THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF HURRICANE HELENE IN SEPTEMBER 2024.
Int. & Adopted 395

H. 3665 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MACEO NANCE, FORMER SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 395

H. 3666 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MOTHER EDDIE LEE STRINGER AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 396

H. 3667 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF AVIS MICHELE SPIGNER JONES OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 397

H. 3668 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH ELDER REYNOLDS SR. OF CALHOUN FALLS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 397

H. 3669 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE

OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. JAMES LEWIS SOLOMON JR. AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 398

H. 3670 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AS "SC TRIO DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO COMMEND THE SC TRIO ORGANIZATION FOR OVER 50 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND ADVOCACY FOR TRIO PERSONNEL AND TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO BECOME COLLEGE READY, GAIN COLLEGE ACCESS, AND GRADUATE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.
Int. & Adopted 398

H. 3671 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VIVIAN WINGARD WASHINGTON OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 398

H. 3672 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE KAY PATTERSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 399

H. 3673 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. WILHELMINA PAGE KIMPSON OF COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 399

H. 3674 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BISHOP ERIC LEAKE ON BECOMING THE BISHOP OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION OF THE AME ZION CHURCH, FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM A WARM WELCOME TO THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO THE CITY OF ROCK HILL.
Int. & Adopted 399

H. 3675 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JODI DIALS GALLMAN, THE FORMER ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 400

H. 3676 -- Reps. Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) ROGER C. "CLIFF" POOLE, USAR OF MT. PLEASANT AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 400

H. 3677 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHIEF CHAD SATCHER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 401

H. 3678 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LANDON CALE BODIE OF LEESVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 401

H. 3679 -- Reps. Guest, Crawford, Brittain, Hardee, Schuessler, McGinnis, Bailey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KIMBERLY HOLMES FREDERICK OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 402

H. 3680 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR

SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 403

H. 3681 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR GLADYS GAILLARD-MCBRIDE (RET.) OF CHAPIN FOR EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ESTABLISHING THE SISTERHOOD OF MCDANIEL'S PEARLS & TEA IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 403

H. 3682 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A NON-TUMBLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 404

H. 3683 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 405

H. 3684 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLARD HENRY "BUZ" LEAVITT JR. OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 406

H. 3685 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 406

H. 3686 -- Reps. Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATTA HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA TEAM, SPONSOR AARON MILES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE STATE FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMPETITION.
Int. & Adopted 407

H. 3687 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) IBO/3D NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIVISION.
Int. & Adopted 408

H. 3688 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION OUTDOOR WORLD 3D CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 408

H. 3689 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION'S 3D NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION.
Int. & Adopted 409

H. 3690 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery,

J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT THE INSTITUTION HAS HAD ON LEGIONS OF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI, THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEYOND FOR A HALF CENTURY AND TO CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER ON THE RECENT CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 410

H. 3691 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SCINTILLATING SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN THE 2024 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM/INTERNATIONAL BOWHUNTING ORGANIZATION OUTDOOR WORLD 3D CHALLENGE.
Int. & Adopted 411

H. 3692 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO

CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 411

H. 3693 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 412

H. 3694 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 413

H. 3695 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CLARENDON HALL SOFTBALL TEAM ON THEIR STELLAR SEASON AND TO SALUTE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 414

H. 3696 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 414

H. 3697 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH ANCONE UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR IN LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED

SERVICE TO CHILDREN.
Int. & Adopted 415

H. 3698 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY KNIGHTS ON NETTING THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 416

H. 3699 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 416

H. 3700 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, ITS COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 417

H. 3701 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MRS. BETTY F. YOUNG FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS LEADER OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY MINISTRY OF COLUMBIA'S ZION CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, INC., AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 418

H. 3702 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTON AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE PASTOR AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED

SERVICE TO THE GASTON COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 418

H. 3703 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE AMY MCCULLOCH, PROBATE JUDGE OF RICHLAND COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF PROBATE JUDGES.
Int. & Adopted 419

H. 3704 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN RICHARD R. GRANT OF THE WEST CHESTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO HIS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 420

H. 3705 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MIRANDA MCCARTHY GRICE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 420

H. 3706 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK DWIGHT SMITH FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE AIKEN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 421

H. 3707 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JEFFREY CHARLES "JEFF" CHANDLER FOR HIS TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF HANAHAN CITY COUNCIL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL.

Int. & Adopted 422

H. 3708 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ANNOUNCE THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE ON JULY 4, 2026, WHICH ESTABLISHED THE GREATEST EXPERIMENT OF LIBERTY IN THE WORLD, WHICH HAS CONTINUED FOR TWO AND A HALF CENTURIES.

Int. & Adopted 423

H. 3709 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. BARBARA JEAN ADAMS WRIGHT OF BENNETTSVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 423

H. 3710 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VIVIENNE FONTE FOR HER WHOLESOME CHARM AND POISE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2024 AMERICAN UNITED MISS PRETEEN.
Int. & Adopted 424

H. 3711 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HATTIE KINLEY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 425

H. 3712 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER DR. MARGAREE S. CROSBY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND

LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 425

H. 3713 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025 AS "THE CELEBRATION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE'S VISIT DURING HIS FAREWELL TOUR OF THE NATION IN 1825" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 426

H. 3714 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 2025 AS "PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS, TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CANCER RISKS THEY FACE, AND TO PROMOTE ACTIONS TO MITIGATE THESE RISKS.
Int. & Adopted 427

H. 3715 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. VICTOR EDWARD TERRANA OF NEWBERRY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 427

H. 3716 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOSEPH H. JEFFERSON JR. OF BERKELEY AND DORCHESTER COUNTIES FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 428

H. 3717 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY FOR ITS STRONG

CONNECTION AND RELATIONSHIP WITH MILITARY FAMILIES AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS UPON RECEIVING A PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION IN RECOGNITION OF THESE EFFORTS.
Int. & Adopted 431

H. 3718 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND SUMTER LITTLE THEATRE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SUMTER COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 431

H. 3719 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE WILSON HALL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S COACHES AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 432

H. 3720 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) TO USE

THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS STUDENT GOVERNMENT FALL CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, PROVIDED THE HOUSE IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR IF THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 433

H. 3721 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOHN T. MCCOY, PASTOR OF NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROCK HILL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO THE CONGREGATION.
Int. & Adopted 434

H. 3722 -- Reps. King, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN JOHN MCKEE SPRATT JR. OF YORK COUNTY AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 434

H. 3723 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, G. M. Smith, Pope, Hiott, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25, 2025, AS NATIONAL MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS

WEEK IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATION PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE OUR CITIZENS EVERY DAY.
Int. & Adopted 435; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1346

H. 3724 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025.
Int. & Adopted 435; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1539

H. 3725 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 436; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1213

H. 3726 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L.

Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

Int. & Adopted 437; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1213

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

Int. 438; 2nd R. 1166; 3rd R. 1175; Rec. V. 1166, 1701; D. A. 1586; Op. 1168; Non-Conc. 1701; M. To S. 1702

H. 3728 -- Reps. Wooten, B. Newton, Bannister, Erickson, T. Moore, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Bailey, Hewitt, Kirby, Collins, Ballentine, Pedalino, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Pope, Rutherford, Oremus, Herbkersman, Forrest, Hixon, Lowe, Kilmartin, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Int. & Com. 438; Co-Sponsor added 1212, 1763, 1978, 2748

H. 3729 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-107 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT OF AT LEAST SIXTEEN FEET IN LENGTH MUST CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES.

Int. & Com. 438

H. 3730 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-915 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF FIRST OFFENSE NONVIOLENT OFFENSES AND DRUG TREATMENT COURT OFFENSES AFTER CERTAIN TIME PERIODS WITHOUT PENDING CHARGES OR ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO REFERENCE EXPUNGEMENT PROVISIONS IN

SECTION 17-22-915; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-940, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY THE COURT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN DRUG TREATMENT COURTS BEFORE EXPUNGEMENT.
Int. & Com. 438

H. 3731 -- Rep. Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 201 OF 2024 SO AS TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, DISPOSE, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 439; Rep. Com. 2672; 2nd R. 2752; 3rd R. 2768; Rec. V. 2753; Op. 2754

H. 3732 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO THE DISCLOSURE, DELETION, CORRECTION, OR PERSONAL INFORMATION COLLECTED BY AN EMPLOYER, TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYERS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS MAY NOT SELL, SHARE, OR DISCLOSE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF AN EMPLOYEE, AND TO PROVIDE EMPLOYEES WITH A CAUSE OF ACTION AND EQUITABLE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 439

H. 3733 -- Reps. Bamberg, White and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-511 SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE IMPOSITION OF THE INCOME TAX ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-510 RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-515 RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-520 RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-545 RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.
Int. & Com. 439; Co-Sponsor added 1166

H. 3734 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-15-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENGAGE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL VOTE ON WHETHER TO ADOPT SUCH AN ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE TERMINOLOGY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-83, RELATING TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR DUES OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION PROHIBITING DEDUCTIONS TO ASSOCIATIONS THAT ENGAGE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR ENCOURAGE MEMBERS TO STRIKE.
Int. & Com. 440

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H. 3735 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WAGE BOARD ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-27-670 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF WAGE BOARDS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF WAGE BOARDS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR AND CERTAIN EMPLOYERS.

Int. & Com. 440

H. 3736 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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H. 3737 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AFFORDABLE HOUSING TAX-EXEMPT REIT ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 25 TO TITLE 31 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TAX-EXEMPT REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING STATEWIDE.
Int. & Com. 442

H. 3738 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT REVENUE ENHANCEMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-1700 SO AS TO ENABLE HOUSING AUTHORITIES TO UTILIZE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AND OTHER REVENUE MECHANISMS, TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCING OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO INCLUDE PROJECT-GENERATED REVENUES AS A SECONDARY SOURCE OF REPAYMENT FOR BONDS ISSUED.
Int. & Com. 442

H. 3739 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-212, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF STATE CRIMINAL LAWS BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO ADD SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER."
Int. & Com. 442

H. 3740 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. L. Cox, Gilliam and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THIRTY DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.
Int. & Com. 442

H. 3741 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. L. Cox and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO DEDUCT TAXABLE INCOME RECEIVED AS THE RESULT OF EMPLOYMENT AS AN ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICE MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.
Int. & Com. 442

H. 3742 -- Reps. Ligon and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Int. & Com. 443

H. 3743 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA BAN AGAINST RED FLAG GUN CONFISCATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ADOPT OR ENFORCE EXTREME RISK PROTECTIVE ORDERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 443

H. 3744 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Vaughan: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF SENATORS AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENACT TERM LIMITATIONS FOR ITS MEMBERS BY LAW.
Int. & Com. 443

H. 3745 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, THAT NO PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED, FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2024, MUST NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.
Int. & Com. 443

H. 3746 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-15-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LABELING OF FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MODIFIED RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.
Int. & Com. 444

H. 3747 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-3-290 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE "CERTIFIED SC GROWN" DESIGNATION ON FOOD OR FOOD PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MODIFIED RIBONUCLEIC ACID AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 444

H. 3748 -- Reps. Rutherford and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-410, RELATING TO POINTING A FIREARM AT ANOTHER PERSON, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION OF A FIREARM.
Int. & Com. 444; Co-Sponsor added 1567

H. 3749 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 SO AS TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND INTELLECTUAL

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Int. & Com. 444

H. 3750 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LAND MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
Int. & Com. 445

H. 3751 -- Reps. Bamberg, White, Kilmartin, Beach, Pace, Gilreath, Cromer, Oremus, Huff and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO MODIFICATIONS OF GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE INCOME DERIVED FROM THE RECEIPT, SALE, EXCHANGE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSAL OF DIGITAL ASSETS SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY.
Int. & Com. 445; Co-Sponsor added 1166

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE APPLICANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SUCH CERTIFICATION SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN FINGERPRINT-BASED STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION AND SPECIFIC USES OF SUCH FINGERPRINTS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATIONS.
Int. & Com. 445; Rep. Com. 3105; Co-Sponsor added 1234, 1567, 1647, 1873, 1902, 2123, 3127, 3246; 2nd R. 3276; 3rd R. 3372; Rec. V. 3278, 4188; Amd. 3276; D. A. 3167; Req. Deb. 3153; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4188; Conc. & Enr. 4188; Rat. 4264

H. 3753 -- Reps. Pedalino, Guffey and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO

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Int. & Com. 445; Co-Sponsor added 2782

H. 3754 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-3-130, RELATING TO DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A JURY TRIAL IN FINAL HEARINGS.
Int. & Com. 446

H. 3755 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3995 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH HAZARD LIGHTS ON UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 446; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1744

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.
Int. & Com. 446; Rep. Com. 1888; Co-Sponsor added 2034; 2nd R. 2064; 3rd R. 2127; Rec. V. 2068; Amd. 2065; D. A. 2042; Point of Order 1983

H. 3757 -- Reps. Caskey, Calhoon, Ballentine, Forrest, Govan, Taylor and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-11-320, RELATING TO THE RICHLAND-LEXINGTON AIRPORT DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S MEMBERSHIP BY TWO MEMBERS WHO MUST BE RESIDENTS OF CAYCE OR WEST COLUMBIA.
Int. & Com. 446

H. 3758 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-435, RELATING TO THE RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS ANTIDISCRIMINATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT CERTAIN POLICIES CONCERNING LIMITED PUBLIC FORUMS AND VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS VIEWPOINTS BEFORE THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE A MODEL POLICY THAT SCHOOLS MAY ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THESE POLICY REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 447; Rep. Com. 3342; 2nd R. 3455; 3rd R. 3542; Rec. V. 3460; Amd. 3455; Point of Order 3408

H. 3759 -- Reps. Pace, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE MUST BE ELECTED IN PARTISAN

ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FILING METHODS AND DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT WITH THE LOCAL LAW PROVISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 447; Co-Sponsor added 1166, 1514

H. 3760 -- Reps. Caskey, Rutherford and Jordan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2029; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL SERVE A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND

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Int. & Adopted 1150

H. 3761 -- Reps. T. Moore and G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR UNIQUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Int. & Adopted 1150

H. 3762 -- Rep. Bauer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO UNDERTAKE AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT UNDER SECTION 1, ARTICLE XV, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, THE STATE TREASURER, CURTIS LOFTIS, SHOULD BE IMPEACHED FOR SERIOUS MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DERELICTION OF DUTY AND BREACH OF THE PUBLIC TRUST AND, IF BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS ARE FOUND, TO REPORT ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT TO THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Int. & Com. 1168

H. 3763 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IN WINNSBORO AND TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S EXTRAORDINARY MILESTONE OF ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY WITH THE ALUMNI, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS.
Int. & Adopted 1168

H. 3764 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FAIRFIELD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1169

H. 3765 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MATTIE KENNEDY BARR OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1170

H. 3766 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

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Int. & Adopted 1170

H. 3767 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Williams and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE MILLAGE LEVY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH TAX COLLECTIONS ARE DISTRIBUTED.

Int. & Com. 1171; Rep. Com. 1188; Co-Sponsor added 1400; Recom. 1823; D. A. 1401, 1516; Point of Order 1234

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Int. & Com. 1171; Rep. Com. 2810; 2nd R. 2977; 3rd R. 3030; Rec. V. 2977; Point of Order 2941

H. 3769 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1910, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES TO AUTISTIC AND NEURODIVERGENT PERSONS.

Int. & Com. 1171

H. 3770 -- Reps. Bailey, Schuessler, Yow, Mitchell, Bradley, Brittain, Brewer, Burns, Cromer, Haddon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-130, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED IN CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE EXEMPTION FOR NORMAL MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF CERTAIN STRUCTURES.

Int. & Com. 1172; Co-Sponsor added 1234

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Int. & Com. 1172

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Int. & Com. 1173

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H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
Int. & Com. 1174; Rep. Com. 3101; Co-Sponsor added 1212, 1515, 1647, 2636, 2683; 2nd R. 3197; 3rd R. 3248; Rec. V. 3198; Amd. 3197; Point of Order 3141

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Int. & Com. 1174; Co-Sponsor added 1212, 1432, 1515, 4253

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Int. & Adopted 1188

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Int. & Adopted 1189

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Int. & Adopted 1189

H. 3784 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL AIR FORCE JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS ON ITS FINE RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO COMMEND THE UNIT ON THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT HAVE MADE IT THE OUTSTANDING UNIT IT IS.
Int. & Adopted 1190

H. 3785 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE PALMETTO CONCERT BAND OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, TO THANK THE BAND FOR A QUARTERCENTURY OF EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE TO AUDIENCES RANGING FROM LOCAL TO INTERNATIONAL, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BESTOWING MUSICAL DELIGHT.
Int. & Adopted 1191

H. 3786 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

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Int. & Adopted 1192

H. 3787 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST JOHN WESLEY STROMAN OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
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H. 3788 -- Reps. Hartz, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Int. & Adopted 1193; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1347

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Int. & Com. 1198; Rep. Com. 3659; Co-Sponsor added 2062, 2123, 3189, 3536; 2nd R. 4018; 3rd R. 4155; Rec. V. 4020; Amd. 4018; Proposed Amd. 4016; Op. 4015; Point of Order 3786

H. 3803 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL-OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 7 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT," SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-60-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA

REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 25 OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30 AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.
Int. & Com. 1199

H. 3804 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO DECRIMINALIZE POSSESSION OF TWENTY-EIGHT GRAMS OR ONE OUNCE OR LESS OF MARIJUANA OR TEN GRAMS OR LESS OF HASHISH, AND TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO ISSUE A CIVIL CITATION FOR POSSESSION OF THAT SAME QUANTITY OF MARIJUANA OR HASHISH.
Int. & Com. 1201

H. 3805 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 29-1-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY MINIMUM GRACE PERIOD OF TWENTY DAYS FOR A MORTGAGE PAYMENT, TO DEFINE THE TERM "GRACE PERIOD," AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A SIMPLE INTEREST OR OTHER MORTGAGE IN WHICH INTEREST ACCRUES DAILY.
Int. & Com. 1201

H. 3806 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3895 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR PERSONS TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE USING CELLULAR TELEPHONES, PAGERS, PERSONAL DIGITAL ASSISTANT DEVICES, OR OTHER WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES THAT ARE NOT EQUIPPED WITH HANDS-FREE MECHANISMS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 1202

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H. 3807 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY OPERATING IN THIS STATE SHALL BURY ALL OF ITS NEW ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMISSION LINES INSTALLED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE BEGINNING JANUARY 2, 2026, AND SHALL BURY ALL OF ITS EXISTING ELECTRICAL POWER TRANSMISSION LINES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF A MUNICIPALITY IN THIS STATE ACCORDING TO A GRADUATED SCHEDULE BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2031; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-20, RELATING TO AREAS IN WHICH THE CHAPTER IS INAPPLICABLE, SO AS TO MAKE THE CHAPTER APPLICABLE TO SECTION 58-27-25.
Int. & Com. 1202

H. 3808 -- Reps. Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-250, RELATING TO THE RELEASE OF COVERAGE INFORMATION UPON WRITTEN REQUEST, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE REQUEST ALSO TO BE MADE BY ELECTRONIC MAIL OR FAX ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S FORM FR-10.
Int. & Com. 1202

H. 3809 -- Reps. Hart, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE A BASE STATE MINIMUM WAGE OF SEVENTEEN DOLLARS PER HOUR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027, TO PROVIDE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF THIS MINIMUM WAGE TO EMPLOYERS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2026, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN EMPLOYER TO FAIL TO PAY THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE OR TO RETALIATE AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE LAW, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE A FIVE-YEAR STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ACTIONS BROUGHT PURSUANT TO THIS ACT MAY BE BROUGHT AS A CLASS ACTION UNDER STATE LAW.
Int. & Com. 1203

H. 3810 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1810, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND CERTAIN FEES FOR ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2010, RELATING TO TEMPORARY PERMITS, SO AS TO AMEND A CERTAIN FEE AND REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OFFER CERTAIN ANNUAL FIFTY-TWO WEEK TEMPORARY PERMITS.
Int. & Com. 1203

H. 3811 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson, Frank, Kilmartin, Edgerton, Beach, Morgan, Terribile, Harris, Huff, Oremus, Gilreath and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE A CHILD WHO ATTENDS A QUALIFYING PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL.
Int. & Com. 1203

H. 3812 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Guest and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY AND RESILIENCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 39 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR ASSESSING AND COLLECTING LIENS, TO PROVIDE FINANCING, AND TO DEVELOP STANDARDS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1203; Co-Sponsor added 1732

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.
Int. & Com. 1204; Rep. Com. 1545; 2nd R. 1733; 3rd R. 1764; Rec. V. 1733, 3265, 3810, 3812; Point of Order 1688; Non-Conc. 3265; Enr. 4091; Con. Com. 3655; Fr. Con. Com. 3810; Rep. Fr. Con. Com. 3812; Adopted 3812; M. To S. 3266, 3656, 3812, 3816; M. from S. 3656, 4090, 4090; Rat. 4244

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
Int. & Com. 1204; Rep. Com. 1545; 2nd R. 1735; 3rd R. 1764; Rec. V. 1735; Rat. 3381

H. 3815 -- Rep. House Rules: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULES 6.3 14. AND 15., AND 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL RELATING TO THE MOTION PERIOD, SO AS TO DELETE THE MOTION PERIOD AND ALL REFERENCES TO IT, AND TO FURTHER AMEND 15. TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO MATTERS REGARDING SETTING SPECIAL ORDER; TO AMEND RULE 4.2 10., RELATING TO STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR MEMBERSHIPS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY AND LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT; TO AMEND RULE 5.20, RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS, AN AGENCY, OR AN OFFICIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE MAY BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OR TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE WITH SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION; TO AMEND RULE 4.13, RELATING TO INVITATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMITTEE ON INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS TO ACCEPT INVITATIONS AS EARLY AS 5:00 P.M.; TO DELETE RULE 5.12 RELATING TO THE APRIL TENTH CROSSOVER DEADLINE FOR LEGISLATION; TO AMEND RULE 4.4, RELATING TO COMMITTEE OPERATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE STREAMING OF

COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS WHEN FEASIBLE AND PROVIDE A CAVEAT; TO ADD RULE 2.17 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK, READING CLERK, CHAPLAIN, AND SERGEANT AT ARMS MUST PERFORM THEIR DUTIES IN A FAIR AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER THAT DOES NOT OPENLY REFLECT THEIR PERSONAL POLITICAL BELIEFS OR OPINIONS CONCERNING ISSUES, CAMPAIGNS, OR OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO DELETE RULES 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, AND 4.12, ALL RELATING TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND ITS OPERATION.

Int. 1237; Rec. V. 1345; Proposed Amd. 1244, 1251, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1262, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319; Op. 1237; Point of Order 1256, 1257, 1312, 1313, 1315, 1688; Adopted 1338

H. 3816 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EDUCATOR TESSIE BRIDGES OF CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO EDUCATION IN THIS GREAT STATE.

Int. & Adopted 1216

H. 3817 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MRS. LOUISE THELMA

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Int. & Adopted 1217

H. 3818 -- Reps. Pope, Sessions, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss and Terribile: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR U.S. ARMY COLONEL (RET.) MELINDA WOODHURST FOR HER FAITHFUL LABORS IN SUPPORT OF YORK COUNTY VETERANS AND TO THANK HER FOR HER OWN MILITARY SERVICE TO OUR GREAT COUNTRY.
Int. & Adopted 1217

H. 3819 -- Reps. Pope, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO SUPPORT CONSTANT TALKS UNDER THE "US-TAIWAN INITIATIVE ON 21ST-CENTURY TRADE" AND A "US-TAIWAN AVOID DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENT" AS TAIWANESE COMPANIES ARE LOOKING FOR A DIVERSE AND FREE MARKET INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ORGANIZE A TRADE DELEGATION TO TAIWAN TO ATTRACT MORE INVESTMENTS AND CITY GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL "SMART CITY" FORUM IN TAIWAN.
Int. & Adopted 1218

H. 3820 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire,

Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 23, 2025, "TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS AND PLEASURE OF PLAYING THIS ENJOYABLE SPORT.
Int. & Adopted 1218

H. 3821 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PJ MORTON FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL MUSICAL TALENT AND SUCCESS AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE KOGER CENTER IN COLUMBIA ON FEBRUARY 21, 2025.
Int. & Adopted 1219

H. 3822 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TRACIE ANDERSON SWILLEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON BEING NAMED 2025 NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1220

H. 3823 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HANNAH MILLER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 CITY OF GOOSE CREEK RECREATION DEPARTMENT FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AND 2024 CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 1221

H. 3824 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FOR ITS PIONEERING WORK IN THE STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION.
Int. & Adopted 1221

H. 3825 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACKSON THOMAS BENTON OF BERKELEY COUNTY FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.
Int. & Adopted 1222

H. 3826 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. MATTHEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND CALVERT R. BRADLEY AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NORTH CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1223

H. 3827 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO DECLARE APRIL 2, 2025, AS "STEM EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1223; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1401

H. 3828 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED

AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 187 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 29 IN ANDERSON COUNTY "PAUL ROBINSON EARLE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.
Int. & Com. 1224; Rep. Com. 1892; Adopted 2010

H. 3829 -- Reps. Bauer and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DECLARE THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL OF EACH YEAR AS "TABLE TENNIS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 1229

H. 3830 -- Rep. Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION FOR "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" AND TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "DATING RELATIONSHIP."
Int. & Com. 1229

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1229; Rep. Com. 2812; Co-Sponsor added 1647, 1821, 2683, 2782, 2968; 2nd R. 2986; 3rd R. 3031; Rec. V. 2987; Amd. 2986; Point of Order 2944

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard, Kirby and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.
Int. & Com. 1229; Rep. Com. 3104; Co-Sponsor added 2683, 2782, 3189; D. A. 3525, 3719, 4050, 4156; Req. Deb. 3525; Point of Order 3145

H. 3833 -- Reps. Williams, Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CAROL EVETTE BONAPARTE ROBERTS OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Int. & Adopted 1373

H. 3834 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHARLOTTE MAXINE GIBSON OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 90TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1374

H. 3835 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1375

H. 3836 -- Reps. Teeple, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDHOOD CANCER TASK FORCE, THE MEDICAL SCHOOLS OF THE STATE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A ST. JUDE AFFILIATE PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1376

H. 3837 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL REBEL REGIMENT MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAAA MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1376

H. 3838 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEVE HORTON UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1377

H. 3839 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 1378; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1426

H. 3840 -- Rep. Hartnett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HARBORVIEW ROAD AND FORT SUMTER DRIVE ON JAMES ISLAND IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "THOMAS LEE READ MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1378; Rep. Com. 1892; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2599; Adopted 2011

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis, Murphy and Weeks: A BILL TO

AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

Int. & Com. 1379; Rep. Com. 2905; Co-Sponsor added 2935; 2nd R. 3006; 3rd R. 3032; Rec. V. 3007

H. 3842 -- Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

Int. & Com. 1380; Rep. Com. 2587; Co-Sponsor added 1902, 1978; 2nd R. 2658; 3rd R. 2685; Rec. V. 2658; Amd. 2658

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-

110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION;

BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY

AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO.
Int. & Com. 1380; Rep. Com. 1716; 2nd R. 1828; 3rd R. 1841; Rec. V. 1832; Amd. 1832; Op. 1834; Point of Order 1770

H. 3844 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-70, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF BENCH WARRANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT IF A DEFENDANT VIOLATES THE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND.
Int. & Com. 1384

H. 3845 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-880, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTITY UNDERTAKING A FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT SHALL BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO RELOCATING BROADBAND SERVICE LINES AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION PAYMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ACT 36 OF 2019 RELATED TO A SUNSET PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 1384; Com. 1520; Recalled 1520

H. 3846 -- Reps. Erickson, Hartnett, M. M. Smith and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS AND NONMOTORIZED FLOATING STRUCTURES ANCHORED IN THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS AND STRUCTURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1385

H. 3847 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION REGARDING THE USE, DISPOSITION, SALE, OR ANY IMPOSITION OF ANY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION, FEE IMPOSITION, OR TAXATION OF A CO-OWNED HOME MUST BE DONE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
Int. & Com. 1385

H. 3848 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "COMPENDIUM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-60, RELATING TO INOCULATION OF PETS, SO AS TO PERMIT A CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN TO ADMINISTER RABIES INOCULATIONS WHEN SUPERVISED BY A VETERINARIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-90, RELATING TO REPORTS OF ANIMAL BITES TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE PERSON BITTEN BY A PET OR OTHER ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-310 SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO MAY ADMINISTER VACCINES

TO ANIMALS.
Int. & Com. 1385; Co-Sponsor added 1568

H. 3849 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Hager, Oremus, Kirby, Teeple, Bailey, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Davis, Hartnett, Holman, Hewitt, Taylor, Wooten, Chapman, Lawson, Guffey, Pedalino, Erickson, Reese, Willis, Vaughan, Landing, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Gagnon, Haddon, Hiott, J. L. Johnson, Neese, Hardee, Kilmartin, Terribile and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JURY OR THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAULT OF THE CLAIMANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND OF ANY NONPARTY WHOSE ACT OR OMISSION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE CLAIMANT'S ALLEGED DAMAGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-20 RELATING TO RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-30 RELATING TO FACTORS DETERMINING PRO RATA LIABILITY OF TORTFEASORS; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-40 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED FROM RECOVERING DAMAGES IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY RIDES AS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS VISIBLY INTOXICATED OR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD BECOME INTOXICATED; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPON ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST A LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL LIABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-590, RELATING TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS AND DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVER AND MANAGER TRAINING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PERMIT OR LICENSE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THESE BEVERAGES TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING

SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS ITS AGGREGATE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-3-670, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 15-3-640 THROUGH 15-3-660 ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS A DEFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS CONSIDERED MATERIAL ONLY IF IT EXISTS WITHIN A COMPLETED BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A BUILDING OR ITS SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE; BY ADDING SECTION 15-7-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL ACTION TRIED AGAINST AN UNKNOWN DEFENDANT MUST BE TRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-150, RELATING TO UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-160, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES IN THE MANDATORY OFFER OF UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGE LIMITS AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS FOR BAD FAITH INVOLVING A LIABILITY.

Int. & Com. 1385; Co-Sponsor added 1422, 1433, 1515, 1538, 2161; Co-Sponsor removed 1732, 1979

H. 3850 -- Reps. Beach, Frank, Edgerton and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RESPONSIBLE LIBRARY FUNDING AND CHILD PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 60-9-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTY LIBRARIES MUST CERTIFY TO THE STATE LIBRARY THAT THEY DO NOT OFFER ANY BOOKS OR MATERIALS THAT APPEAL TO THE PRURIENT INTERESTS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN IN CHILDREN'S, YOUTH, OR TEEN BOOK SECTIONS AND ARE ONLY AVAILABLE WITH PARENTAL CONSENT.

Int. & Com. 1388; Co-Sponsor added 1515

H. 3851 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Int. & Com. 1388

H. 3852 -- Reps. Wooten, Guest, Guffey, Pope, Robbins, Lawson, B. L. Cox, Calhoon, M. M. Smith and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-7-920, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, SO AS TO ADD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE TERM FOR WHICH HE IS ELECTED OR HIS DESIGNEE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-550, RELATING TO WITNESSES AT EXECUTIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR HIS DESIGNEE TO THE LIST OF PERSONS WHO MAY BE PRESENT AS WITNESSES TO EXECUTIONS.
Int. & Com. 1388; Co-Sponsor added 1568, 1647, 1821, 1903

H. 3853 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-88, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT FEES REMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO REMOVE AN ANNUAL MAXIMUM AND TO REMOVE A SUNSET PROVISION; AND BY AMENDING ACT 356 OF 2002 SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION REQUIRING THE SHARING OF CERTAIN REVENUE.
Int. & Com. 1389

H. 3854 -- Reps. Huff, Gilreath, McCabe and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EARMARK RESPONSIBILITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY, AND TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING STATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ITEMIZED SPENDING UPDATES AND ITEMIZED ACCOUNTINGS OF THE MANNER IN WHICH SUCH FUNDS WERE EXPENDED, INCLUDING COPIES OF ALL RECEIPTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND PROCUREMENT OF SERVICES.
Int. & Com. 1389

H. 3855 -- Reps. Huff, Cromer, Gilreath and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SMALL ARMS AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.
Int. & Com. 1389

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND TO PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-

3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

Int. & Com. 1389; Rep. Com. 2809; 2nd R. 2972; 3rd R. 3029; Rec. V. 2975; Amd. 2973; Point of Order 2940

H. 3857 -- Reps. W. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Bernstein, Rutherford, Wetmore, Kirby, Teeple, Hewitt, Guest, M. M. Smith, McGinnis, Bauer, Williams, Davis, Rose, Sessions, Bannister, J. Moore, B. Newton, Bailey, Brittain, Stavrinakis, Mitchell, Luck, Wooten, B. J. Cox, Hager, Pedalino, Caskey, B. L. Cox, Govan, Neese, Taylor, Guffey, Hartnett, Collins, Willis, Landing, Wickensimer, Ballentine, Bamberg, Gatch, Hart, Herbkersman, Lowe, Robbins, Weeks and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

Int. & Com. 1390; Co-Sponsor added 2161

H. 3858 -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, Mitchell, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J. L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins,

Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest, Oremus, Kirby, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

Int. & Com. 1391; Rep. Com. 3423; Co-Sponsor added 1422, 1433, 1515, 1538, 1732, 1873, 2968, 3027, 3127, 3189, 3246, 3449, 3536, 3758, 4000; 2nd R. 4007; 3rd R. 4154; Rec. V. 4010; Amd. 4007, 4009; D. A. 3766; Point of Order 3562

H. 3859 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Magnuson, Harris, Oremus, Kilmartin, Burns, Bailey, Hager, Rose, Huff, McGinnis, Forrest, Gagnon, Haddon, Long, Murphy, Pace, Robbins, Terribile, Frank, Pedalino and McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT STATE-FUNDED AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, UNIVERSITIES, OR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FROM ALLOCATING FUNDING, RESOURCES, OR ANY FORM OF SUPPORT TO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

Int. & Com. 1392; Co-Sponsor added 1515, 1821

H. 3860 -- Reps. Oremus, Rutherford, Harris, Huff, Bailey, Burns, Haddon, Willis, Vaughan, Cromer, Hartz and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-130-60, RELATING TO ADMINISTERING OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES BY FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FIRST RESPONDER STATIONS TO MAINTAIN A SUPPLY OF OPIOID ANTIDOTE MEDICATION AT ALL TIMES.

Int. & Com. 1392

H. 3861 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Brewer, Murphy and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-195 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE RENTAL OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING TO A SHORT-TERM GUEST, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE TERMS.

Int. & Com. 1392

H. 3862 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Gilliam, Mitchell and M. M. Smith: AN ACT

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO REVISE ADMISSIONS PREFERENCE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, AND TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCES.

Int. & Com. 1392; Rep. Com. 1485; Co-Sponsor added 1433; 2nd R. 1657; 3rd R. 1710; Rec. V. 1658, 4033; Amd. 1657; D. A. 1623, 3961; Op. 1659; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4033; Conc. & Enr. 4033; Rat. 4244

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Rivers, Henderson-Myers, Waters and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

Int. & Com. 1393; Rep. Com. 2810; Co-Sponsor added 2636, 2782, 2935, 2968; 2nd R. 2981; 3rd R. 3030; Rec. V. 2982; Amd. 2981; Point of Order 2942

H. 3864 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Hardee, McGinnis, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Ligon, Wetmore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-20, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, SALESPERSONS, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE LICENSURE FOR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RENTAL OR MANAGEMENT OF THREE OR MORE PROPERTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-240, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER REGULATING REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 1393; Co-Sponsor removed 1647

H. 3865 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEDUCTION FOR AMOUNTS EARNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-4915 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IS NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN.

Int. & Com. 1393

H. 3866 -- Reps. Pace and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-32, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ADULT SEEKING TO ENROLL A CHILD IN PUBLIC SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN VALID AND CURRENT GOVERNMENT-ISSUED MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF THE ADULT.

Int. & Com. 1394; Co-Sponsor added 1515

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H. 3867 -- Reps. Pope, Martin and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-15-10, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AUTHORIZED TO PURCHASE ANNUITY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTS MUST OFFER CERTAIN INVESTMENT OPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 1394

H. 3868 -- Reps. J. Moore, Grant, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, Rivers and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO REQUIRE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS BEFORE ANY SALE, EXCHANGE, OR TRANSFER OF FIREARMS IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; TO REQUIRE NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS AT GUN SHOWS AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND TO EXEMPT RECORDS KEPT FROM DISCLOSURE AS PUBLIC RECORDS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ARTICLE.
Int. & Com. 1394; Co-Sponsor added 1433, 1763

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.
Int. & Com. 1394; Rep. Com. 2906; 2nd R. 3008; 3rd R. 3033; Rec. V. 3009

H. 3870 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-130 SO AS TO ADOPT "THE AGREEMENT AMONG THE STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 7-19-70, 7-19-80, 7-19-90, 7-19-100, AND 7-19-120 ALL RELATING TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.
Int. & Com. 1395

H. 3871 -- Reps. Erickson and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PALMETTO ACCESS TO HIGHERED (PATH) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-17 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PATH SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.
Int. & Com. 1395

H. 3872 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT-MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

Int. & Com. 1395; Rep. Com. 1891; Co-Sponsor added 1978; 2nd R. 2000; 3rd R. 2018; Rec. V. 2000; Amd. 2000; Op. 2002

H. 3873 -- Reps. Erickson, Crawford, Bernstein, Calhoon and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-3-35, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF FINGERPRINT AND DNA IDENTIFICATION KITS THROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE THE DISTRIBUTION MANDATORY INSTEAD OF UPON REQUEST.

Int. & Com. 1395

H. 3874 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-15-90, RELATING TO FEES OF ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL CHARGES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULES AND RELATED SYSTEMS.

Int. & Com. 1396

H. 3875 -- Reps. Gagnon, Burns, Cromer and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PERINATAL INTEGRATION ACT OF 2025"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-89-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS THAT INTEGRATE MIDWIVES AND BIRTHING CENTERS INTO THE ORGANIZATION OF PERINATAL LEVELS OF CARE.

Int. & Com. 1396; Co-Sponsor added 1538

H. 3876 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bailey, Kirby, Oremus, Hardee, Hayes, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Rutherford, B. L. Cox, Henderson-Myers and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-72 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF RETAILER, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OPERATING AS AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY AND TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND REMITTING CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES IMPOSED ON ACCOMMODATIONS AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-510, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE GROSS PROCEEDS OF PERSONS ACTING AS MERCHANTS OF RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-520, RELATING TO THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF CERTAIN IMPOSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-570, RELATING TO REMITTING THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TAX IS TO BE COLLECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-630, RELATING TO THE BEACH PRESERVATION FEE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-7-30,

RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN UNIFORM SERVICE CHANGES ON ACCOMMODATIONS BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS TAX AND TO REQUIRE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND THE STATE TREASURER OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE FEE.

Int. & Com. 1396; Rep. Com. 3472; Co-Sponsor added 3246, 3536; Co-Sponsor removed 4001; 2nd R. 4174; Rec. V. 4176; Amd. 4175; Proposed Amd. 4175; D. A. 3767; Req. Deb. 4012; Point of Order 3686, 4176

H. 3877 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Int. & Com. 1397; Rep. Com. 3280; 2nd R. 3359; 3rd R. 3403; Rec. V. 3359; Rat. 4245

H. 3878 -- Reps. Gilliam, Rankin and Willis: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 779 OF 1988, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 55 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Int. & Com. 1397; Rep. Com. 3280; 2nd R. 3361; 3rd R. 3404; Rec. V. 3361; Rat. 4245

H. 3879 -- Reps. Edgerton, Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. MIKE HAMLET UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS FORTY-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST NORTH SPARTANBURG AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 1408

H. 3880 -- Reps. King, McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL OF WINNSBORO, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1409

H. 3881 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHAYLA BOWERS FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING THE TITLE OF ROYALTY USA JUNIOR TEEN 2025

Int. & Adopted 1409

H. 3882 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

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Int. & Adopted 1410

H. 3883 -- Reps. Brewer, Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Gatch, Holman, Murphy, Robbins, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES LEE "CHUCK" BRYANT OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1411

H. 3884 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE

THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1411

H. 3885 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1412

H. 3886 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN JOHN MCMAHAN, SUPERVISOR OF THE FIREARMS AND DRIVING RANGE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE WHILE REPRESENTING THE PALMETTO STATE AT NUMEROUS SHOOTING EVENTS.
Int. & Adopted 1413

H. 3887 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRADEN WILSON, AN EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 1414

H. 3888 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.
Int. & Adopted 1414

H. 3889 -- Reps. Hartz, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SWIMMERS AND THEIR COACHES ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 1416; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1427

H. 3890 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1415

H. 3891 -- Reps. Moss, T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BROOME HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1416

H. 3892 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR A SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON TAKING HOME THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1425

H. 3893 -- Reps. Hiott, Bowers and Collins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 153 AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 IN PICKENS COUNTY "SENATOR LARRY A. MARTIN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1426; Rep. Com. 1892; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2600; Adopted 2011

H. 3894 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ITS MISSION TO CONNECT, ENGAGE, PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE GREATER GREER BUSINESS COMMUNITY; TO COMMEND LEADERSHIP GREER AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND HONOR ITS GOALS OF INCREASING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, PRODUCING COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND ENHANCING BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS CONNECTIONS; AND TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, AS "LEADERSHIP GREER DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1489

H. 3895 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

CONGRATULATE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AT THE CELEBRATION OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1489

H. 3896 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DEACON ROBERT JAMISON OF CALHOUN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1490

H. 3897 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES FOR THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY PLAY IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR STATE BY DESIGNATING FEBRUARY 13, 2025, AS ELECTRIC CO-OP DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE, AND TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE FOR THEIR HELP IN RESTORING POWER AFTER HURRICANE HELENE.
Int. & Adopted 1491

H. 3898 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE STEPHANIE E. WORKMAN, THE REIGNING MISS PLUS AMERICA ELITE 2024-2025 AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AS SHE COMPLETES HER REIGN FOCUSING ON HER PLATFORM, "LET'S TALK ABOUT IT," CENTERED ON MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS.
Int. & Adopted 1491

H. 3899 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER THE LEGACY OF BISHOP TOMMY WILLIAM SANDERS, PASTOR OF THE HOLY PLACE CHURCH IN CHESTER.
Int. & Adopted 1492

H. 3900 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER THE LEGACY OF MARY ALICE SANDERS, PASTOR OF THE HOLY PLACE CHURCH IN CHESTER.
Int. & Adopted 1492

H. 3901 -- Reps. Robbins, Murphy, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF HARRY GATCH OF SUMMERVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1493

H. 3902 -- Reps. Hardee, Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS AND COACHES OF THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A REMARKABLE 2024 SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 1500; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1636

H. 3903 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LEGENDARY BRIARHOPPERS AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE GROUP'S NINETY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THIS STORIED BLUEGRASS BAND MANY MORE YEARS OF CONTINUED SUCCESS.
Int. & Adopted 1493

H. 3904 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KENNETH SINGLETON FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF

SINGLETON'S BARBERSHOP TO HIS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1494

H. 3905 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PASTOR VENUS YOUNG OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FAITHFUL MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD AND HIS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1495

H. 3906 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF MARVIN DAVID LONG JR. OF LORIS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1495; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1636

H. 3907 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bannister, Willis, Pedalino, Vaughan, T. Moore, Montgomery, B. L. Cox, Holman, Wooten, Lawson, Collins, Mitchell, Yow, Wickensimer, Gilliam, Rankin, M. M. Smith, Davis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HONOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO THE SPOUSE

OR DEPENDENT OF A FIRST RESPONDER COVERED BY SUCH A PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-470, RELATING TO LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO ADD AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-110, RELATING TO WAIVED TUITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ALSO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN WAIVED TUITION.

Int. & Com. 1501; Co-Sponsor added 1763, 1978, 3246

H. 3908 -- Reps. Bernstein, Davis and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MULTIFAMILY DWELLING SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MULTIFAMILY DWELLING INSPECTORS AND SPECIAL INSPECTORS; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ADOPTING A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE TO SET MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BALCONY RAILINGS THAT ARE PRIMARILY CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND ARE LOCATED IN MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CODE; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF SUCH BALCONIES TO ASCERTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE A PROPERTY OWNER A FEE FOR INSPECTIONS MADE TO ENFORCE THE CODE; TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY AUTHORIZE WAIVERS OR EXEMPTIONS UNDER THE CODE; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 1502

H. 3909 -- Reps. Bernstein and Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-615 SO AS TO PAY ELIGIBLE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE IN EXCESS OF FORTY-FIVE DAYS.

Int. & Com. 1502

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION AND EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION THEREAFTER FOR CERTAIN

MATTERS.
Int. & Com. 1503; Rep. Com. 2906; 2nd R. 3038; 3rd R. 3131; Rec. V. 3038, 4045; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4044; Conc. & Enr. 4044; Rat. 4245

H. 3911 -- Reps. Davis and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-330, RELATING TO THE USE OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX, SO AS TO ALLOW PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING.
Int. & Com. 1503

H. 3912 -- Reps. Teeple, Landing, Hartnett and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-350, RELATING TO THE CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED IN THE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVIEW AND REVISION PROCESS FOR STATE SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS TO ENSURE THE STANDARDS TAKE A TRADITIONAL APPROACH TO HISTORY, TO SPECIFY QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND REVISING THE STANDARDS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 1503

H. 3913 -- Reps. Wooten, Gagnon and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SLED EXECUTIVE PROTECTION UNIT," TO PROVIDE ITS JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1503; Co-Sponsor added 1978

H. 3914 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bailey, W. Newton, Hardee, McGinnis, Atkinson, Hayes and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PATRONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNTS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OR A TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE.
Int. & Com. 1504; Com. 3064; Recalled 3064

H. 3915 -- Reps. Gilreath, Kilmartin, Edgerton, Huff, Cromer, Frank and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN AIR ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY; TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1504; Co-Sponsor added 1873

H. 3916 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Kilmartin, Beach and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS AND HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE TABLETS.

Int. & Com. 1504; Co-Sponsor added 1538, 1873, 3128

H. 3917 -- Reps. Guest, Hartnett, Hardee, Bailey, McGinnis, Schuessler, Brittain, Crawford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ARLENE G. BURCH OF HORRY COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. NAVY DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED A LIVING LEGEND BY THE MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Int. & Adopted 1496

H. 3918 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CROSS SCHOOLS CHEERLEADING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2024 JV CLASS 1A/2A GAME DAY EXPERIENCE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1497

H. 3919 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR REVEREND DR. M. KEITH MCDANIEL SR. PASTOR OF MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR FIFTEEN YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO THE CONGREGATION.
Int. & Adopted 1498

H. 3920 -- Reps. Huff, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELLEN WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF BETTERING THE EDUCATION OF STUDENTS IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE PRINCIPAL SHAWN MCCAIN, THE STUDENTS, AND THE FACULTY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 1498

H. 3921 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ON "SOUTH CAROLINA

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM DAY" ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING AND TRAINING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE FOR HIGH-DEMAND, SKILLED JOBS IN OUR STATE.
Int. & Adopted 1500; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1743

H. 3922 -- Reps. Gilliard, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MR. LOUIS L. SMITH, A COMMUNITY LEADER AND SOCIAL ACTIVIST WHOSE WORKS HAVE MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF SO MANY IN HIS SUMMERVILLE HOMETOWN.
Int. & Adopted 1499

H. 3923 -- Reps. Gilliard, Rivers, Williams, Luck and Anderson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "HIGH SPEED PURSUIT ALTERNATIVE STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBITY OF EQUIPPING SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL VEHICLES WITH LAUNCHER DEVICES THAT PROPEL GPS TRACKING GADGETS THAT ATTACH THEMSELVES ONTO CRIMINAL SUSPECTS' VEHICLES.
Int. & Com. 1504

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Henderson-Myers and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1504; Rep. Com. 2815; Co-Sponsor added 1732, 1763, 2936; Co-Sponsor removed 1763, 2035, 2684; 2nd R. 3083; 3rd R. 3165; Rec. V. 3087; Amd. 3083, 3087; Req. Deb. 3003

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow, B. Newton and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING

SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.
Int. & Com. 1505; Rep. Com. 3102; Co-Sponsor added 3190; 2nd R. 3210; 3rd R. 3249; Rec. V. 3213; Amd. 3211; Point of Order 3143

H. 3926 -- Reps. Hiott, B. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hewitt, Bannister, T. Moore, Mitchell, Pedalino, B. J. Cox, Caskey, Neese, Gilliam, Teeple, Bowers, Davis, Gatch, W. Newton, Ligon, M. M. Smith, Pope, Crawford and Guest: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "COMMISSION ON FISCAL RESTRAINT AND GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; TO PRIORITIZE SPENDING CUTS AND ESTABLISH A DATE THAT THE SPENDING CUTS MUST BE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPORT ON THE COMMISSION'S OTHER DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS; AND TO SUNSET THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 1505; Co-Sponsor added 1538, 1568, 1732

H. 3927 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, Pace, Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, Magnuson, Cromer, Huff and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ENDING ILLEGAL DISCRIMINATION AND RESTORING MERIT-BASED OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO TITLE 1, CHAPTER 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROMOTE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE, EXCELLENCE, AND HARD WORK; AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY.
Int. & Com. 1506; Rep. Com. 2587; Co-Sponsor added 1538, 2034; Co-Sponsor removed 2684; 2nd R. 2822; 3rd R. 2949; Rec. V. 2886; Amd. 2876; Proposed Amd. 2698, 2709, 2823, 2827, 2831, 2833, 2835, 2836, 2838, 2840, 2842, 2845, 2847, 2849, 2850, 2852, 2854, 2855, 2857, 2859, 2861, 2863,

2865, 2866, 2871, 2873, 2874; D. A. 2709, 2801; Req. Deb. 2664; Op. 2698, 2805; Point of Order 2664, 2881; Reconsidered 2804

H. 3928 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY PROVIDING RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICES TO REFLECT CHANGES IN EXPENSES, REVENUES, INVESTMENTS, DEPRECIATION, AND OTHER CHANGES IN REVENUES AND EXPENSES; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO CHALLENGE THESE ADJUSTMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL MATTERS INCLUDING A PROVISION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITONAL STAFFING FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES UNDER THIS ARTICLE TO BE FUNDED BY ASSESSMENTS ON EACH ELECTRIC UTILITY REGULATED UNDER THE ARTICLE.
Int. & Com. 1506

H. 3929 -- Reps. King and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-990 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY MAINTAIN CANTEENS AT ALL PRISONS OR INSTITUTIONS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION THAT MUST BE SUBJECT TO AUDITS BIENNIALLY.
Int. & Com. 1507; Rep. Com. 3425; 2nd R. 3577; 3rd R. 3733; Rec. V. 3577; Op. 3579

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus, Hartz, Pope, Mitchell, Yow, Forrest, Hixon, Taylor, W. Newton, Teeple, Pedalino, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1507; Rep. Com. 2813; Co-Sponsor added 1873, 2034, 2936, 2968, 3027; Co-Sponsor removed 2748; 2nd R. 3081; 3rd R. 3165; Rec. V. 3082; Req. Deb. 2995; Point of Order 2946

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.
Int. & Com. 1507; Rep. Com. 3106; Co-Sponsor added 1903, 3027; 2nd R. 3252; 3rd R. 3364; Rec. V. 3254; Amd. 3252, 3253

H. 3932 -- Rep. Pedalino: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.
Int. 1507; 2nd R. 1633; 3rd R. 1653; Rec. V. 1633; Rat. 3381

H. 3933 -- Reps. Mitchell and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-36-1330, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEVEN-MEMBER BOARD AND TO CHANGE THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE.
Int. 1508; 2nd R. 1634; 3rd R. 1653; Rec. V. 1634; Rat. 3382

H. 3934 -- Reps. Hardee, Schuessler, McGinnis, King, Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bannister, Bauer, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Chumley, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Spann-Wilder, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten, Yow, Wickensimer, Reese, Hartz, Stavrinakis, Hart, Gilreath, Taylor, Kilmartin, Rutherford, Haddon, Edgerton, Duncan, Neese, Bernstein, Henderson-Myers, Rose, Ballentine, Moss, Huff, Montgomery, Terribile, Forrest, Beach, Bradley, White, Willis, Waters, Martin, Long, Govan, Gilliard, Bamberg and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-295 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PURPOSES OF COST SHARING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-2270 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE FOR PURPOSES OF COST SHARING.
Int. & Com. 1508; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 1903, 1978, 2035, 2683, 2968, 3027, 3128, 3246, 3403, 3449; Co-Sponsor removed 3758

H. 3935 -- Reps. Gatch, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE CONSUMABLE HEMP LICENSING AND REGULATION ACT BY ADDING CHAPTER 81 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1508; Co-Sponsor added 2936, 2968

H. 3936 -- Rep. Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-82 SO AS TO CREATE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION INFORMATION REWARD FUND TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO PROVIDE A FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR REWARD TO EACH RESIDENT OF THIS STATE THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION TO SLED'S ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT THAT LEADS TO THE APPREHENSION AND DEPORTATION OF AN ILLEGAL ALIEN IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Com. 1509

H. 3937 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA VENOMOUS REPTILES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 47 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OF VENOMOUS REPTILES WITHOUT A PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERMITTING OF VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR LAWFUL HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION OF VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFEKEEPING VENOMOUS REPTILES, TO PERMIT FOR THE SEIZURE OF VENOMOUS REPTILES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT, TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT, TO ESTABLISH THE LIABILITY OF THE PERMITTEE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REGULATIONS, AND TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1517

H. 3938 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CHARLESTON ROAD IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF PIANO ROAD TO THE DARLINGTON/FLORENCE COUNTY LINE "DR. MELVIN LEROY HOWARD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1517; Rep. Com. 2772; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3417; Adopted 2891

H. 3939 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MYLINDA NETTLES, FORMER CLERK OF COURT FOR HAMPTON COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1524

H. 3940 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOY SHANNON PRYOR OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1524

H. 3941 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2025, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.
Int. & Adopted 1529; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1970

H. 3942 -- Reps. Govan, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY ANN WILLIAMS HENDERSON OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1529; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1637

H. 3943 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Davis, Lawson, M. M. Smith, Holman, Williams, Gilliam, Neese, Brewer, Kirby, Rivers and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR DISABLED VETERANS.
Int. & Com. 1530; Co-Sponsor added 3027

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Int. & Com. 1530; Rep. Com. 3102; 2nd R. 3203; 3rd R. 3248; Rec. V. 3204; Amd. 3203; Point of Order 3142

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Caskey and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATING, CAPTURING, HUNTING, OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Int. & Com. 1530; Rep. Com. 1892; Co-Sponsor added 1978; Recom. 2042; Point of Order 2002

H. 3946 -- Reps. McCabe, Herbkersman, Hardee, Atkinson, Pedalino, Burns, Haddon and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS CONSTRUCTING FARM BUILDINGS OR PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS WITH LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE USED ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK OR STORAGE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE LIMITATION TO FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND TO INCLUDE POULTRY AMONG THE QUALIFYING USE PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 1530

H. 3947 -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, McCabe, Vaughan and Taylor: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-340, RELATING TO BIENNIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL BY THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE NONRESIDENT BROKERS AND NONRESIDENT ASSOCIATES WHO SUCCESSFULLY SATISFY CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR JURISDICTION OF RESIDENCE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS STATE WITH APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-345 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LICENSEES WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSE MAY APPLY FOR LICENSE RENEWAL IF THEY WERE IN GOOD STANDING, WERE LICENSED IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, AND WERE AT LEAST SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF EXPIRATION, TO PROVIDE SUCH APPLICANTS FOR RENEWAL MUST PAY A RENEWAL FEE, AND TO EXEMPT LICENSEES MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Int. & Com. 1531; Rep. Com. 1890; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 1979; 2nd R. 1995; 3rd R. 2017; Rec. V. 1995, 3697; Op. 1997; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 3696; Conc. & Enr. 3696; Rat. 3996

H. 3948 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Chapman, Gagnon, Luck, Weeks, Alexander, Bauer, Bernstein, Vaughan, Pedalino, Govan, Wickensimer, Willis and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-

95 SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.
Int. & Com. 1531; Co-Sponsor added 2636, 2821, 2936, 2968, 3027, 3128

H. 3949 -- Reps. King, Duncan and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 1531; Rep. Com. 3343; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 3449; 2nd R. 3461; 3rd R. 3543; Rec. V. 3461; Point of Order 3409

H. 3950 -- Reps. Hixon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-65-40, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE AS PROFESSIONAL SOIL CLASSIFIERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS PERFORMING SOIL EVALUATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTIONAL ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE ENGINEERS MUST HAVE CERTAIN TRAINING, BONDING, AND INSURANCE.
Int. & Com. 1531; Rep. Com. 3387; Co-Sponsor added 2161; 2nd R. 3480; 3rd R. 3543; Rec. V. 3482; Amd. 3480

H. 3951 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, M. M. Smith, Guffey, Cobb-Hunter, Oremus, McDaniel, Sessions, W. Newton, Guest, Rutherford, Crawford and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2025" BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3137 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION LIMITING THE INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX VALUE FOLLOWING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST WHEN THE PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO A CERTAIN SIX PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO.
Int. & Com. 1532

H. 3952 -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Int. & Com. 1532; Rep. Com. 1856; 2nd R. 1908; 3rd R. 1981; Rec. V. 1908; Rat. 2568

H. 3953 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.
Int. & Com. 1532

H. 3954 -- Reps. Guffey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE NORTHWESTERN HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1525

H. 3955 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANNSLEY VICK FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL POISE, TALENT, AND BEAUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS FOR 2025.
Int. & Adopted 1526

H. 3956 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF OTTO WAYNE CORLEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1527

H. 3957 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ON ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE SUPPORT IT PROVIDES TO SCHOOL BOARDS AND PUBLIC EDUCATION ACROSS THE STATE.

Int. & Adopted 1527

H. 3958 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LAKE MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF LEXINGTON ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE SCHOOL MANY MORE YEARS OF PROVIDING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE COMPLETE AND SUCCESSFUL LIVES AS FUTURE LEADERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Int. & Adopted 1528

H. 3959 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

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Int. & Adopted 1549

H. 3960 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE PICKENS COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER AS ONE OF THE LEADING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTERS IN THE SOUTHEAST, AND FOR BEING RANKED NUMBER ONE IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES.
Int. & Adopted 1550

H. 3961 -- Reps. Holman, Robbins, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN OF RIDGEVILLE AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO HONOR THE TOWN FOR ITS RICH HISTORY AND GROWTH.
Int. & Adopted 1550

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H. 3962 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1551

H. 3963 -- Reps. Terribile, Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE WIN.

Int. & Adopted 1552

H. 3964 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

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Int. & Adopted 1552

H. 3965 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MAE BLACKWELL GLOVER OF ORANGEBURG, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1553

H. 3966 -- Reps. Davis and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-61-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A DIRECT PRIMARY CARE AGREEMENT IS NOT A CONTRACT OF INSURANCE AND TO DEFINE TERMS.
Int. & Com. 1554

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman, Hixon, Duncan and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE "BIOMASS" AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1554; Rep. Com. 3386; 2nd R. 3468; 3rd R. 3543; Rec. V. 3468

H. 3968 -- Reps. Landing, Taylor, Teeple, Hartnett, Bustos, M. M. Smith, J. L. Johnson, Hager, McCravy, McGinnis, Wickensimer, Luck, Hixon, Gilliam, Wooten, Sessions,

Robbins, Dillard, Jones, Vaughan, Williams, Spann-Wilder, Neese, Cobb-Hunter, Garvin, Rankin, Mitchell, T. Moore, Brittain, Guest and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS AND TO REQUIRE THE SC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO ADD DETAILED PLANS REGARDING HARDENING ALL CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSES OR GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCES, TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL UTILITY DISTRIBUTORS IN THIS STATE TO OFFER PROGRAMS TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE/GEOMAGNETIC DISTURBANCE PROTECTION FROM THE UTILITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT PLANS THROUGH THE CUSTOMERS' MONTHLY BILLS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR GRANTS; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MAKE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1555; Co-Sponsor added 1568, 1647

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.
Int. & Com. 1555; Rep. Com. 1972; 2nd R. 2037; 3rd R. 2063; Rec. V. 2037; Rat. 4245

H. 3970 -- Reps. Jones, King, J. L. Johnson, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Gilliard, Howard, Clyburn, Hosey, Spann-Wilder, Dillard, Bauer, Reese and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "UNIVERSITY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND INCENTIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-163 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES AND ESTABLISHING A TRANSPARENT APPROVAL PROCESS.
Int. & Com. 1555; Co-Sponsor added 1732

H. 3971 -- Reps. Ligon, Haddon, Martin and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ESTABLISHMENT THAT HOLDS A RETAIL LICENSE TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE MUST ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS.
Int. & Com. 1556

H. 3972 -- Reps. Hosey, Govan and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 389 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY FROM THE TOWN OF NEESES TO THE ORANGEBURG/AIKEN COUNTY LINE "BENJAMIN F. CORBETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1554; Rep. Com. 1893; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3729; Adopted 2011

H. 3973 -- Rep. Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

SO AS TO REVISE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' DISTRICTS CONSTITUTING THE DISTRICTS WHICH COMPRISE HOUSE DISTRICT RESIDENCY SEATS ON THE BOARD.
Int. & Com. 1556; Rep. Com. 1749; 2nd R. 1904; 3rd R. 1980; Rec. V. 1904; D. A. 1873; Point of Order 1823; Rat. 4246

H. 3974 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein, Erickson, Schuessler, Bauer, Guffey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Int. & Com. 1556; Rep. Com. 3657; Co-Sponsor added 2062, 2968, 3028; 2nd R. 3769; 3rd R. 4003; Rec. V. 3775; Amd. 3769

H. 3975 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR H. E. FARDOWSA OSMAN EGAL, MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND CIVIL AVIATION IN SOMALIA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO SOMALIA.
Int. & Adopted 1664

H. 3976 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson,

Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PROFESSOR PAUL MAPFUMO, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ZIMBABWE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY, HIS UNIVERSITY, AND HIS STUDENTS.
Int. & Adopted 1664

H. 3977 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MUSTAFA YASIN SHEIKH, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY IN SOMALIA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS SUCCESSFUL SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY.
Int. & Adopted 1665

H. 3978 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN STATESMAN THE HONORABLE LEFOKO MAXWELL MOAGI, IMMEDIATE PAST MINISTER FOR MINERALS AND ENERGY IN BOTSWANA.
Int. & Adopted 1666

H. 3979 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN EDUCATOR PROFESSOR BARNABAS NAWANGWE, VICE CHANCELLOR OF MAKERERE UNIVERSITY IN UGANDA.

Int. & Adopted 1666

H. 3980 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN STATESMAN HIS EXCELLENCY SEN. DOUYE DIRI, GOVERNOR OF BAYELSA STATE IN NIGERIA.

Int. & Adopted 1667

H. 3981 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor,

Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE NANI JUWARA FOR SPEARHEADING THE ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCE TRANSFORMATION OF THE GAMBIA AS ITS MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, ENERGY AND MINES.
Int. & Adopted 1668

H. 3982 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR 7SUNDAY AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE ONGOING, GENEROUS, AND EFFECTUAL WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION.
Int. & Adopted 1668

H. 3983 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELLON VIVIAN GILLIARD BACOTE OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1669

H. 3984 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest,

Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN BUSINESS LEADER HIGH CHIEF DR. SEINYE LULU-BRIGGS, EXECUTIVE CHAIR OF MONI PULO LIMITED, IN NIGERIA.
Int. & Adopted 1670

H. 3985 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 20, 2025, AS PACE DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL IN HONOR OF THE PACE CENTER FOR GIRLS' TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE ON BEHALF OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN NEED.
Int. & Adopted 1670

H. 3986 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM AS PART OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM OF

CONSERVATION FUNDING.
Int. & Adopted 1671

H. 3987 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1672

H. 3988 -- Reps. Collins, Caskey, Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 15, 2025, AS "VISION QUEST DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND HEREBY ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO REALIZE EVERY MINUTE COUNTS..
Int. & Adopted 1672

H. 3989 -- Reps. McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CAROLINA FOREST HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1673

H. 3990 -- Reps. G. M. Smith and Weeks: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARRIETTE "SISTER" HEATH WIMBERLY, FOUNDER OF FRIENDS OF SWAN LAKE GARDENS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1674

H. 3991 -- Reps. Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE NIGHTS OF MARCH THROUGH MAY AND AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER AS "LIGHTS OUT NIGHTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA SEASON" AND TO URGE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS TO TURN OUT NONESSENTIAL LIGHTS AT NIGHT DURING THESE CRITICAL PERIODS IN THE SPRING AND FALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1674

H. 3992 -- Reps. Reese, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST SARAH MAE FLEMMING BROWN, A NATIVE OF EASTOVER.
Int. & Adopted 1675

H. 3993 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SODA CITY FOOTBALL CLUB AND COACHES FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE FALL 2024 UNITED PREMIER SOCCER LEAGUE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1675

H. 3994 -- Reps. Gilliard, Rivers, Hosey, Cobb-Hunter, Clyburn, Williams, Govan, Spann-Wilder, Bernstein, Henderson-Myers, Garvin, Jones, Bauer and Dillard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NATION OF SUDAN.
Int. & Com. 1676

H. 3995 -- Rep. McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUNYON THOMPSON FAMILY TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOMMIE LEE AND EUNICE SHELTON THOMPSON, GETHSEMANE SCHOOL, AND GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH.
Int. & Adopted 1676

H. 3996 -- Reps. Sessions and Chapman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1250, RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1240, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE.
Int. & Com. 1677; Rep. Com. 3170; Co-Sponsor added 3028; 2nd R. 3255; 3rd R. 3364; Rec. V. 3256; Rat. 4246

H. 3997 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Holman, M. M. Smith and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES KILLED WHILE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-90, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDER" FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARD PAYMENTS BY THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-130-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDER" IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES.
Int. & Com. 1677

H. 3998 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1600, RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR SALES BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INVITEES OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY CONSUME ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS SOLD BY THE DRINK.
Int. & Com. 1678

H. 3999 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE VI AND SECTION 1A, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BOTH RELATING TO DUAL OFFICE HOLDING, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY OFFICE HOLDER OR APPOINTEE WHOSE POSITION IS WHOLLY UNCOMPENSATED, EXCEPT FOR PER DIEM AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT AS MAY BE PROVIDED BY LAW, IS EXEMPT FROM DUAL OFFICE HOLDING PROVISIONS.
Int. & Com. 1678

H. 4000 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy, W. Newton, Duncan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR

ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.
Int. & Com. 1678; Rep. Com. 3426; Co-Sponsor added 2969; 2nd R. 3579; 3rd R. 3733; Rec. V. 3584; Amd. 3580, 3583; Op. 3585

H. 4001 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Davis, Bustos, Holman, Hartnett, Landing and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 1679; Co-Sponsor added 1732

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 1679; Rep. Com. 1749; 2nd R. 2124; 3rd R. 2155; Rec. V. 2126; Amd. 2124; D. A. 1874, 1906, 2063, 2088; Op. 2127; Point of Order 1824

H. 4003 -- Reps. Vaughan, Willis, Burns, B. J. Cox and Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PROVIDE REFUSE, GARBAGE, OR TRASH COLLECTING SERVICES OUTSIDE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AFTER JUNE 30, 2026, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SUCH SERVICES PROVIDED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN EXISTING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION MAY DEVELOP CERTAIN PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CERTAIN USE RESTRICTIONS, AND TO REVISE THE ANNEXATION AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSION SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE OF FREEHOLDERS REQUIRED FOR A PETITION TO REQUEST SUCH ANNEXATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1679; Rep. Com. 1749; 2nd R. 1906; 3rd R. 1981; Rec. V. 1907, 4149; Amd. 1906; D. A. 1874; Point of Order 1824; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4149; Conc. & Enr. 4149; Rat. 4246

H. 4004 -- Reps. Wooten, Davis, W. Newton, Pope and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF NONALCOHOLIC HEMP-DERIVED BEVERAGES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1680

H. 4005 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Crawford, Long, Hixon, Hartnett, Teeple and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2930, RELATING TO OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO AMEND THE PENALTY PROVISIONS TO PERMIT SENTENCES OF BOTH

FINES AND INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE CONVICTED PERSONS TO ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANELS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2933, RELATING TO DRIVING WITH UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PERMIT SENTENCES OF BOTH FINES AND INCARCERATION AND TO REQUIRE CONVICTED PERSONS TO ATTEND DUI VICTIM IMPACT PANELS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES NOTHING IN THE SECTION REQUIRES INSTALLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES PRIOR TO CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2945, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SECOND DEGREE, ESTABLISH PENALTIES, AND DEFINE THE TERM "MODERATE BODILY INJURY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2947, RELATING TO CHILD ENDANGERMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSES OF RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND RECKLESS DRIVING AS VIOLATIONS SUBJECT TO A CHARGE OF CHILD ENDANGERMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2950, RELATING TO IMPLIED CONSENT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED, AND TEST SITES THAT CAN BE USED WHEN PERSONS ARE SUBJECTED TO TESTS FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, TO PROVIDE THAT LABORATORY TECHNICIANS, PHLEBOTOMISTS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS MAY OBTAIN BLOOD OR URINE SAMPLES, TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSIONS OF DRIVING PRIVILEGES THAT MUST BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE IF PERSONS REFUSE TO BE TESTED AND IF PERSONS HAVE CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT ESTABLISHES ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PERSONS INCAPABLE OF REFUSING TO CONSENT TO TESTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF LICENSES FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING OR FOR CERTAIN LEVELS OF ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED LICENSE SUSPENSIONS MAY INSTALL IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AND OBTAIN TEMPORARY DRIVERS' LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS WHO REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS MUST HAVE THEIR DRIVERS' LICENSES SUSPENDED FOR ONE YEAR FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE INCREASED SUSPENSIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES, OR IF PERSONS TAKE THE TESTS AND REGISTER ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS OF OVER FIFTEEN ONE-HUNDREDTH OF ONE PERCENT OR MORE, THAT THEIR LICENSES ARE SUSPENDED FOR TWO MONTHS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2953, RELATING TO INCIDENT SITES AND BREATH TEST SITES FOR VIDEO RECORDING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO COMPEL OR AUTHORIZE A DISMISSAL OF A DUI OFFENSE IF THE OFFICERS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE STATUTE AND THAT MOTIONS FOR SUPPRESSION OF EVIDENCE UNDER THE STATUTE MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO JEOPARDY ATTACHING; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2920, RELATING TO RECKLESS DRIVING, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY AND RECKLESS DRIVING RESULTING IN MODERATE BODILY INJURY AND TO ESTABLISH

PENALTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2960 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS CONVICTED OF FELONY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE CAUSING THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MAY BE ORDERED TO PAY CHILD SUPPORT AS RESTITUTION FOR THE DURATION OF ANY PROBATION ORDERED, PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE, OR BOTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-286, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS OR THE DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONS ISSUED NOTICES OF SUSPENSIONS MAY OBTAIN TEMPORARY LICENSES WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-400, RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES PERSONS OBTAIN IGNITION INTERLOCKS UNLESS THE OFFENSES ARE ALCOHOL RELATED.
Int. & Com. 1680; Co-Sponsor added 2123, 2748

H. 4006 -- Reps. Teeple, Crawford, Hartnett, Bustos, B. Newton, Landing, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MUST BE OPEN; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT A PROPERTY OWNER FROM DISPLAYING CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT IMPLEMENT FINES FOR AN EXPIRED TAG ON PARKED VEHICLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-1-60, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS TO FLY THE UNITED STATES FLAG, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HOMEOWNERS AND TENANTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO FLY THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FLAG.
Int. & Com. 1682

H. 4007 -- Reps. Pace, Harris, Frank, Magnuson, Edgerton, White, Cromer and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN WITH DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. ONE OR MORE COMBINED CYCLE NATURAL GAS UNITS AND RELATED FACILITIES AT THE CANADYS SITE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
Int. & Com. 1682

H. 4008 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Jones, Hosey, McDaniel, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Clyburn, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Gilliard, Anderson, Alexander, J. Moore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-175 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO IMPOSE A ONE-TIME IMPACT FEE ON PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FOR EACH NEW RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL UNIT CONSTRUCTED BY THE DEVELOPER WITHIN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED ONLY TO FUND THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND, AND TO

PROVIDE THAT DEVELOPERS WHO DEDICATE AT LEAST FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT TO LOW-INCOME HOUSING ARE EXEMPT FROM THE IMPACT FEE; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-250 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND" TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RELOCATION TO LOW-INCOME AND FIXED-INCOME INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES, AND GROUPS ADVERSELY IMPACTED AND DISPLACED BY GENTRIFICATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EACH YEAR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-5060, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY INDIVIDUALS BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD THE "SOUTH CAROLINA GENTRIFICATION TRUST FUND."
Int. & Com. 1683

H. 4009 -- Reps. Magnuson, Cromer, Gilreath, Harris, Edgerton, White, Beach, Terribile, Lawson, Rankin, Kilmartin, Morgan, Huff, Pace, Burns and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL PROCEDURES, MEDICAL TREATMENTS, VACCINES, AND OTHER MEDICAL CARE AND TO PROTECT THOSE PERSONS FROM DISCRIMINATION; TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FROM DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR VOICING CONCERNS ABOUT MEDICAL MANDATES OR TREATMENTS OR FOR ADVOCATING FOR PATIENTS' RIGHTS; TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION TO PROTECT HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS EXPERIENCING RETALIATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1683; Co-Sponsor added 1903

H. 4010 -- Reps. Gilreath, Huff, Cromer, Edgerton, Duncan, White, Frank and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CLEAN AIR ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTENTIONAL EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1684

H. 4011 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-70, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY DRIVERS' PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVER'S PERMIT" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "TEMPORARY DRIVING CERTIFICATE," AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPEDITED ISSUANCE OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS.

Int. & Com. 1684; Rep. Com. 2808; 2nd R. 2937; 3rd R. 2972; Rec. V. 2938; Amd. 2937

H. 4012 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-29-110, RELATING TO PALMETTOPRIDE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, AS A TWELFTH MEMBER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37-29-130, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS, AND THE RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS, BY PALMETTOPRIDE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PALMETTOPRIDE MUST FLOW THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.
Int. & Com. 1684

H. 4013 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Gilliam, Bailey, Guest and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE ONLY CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE HOW INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-786 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERMIT CERTAIN CAMERAS USED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ON NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY.
Int. & Com. 1685; Co-Sponsor added 2683

H. 4014 -- Rep. Bustos: AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND TO DELEGATE THE POWERS DEVOLVED UPON THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS BY ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 1685; Rep. Com. 1856; 2nd R. 2647; 3rd R. 2684; Rec. V. 2648; D. A. 1908; Rat. 3382

H. 4015 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Hosey, McDaniel, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Clyburn, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Gilliard, Jones, Alexander, Anderson, J. Moore and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3440, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYEE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AND TO ALLOW THE CREDIT TO BE APPLIED AGAINST OTHER TAXES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3595 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS THAT ARE EMPLOYED FULL TIME AS A CHILDCARE DIRECTOR OR CHILDCARE STAFF PERSON.
Int. & Com. 1685

H. 4016 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey,

Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1720

H. 4017 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN ALEXANDER-BANKS, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE AUNTIE KAREN FOUNDATION, FOR HER TWENTY-FIRST LEGENDS OF CONCERT SERIES.
Int. & Adopted 1721

H. 4018 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HARTSVILLE LIONS CLUB UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXPRESS THE UTMOST GRATITUDE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HARTSVILLE AND DARLINGTON COUNTY.

Int. & Adopted 1721

H. 4019 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ALVIN BURTON "BUCK" ROBERTS OF ANDERSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1722

H. 4020 -- Reps. Gatch, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Murphy, Robbins and Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY FURMAN TOUCHBERRY AND EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1723

H. 4021 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TRAVIS E. OVERTON FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FAMILY IN SUPPORT OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS SUDDEN PASSING.

Int. & Adopted 1724; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1810

H. 4022 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE W. PAUL PRINCE FOR HIS SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LORIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND FIRST RESPONDER AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF HORRY COUNTY.
Int. & Adopted 1724; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1810

H. 4023 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHORTY'S GRILL FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AS A CULINARY INSTITUTION IN LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1725; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1811

H. 4024 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. EDWARD ECKERT JR., DDS FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION TO HORRY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES.

Int. & Adopted 1726

H. 4025 -- Rep. House Ways and Means: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. 1816; 2nd R. 2507; 3rd R. 2576; Rec. V. 2165, 2166, 2167, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2273, 2274, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2355, 2357, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2380, 2381, 2383, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2395, 2405, 2409, 2412, 2415, 2416, 2420, 2421, 2429, 2431, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2443, 2446, 2449, 2450, 2452, 2454, 2459, 2462, 2465, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2472, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2478, 2481, 2485, 2487, 2488, 2501, 2505, 2507, 3851, 3854, 3886, 3888, 3890, 3891, 3893, 3895, 3897, 3898, 3900, 3901, 3903, 3905, 3907, 3910, 3912, 3913, 3915, 3918, 3919, 3921, 3926, 3929, 3932, 3935, 3936, 3939, 3942, 3944, 3947, 3949, 3950, 4255; Amd. 2423, 2424, 2442, 3817; S/A Amd. 3919, 3928, 3932, 3936, 3942, 3944, 3946; Proposed Amd. 2357, 2358, 2381, 2384, 2386, 2391, 2403, 2407, 2408, 2411, 2414, 2418, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2428, 2430, 2433, 2435, 2437, 2444, 2445, 2447, 2453, 2455, 2458, 2460, 2463, 2466, 2473, 2477, 2479, 2483, 2484, 2486, 2489, 2490, 2492, 2494, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2503, 2505, 3852, 3885, 3886, 3888, 3889, 3891, 3893, 3894, 3896, 3898, 3899, 3901, 3902, 3904, 3905, 3906, 3908, 3909, 3911, 3913, 3914, 3916, 3917, 3921, 3923, 3924, 3925, 3927, 3934, 3938, 3940, 3943, 3945, 3948, 3950; D. A. 1877, 3521; Op. 2164, 2402, 2406, 2421, 2455, 3855; Point of Order 2409, 2423, 2425, 2426, 2428, 2431, 2433, 2435, 2438, 2444, 2445, 2453, 2458, 2459, 2462, 2483, 2484, 2487, 2490, 2492, 2497, 2498, 2503, 3923, 3924, 3925, 3926, 3928, 3934, 3942; Enr. 4259; Con. Com. 4091; Rep. Con. Com. 4253; M. To S. 4091, 4255; M. from S. 4091, 4170, 4258; Rat. 4266

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H. 4026 -- Rep. House Ways and Means: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.
Int. 1817; 2nd R. 2564; 3rd R. 2576; Rec. V. 2564, 3959; D. A. 1878, 3521; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 3959; Conc. & Enr. 3959; Rat. 4246

H. 4027 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP DR. FLOYD A. KNOWLIN, OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1723

H. 4028 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 1726

H. 4029 -- Reps. Hartnett, Wetmore, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Brewer, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-10, RELATING TO REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME TO BE REPORTED.
Int. & Com. 1727

H. 4030 -- Reps. Chapman, Gagnon, Vaughan, Lawson, M. M. Smith, Sessions, Guffey, Brewer, Gilliam, Whitmire, Brittain, Hager, McGinnis, Davis, Collins, Hiott, Wooten and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Int. & Com. 1727

H. 4031 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-11-30 SO AS TO CREDIT CERTAIN FINES AND FEES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND WITHOUT ANY REDUCTIONS FOR TRANSFERS TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.
Int. & Com. 1727

H. 4032 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE 2024-2025 SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1750

H. 4033 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR A WINNING 2024-2025 SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 1750

H. 4034 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MINNIE INEZ RUFF CLOUD OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1751

H. 4035 -- Reps. Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AMANDA BENFIELD, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE LAURENS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1751

H. 4036 -- Reps. Hiott, Rutherford, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE INAUGURAL SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CONFERENCE AND THEIR EFFORTS TO REINFORCE PRINCIPLES OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE PALMETTO STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE ESSENTIAL IMPORTANCE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TO ANY AND ALL PEOPLE, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA, FIRST IN RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1752

H. 4037 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions, Terribile, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME MARK LEAVENS, PRESIDENT OF THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ASSOCIATION, AS HE VISITS THE TOWN OF CLOVER TO SUPPORT THE CLOVER HIGH SCHOOL PRIDE OF CLOVER MARCHING BAND WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO APPEAR IN THE 137TH ROSE BOWL PARADE IN PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, IN 2026.

Int. & Adopted 1753

H. 4038 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 26, 2025, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1754

H. 4039 -- Reps. White, Howard and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-5 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL NEW OR RENEWED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES IN THIS STATE TO INCLUDE A PROVISION REFERENCING THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TIME LIMIT FOR PURSUING A RESOLUTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-780 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY THE INSURED'S REASONABLE OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Int. & Com. 1756

H. 4040 -- Reps. Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DARRYL RAY GRIFFIN SR., CEO OF NEAL BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR THE BENEFICIAL IMPACT HE HAS HAD ON THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 1754

H. 4041 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND CHARLESTON NATIVE LINDA JEAN HARVEY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS AND A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HER COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 1755

H. 4042 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey, Harris, Hager, McCravy, Edgerton, Terribile and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS.

Int. & Com. 1756

H. 4043 -- Reps. Pace, Cromer, Gilreath and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD RAPIST DEATH PENALTY ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-655, RELATING TO

CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEATH PENALTY SHALL BE ENFORCED UNDER THIS SECTION NOTWITHSTANDING PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.
Int. & Com. 1756; Co-Sponsor added 3246

H. 4044 -- Reps. Collins, B. Newton, Erickson, Pedalino, Bustos, Gagnon, Rose, Gilliard, Lowe, Gilliam, Hewitt, Bauer, Cobb-Hunter, Guffey, Burns and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS CONCERNING APPROVED WRITTEN GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISED PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PRESCRIPTIVE PRACTICE AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-47-197 RELATING TO SUPERVISION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY PHYSICIANS AND DENTISTS.
Int. & Com. 1756; Co-Sponsor added 1763, 1822, 1903

H. 4045 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-36, RELATING TO DUTIES OF COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION AND CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHIEF LIBRARIANS AND OTHER LIBRARY STAFF.
Int. & Com. 1757

H. 4046 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE BALLOT BOXES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL DAY OF EARLY VOTING.
Int. & Com. 1757

H. 4047 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, M. M. Smith, Davis and Holman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK AND BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT CERTAIN GOLF COURSES.
Int. & Com. 1757

H. 4048 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 32-8-320 AND 32-8-325, BOTH RELATING TO CREMATION AUTHORIZATIONS AND PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A NOTICE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO CREMATION.
Int. & Com. 1757

H. 4049 -- Reps. White, Guffey, Williams, Wooten, Kilmartin, Atkinson, Lawson, Frank, Chapman, J. L. Johnson, Gibson, Yow, Bradley, Jones, Taylor and Hartz: A BILL TO

AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURERS MAY NOT REQUIRE INSUREDS TO USE CERTAIN FACILITIES TO REPAIR OR REPLACE DAMAGED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1758; Co-Sponsor added 1979

H. 4050 -- Reps. Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Bustos, Hartnett, Teeple, Sanders, Bauer, B. Newton and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 1758; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 1873, 1903

H. 4051 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PEGGY HILL OF ANDERSON, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1803

H. 4052 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACE PALMER OF NEWBERRY FOR HIS

EXTRAORDINARY INTELLIGENCE AND LOVE OF LEARNING WHICH HAVE GIVEN HIM MEMBERSHIP IN MENSA AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN HIS ACADEMIC PURSUITS AND BEYOND.
Int. & Adopted 1803

H. 4053 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND FRANK REED OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1804

H. 4054 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA'S ATHLETIC TRAINERS FOR THEIR HONORABLE WORK IN KEEPING THE COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 25, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC TRAINING DAY."
Int. & Adopted 1805

H. 4055 -- Reps. Bannister, Mitchell, Murphy, Robbins, Pope, Lawson, Brewer, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Erickson, Hardee, Calhoon and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS

STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2025, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.
Int. & Com. 1805; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 1873, 1904, 1979

H. 4056 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-840, RELATING TO AGE EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE FOR EXEMPTION FROM SIXTY-FIVE YEARS TO SEVENTY YEARS.
Int. & Com. 1806

H. 4057 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 12 TO CHAPTER 17, TITLE 58 ENTITLED "UTILITY FACILITIES CROSSING OR PARALLELING RAILROADS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH APPLICABILITY OF THE ACT; TO REQUIRE A UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION; TO PROVIDE STANDARDIZED FEES; TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE A DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISM THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 1806

H. 4058 -- Rep. Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR A PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING PROGRAM, TO OUTLINE INSURANCE AND LIABILITY PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.
Int. & Com. 1806

H. 4059 -- Reps. Bauer, Hosey, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Stavrinakis, Dillard, Wetmore, King, Spann-Wilder, Jones, Rivers, Gilliard, Anderson, Kirby, Luck, Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Grant and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FREEDOM TO READ PROTECTIONS AND RESPECT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST AUTONOMY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-55 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO AFFIRM CERTAIN RIGHTS CONCERNING STUDENT ACCESS TO DIVERSE AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE READING MATERIAL, TO PROVIDE THE RIGHT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS TO AUTONOMOUSLY MAKE CERTAIN DECISIONS ABOUT CURATING AND MAINTAINING MATERIALS IN THEIR SCHOOL LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER COLLECTIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR FORMAL CHALLENGES TO SUCH MATERIALS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED RIGHTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS WHEN PERFORMING RELATED PROFESSIONAL DUTIES IN GOOD FAITH.
Int. & Com. 1806

H. 4060 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT FORTY-TWO AND THREE QUARTERS

PERCENT OF THE NET DEPRECIATED VALUE OF BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 1807

H. 4061 -- Reps. Frank, Edgerton, Gilreath, Huff, Wickensimer, Hartz, Willis and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SNAP NUTRITION INTEGRITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL WAIVER TO ALLOW THE STATE TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE OF CANDY AND SOFT DRINKS WITH SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTIONS AND REPORTING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES RELATED TO APPLICATION FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAIVER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1807; Co-Sponsor added 1822, 1904

H. 4062 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY PATRIOTS ON NETTING THE 2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1814; Co-Sponsor removed 1823

H. 4063 -- Reps. Murphy, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Robbins and Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DALE NEVINS, INSPECTOR WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND UNWAVERING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1815

H. 4064 -- Reps. Duncan, Whitmire, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1815

H. 4065 -- Reps. Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHRIS WHITE, SENECA HIGH SCHOOL HEAD TRACK AND FIELD COACH, ON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 NATIONAL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD COACH OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS.

Int. & Adopted 1816

H. 4066 -- Reps. Harris, White, Magnuson, Gilreath, Morgan and Terribile: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASONS FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OPEN SEASON IN GAME ZONES 1 AND 2 FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND FIREARMS IS OCTOBER 11 THROUGH JANUARY 15.

Int. & Com. 1817

H. 4067 -- Reps. Davis, Sessions, Forrest and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

Int. & Com. 1817; Rep. Com. 2587; Co-Sponsor added 2636; 2nd R. 2660; 3rd R. 2685; Rec. V. 2660; Rat. 4247

H. 4068 -- Reps. Calhoon, Bernstein and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-285 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO THE SUSPENSION OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF, TO REQUIRE EFFORTS TOWARD MAINTAINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELEVANT DATA COLLECTION.
Int. & Com. 1817; Co-Sponsor added 2123

H. 4069 -- Reps. Sessions, Magnuson and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.
Int. & Com. 1817; Rep. Com. 2587; Co-Sponsor added 2035, 2636; 2nd R. 2661; 3rd R. 2685; Rec. V. 2663; Amd. 2661

H. 4070 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR JAMES M. HOLLOWAY SR. FOR HIS THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SALUDA SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED FULFILLMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1839

H. 4071 -- Reps. Landing, Hartnett, Williams, J. L. Johnson, Govan, Wickensimer, Sessions, Teeple and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DETERMINING WHEN AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TRANSFERS MADE AMONGST RELATED DESCENDANTS TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF THE HEIRS' PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 1840

H. 4072 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 17, 2025, AS NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES REGARDING THIS DEVASTATING DISEASE AND TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY IT.

Int. & Adopted 1857

H. 4073 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HELEN MUNNERLYN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Int. & Adopted 1857

H. 4074 -- Reps. Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

HONOR PASTOR JAMES C. WOODLEY OF GILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH IN COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT GILL CREEK AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 1858

H. 4075 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE A. FOSTER MCKISSICK III FOR BEING NOMINATED FOR THE 2025 TIME DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1859

H. 4076 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CYCLONES ON WINNING THE 2025 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1859

H. 4077 -- Reps. Bradley, Herbkersman, Erickson, Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLEVELAND "CLEVE" BRYAN OF DAUFUSKIE ISLAND ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
Int. & Adopted 1860

H. 4078 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF LANGRUM BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND RICHARD PICKERING SR. AND THE CONGREGATION FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YORK COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1861

H. 4079 -- Reps. Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN ALLAN ROGERS, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM A CAREER IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1861

H. 4080 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 28, 2025, AS "ROSENWALD SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1862

H. 4081 -- Reps. Kirby, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHUCK GREEN, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AT SUMTER'S QUIXOTE CLUB, ON RECEIVING THE CAROLINAS GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION'S HIGHEST HONOR, THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1862

H. 4082 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR JEFF WILSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1864; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2013

H. 4083 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS AND TO DECLARE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1865

H. 4084 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. KEITH MILLER, PRESIDENT OF GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1866; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2013

H. 4085 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION OF THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS AND TO COMMEND THEM AND THEIR BATTALION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY DURING WORLD WAR II.

Int. & Adopted 1867; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2014

H. 4086 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1867; Rep. Com. 1893; Adopted 2012

H. 4087 -- Reps. Martin, Pope and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "EXEMPT COMMERCIAL POLICIES"; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 105 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS OFFERING LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ESTABLISH RISK-BASED PRICING, TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Int. & Com. 1868; Co-Sponsor added 1904

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

Int. & Com. 1868; Rep. Com. 1972; 2nd R. 2039; Rec. V. 2039; Rat. 3382

H. 4089 -- Rep. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BOOSTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL STARTUPS (BOSS) ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-532 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX FOR CERTAIN SMALL BUSINESSES.

Int. & Com. 1868

H. 4090 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 22-5-940 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE OF ONE MAGISTRATE'S LEVEL OFFENSE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PROSECUTOR OR PROSECUTING OFFICER.

Int. & Com. 1868

H. 4091 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS

CERTAIN PERSONS FROM DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT THE INSTALLATION OF IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES.
Int. & Com. 1869

H. 4092 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Beach, Edgerton, White, Huff, Harris, Gilreath, Teeple, Duncan and B. J. Cox: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 2025 FOR HANDGUNS, RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND AMMUNITION.
Int. & Com. 1869

H. 4093 -- Reps. Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JAMES "CHUCK" EPPS JR., SUPERINTENDENT OF FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-NINE YEARS OF VISIONARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1863

H. 4094 -- Reps. Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAIN BRYAN ANDREW YALE, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1864

H. 4095 -- Reps. Kirby, Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE RUSSELL GLOVER FOR HIS INDUCTION INTO THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF HALL OF FAME.

Int. & Adopted 1894

H. 4096 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hosey, Howard, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Luck, King, J. Moore, Reese, Rivers, Rutherford, Spann-Wilder, Weeks and Williams: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PHOTOGRAPHER CECIL J. WILLIAMS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR CAPTURING THE IMAGES OF SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND FOR PRESERVING THAT HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

Int. & Adopted 1894

H. 4097 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BIG DAVE'S CHEESESTEAKS ON THE GRAND OPENING OF THEIR FIRST FRANCHISE LOCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1895

H. 4098 -- Reps. Moss, Lawson and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1085 AND 9-11-225, BOTH RELATING TO EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATES

UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYER, UP TO CERTAIN LIMITS, MAY ELECT TO PAY ALL OR A PORTION OF REQUIRED EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DURING A FISCAL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-10 AND 9-11-10, BOTH RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINITIONS AND TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINITIONS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHAT IS NOT EARNABLE COMPENSATION AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS PAID BY AN EMPLOYER ARE ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS OR AGGREGATE CONTRIBUTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-260, RELATING TO DEPOSIT OF ASSETS IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID BY THE EMPLOYER IN LIEU OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1020, 9-1-1160, AND 9-11-210, ALL RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EMPLOYER MAY PICK UP CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT DESIGNATED AS AN EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 1895

H. 4099 -- Reps. Moss and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE SALARY AND RELATED EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SALARY SUPPLEMENT AMOUNT AND TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO ADMINISTER THE APPROPRIATED AMOUNTS.
Int. & Com. 1896

H. 4100 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO REMOVE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1896

H. 4101 -- Reps. White, Williams and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-410 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN INSURANCE POLICY COVERING A PERSON OPERATING A RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLE IS PRIMARY TO OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND MUST BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE RECOVERING UNDER ANOTHER POLICY.
Int. & Com. 1897

H. 4102 -- Reps. Caskey, Hewitt, Bauer, Guest, Wooten, Wetmore, M. M. Smith, Guffey, Teeple, Hartnett, Sanders, Duncan, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-91 SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON POSSESSING AN NPDES PERMIT WHICH ALLOWS THE

DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO STATE WATERS TO POST A SIGN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SIGN, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

Int. & Com. 1897; Co-Sponsor added 1979

H. 4103 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, B. Newton, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bauer, Collins, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Herbkersman, Holman, Hosey, Howard, J. E. Johnson, Kilmartin, Kirby, Lawson, Magnuson, McCabe, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Oremus, Rivers, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, M. M. Smith, Taylor, White, Wooten, Bailey, Gilliam, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Wetmore, Bowers, Landing, Weeks, Hixon, Bernstein, Beach, Erickson, Vaughan, Chapman, Yow, Caskey, Bustos, Ligon, Wickensimer and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-37-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY MAY ISSUE RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER MEMBER LICENSES TO OPTOMETRISTS FROM OTHER STATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISION, DURATION, AND REGULATION OF SUCH LICENSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-10, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-30, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-40, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS TO MEET EDUCATIONAL AND COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-245, RELATING TO EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, SO AS TO ALLOW EXAMINATION EQUIVALENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-290, RELATING TO THE PURCHASING, PRESCRIBING, AND ADMINISTERING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF SUCH MEDICATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-310, RELATING TO REFERRALS FOR TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA AND PROVISION OF SURGERY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-330, RELATING TO USE OF OPTOMETRISTS' SERVICES AUTHORIZED FOR AGENCY AND SCHOOL-REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OPTOMETRISTS MAY PROVIDE VISION OR EYE CARE SERVICES AT A SCHOOL IF APPROVED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-420, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN LICENSEES, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS LICENSED AS OPTOMETRISTS IN THIS STATE MAY CONTINUE PRACTICING UNDER

CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT THAT SUCH PERSONS LICENSED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, MUST FULFILL CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN TREATMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-79-30, RELATING TO PROVISIONS LIMITING LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS UNDER MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE LAWS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PATIENTS, AND TO INCLUDE OPTOMETRISTS AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDED IN THESE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-30-310, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRISTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-37-300 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING PHARMACIES OR SELLING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS, AND DISPENSING CONTACT LENSES.

Int. & Com. 1967; Co-Sponsor added 1979, 2035, 2063, 2124, 2161, 2401, 2637, 2683, 3758; Co-Sponsor removed 2161, 2783, 3029

H. 4104 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025, AS "CLEMSON DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1961

H. 4105 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JESSE ELLISON OUTEN JR.

OF CHERAW AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1962

H. 4106 -- Reps. Crawford, Cobb-Hunter, Edgerton, Wetmore, Terribile, Spann-Wilder, Oremus, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel, Landing, Pedalino, Erickson, Davis, Schuessler, Dillard, Cromer, Holman, Calhoon, Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Duncan, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, TO SALUTE THE MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND GIRL SCOUTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025, GIRL SCOUT DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1963

H. 4107 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025, "LINKS DAY AT THE CAPITOL" AND TO RECOGNIZE SOUTHERN AREA DIRECTOR VANESSA FALLS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTERS OF THE LINKS INC.
Int. & Adopted 1963

H. 4108 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A TRULY REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1964

H. 4109 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

Int. & Adopted 1965

H. 4110 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRANCIS A. "QUINN" LAWTON V, SERGEANT MAJOR IN THE UPSTATE YOUNG MARINE UNIT, OF HAMPTON COUNTY

AND CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE DIVISION 2 YOUNG MARINE OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 1965

H. 4111 -- Reps. Williams, Mitchell, Luck, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON ITS HISTORIC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AND CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS, AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2025, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 24-AUGUST 31, 2025, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.
Int. & Adopted 1966; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2046

H. 4112 -- Reps. Pace, Burns, Magnuson, Reese, Forrest, Haddon, Hixon and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-70 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE RAISING AND POSSESSING OF CHICKEN HENS AND QUAIL HENS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 1969

H. 4113 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1972

H. 4114 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, B. L. Cox, Holman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE HENRY EDWARD BROWN JR. OF HANAHAN FOR HIS SIXTEEN YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 99 IN BERKELEY COUNTY, AS WELL AS HIS TEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST DISTRICT AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1973

H. 4115 -- Reps. Vaughan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF AND GAIN PREVENTION EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS OF TOPICAL STEROID DEPENDENCE AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AS TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN

SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2024

H. 4116 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2025

H. 4117 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MILDRED EARLINE ROBERTS OF TRAVELERS REST ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 2025

H. 4118 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DOROTHY NELSON BONNER OF CLARENDON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 2026

H. 4119 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2025 AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURY IN THE STATE AND NATIONALLY, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BRAIN INJURIES.

Int. & Adopted 2027; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2599

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 2027; Rep. Com. 2726; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4231; Adopted 2799

H. 4121 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Calhoon, Kilmartin, White and Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS FROM THE 220TH BLOCK TO THE 460TH BLOCK OF CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEDICATED IN THE

HONOR OF THE VETERANS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY."
Int. & Com. 2028; Rep. Com. 2726; Adopted 2800

H. 4122 -- Rep. Clyburn: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
Int. & Com. 2028

H. 4123 -- Reps. Cromer, Gilreath, Huff, White, Terribile, Ballentine, Yow, Mitchell, McGinnis, Hardee, Willis, B. J. Cox, Hager, M. M. Smith, Chumley, Long, Ligon, Moss, Lawson, Bowers, Frank, Pace, McCravy, Gibson, Oremus, Vaughan, Caskey, Wooten, Kilmartin, Rankin, Beach, Edgerton, Sanders, McCabe, Magnuson, Burns, Wickensimer and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITIES ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ARTICLE REGARDING OBSCENITY LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "HARMFUL TO MINORS" AND "MATERIAL" TO INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF MATERIALS AND PERFORMANCES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED OBSCENE, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROFANE LANGUAGE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS, DEFENSES, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE PROVIDED BY THE STATUTE ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF AGE-APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION AND HUMAN BIOLOGY CURRICULUM.
Int. & Com. 2029; Co-Sponsor added 2683, 2748, 2782, 2821, 3028

H. 4124 -- Reps. Pope and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14950, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPAIGNS, SO AS TO ADD AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.
Int. & Com. 2029

H. 4125 -- Reps. Spann-Wilder, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer,

Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BLACKVILLE NATIVE HELEN PEEPLES SINGLETARY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2049

H. 4126 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GOLDIE ABSON DAVIS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 2050

H. 4127 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LORIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING WINNING SEASON IN REGION V CLASS AAA.
Int. & Adopted 2051

H. 4128 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ESTES LANE IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-20-60 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH LANDIS ROAD "MARY

LUCILLE KENNEDY MCDANIEL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2051

H. 4129 -- Reps. Brewer, Guffey, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Teeple, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Mitchell, Stavrinakis, Pedalino, Brittain, Hayes, Guest, Luck, Atkinson, Bamberg and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.
Int. & Com. 2052; Rep. Com. 3656; Co-Sponsor added 2124, 3247; 2nd R. 4013; 3rd R. 4155; Rec. V. 4014; Amd. 4013; Point of Order 3768

H. 4130 -- Reps. Oremus, Long, Gagnon, Hartz, McCravy and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS FROM DESIGNATING MISCARRIAGES AS AN ABORTION IN PATIENT MEDICAL RECORDS.
Int. & Com. 2052; Co-Sponsor added 2063

H. 4131 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Williams, Kirby, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO. INC. SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING DIVISION FOR PRODUCING THE PRODUCT THAT WON THE 2024 COOLEST THING MADE IN SOUTH CAROLINA CONTEST BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE.
Int. & Adopted 2082

H. 4132 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025.

Int. & Adopted 2083

H. 4133 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CRISIS RECOVERY NETWORK COORDINATED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD, TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NETWORK, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE NETWORK AS A TRUSTED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE TO KNOW THEY MAY CALL UPON IT IF THE NEED ARISES.

Int. & Adopted 2084; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2565

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

Int. & Com. 2085; Rep. Com. 3102; Co-Sponsor added 2782, 2936; 2nd R. 3205; 3rd R. 3248; Rec. V. 3209; Amd. 3205; Point of Order 3142

H. 4135 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 24 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "VISION CARE PLANS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND REGULATE VISION CARE PLANS.

Int. & Com. 2085

H. 4136 -- Reps. Govan, King, Bailey, Schuessler, Jones, Bustos, Cobb-Hunter and

Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE A STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND REVIEW ALL PRIOR REPORTS AND STUDIES CONDUCTED SINCE 2015 WHICH PERTAIN TO THE REGULATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DAMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 2085

H. 4137 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Caskey, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Wooten and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-3920, RELATING TO BINGO TAX ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITIONS OF "VETERANS' TRUST FUND" AND "VETERANS' ORGANIZATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4020, RELATING TO CLASSES OF BINGO LICENSES, SO AS TO ADD A CLASS G LICENSE FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4030, RELATING TO ENTRANCE FEE SURCHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CLASS G LICENSE HOLDER MAY IMPOSE A CERTAIN ENTRANCE FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4070, RELATING TO DOMICILES REQUIRED FOR LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE DOMICILED IN THIS STATE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD BEFORE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4190, RELATING TO BINGO CARD CHARGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CHARGE AND RETAIN CERTAIN FEES.
Int. & Com. 2085; Rep. Com. 3422; 2nd R. 3556; 3rd R. 3731; Rec. V. 3561; Amd. 3556; Op. 3556, 3562; Point of Order 3556

H. 4138 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LEGAL GUARDIANS OF MINOR OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ARE ENTITLED TO A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ON ONE PERSONAL MOTOR VEHICLE.
Int. & Com. 2086

H. 4139 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASON FOR ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO CHANGE THE END OF CERTAIN SEASONS FROM JANUARY FIRST TO JANUARY FIFTH.
Int. & Com. 2086

H. 4140 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND EARLY VOTING DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION BEFORE A STATEWIDE PRIMARY.
Int. & Com. 2086

H. 4141 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-70, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE INVESTIGATION LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN INVESTIGATOR OR IN A ROLE WITH INVESTIGATION DUTIES IN THE MILITARY SERVICE WITH THE UNITED

STATES ARMED FORCES.
Int. & Com. 2086

H. 4142 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMITS.
Int. & Com. 2087

H. 4143 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-140, RELATING TO BODILY INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE LIMITS FROM TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 2087

H. 4144 -- Reps. W. Newton, Jordan, J. E. Johnson, T. Moore, Lawson, Bernstein, Caskey, Bauer, Govan, Brittain, Montgomery and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-190, SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF MAIL THEFT AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 2087; Co-Sponsor added 2124

H. 4145 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bannister, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Kirby, Teeple, Gilliam, Bauer, Wetmore, Gilliard, J. Moore, Bustos and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF BEING VICTIMS OF A RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CRIME.
Int. & Com. 2087; Co-Sponsor added 2124, 2637, 2782

H. 4146 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, W. Newton, Davis, Guest, Wetmore, B. Newton, Herbkersman, Sanders, Bauer and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-275 SO AS TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO MAKE CHANGES TO DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS BY ORDINANCE, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 2087; Co-Sponsor added 2124; 2637, 3247

H. 4147 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-26-290 SO AS TO REQUIRE CREDIT UNIONS TO POST ALL FEES AND CHARGES THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A MEMBER.
Int. & Com. 2088

H. 4148 -- Rep. Hart: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 26 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO HEALTHCARE PROVIDED AND PAID FOR BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Com. 2088

H. 4149 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-5-120 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CREDITORS AND DEBT COLLECTORS FROM REPORTING CONSUMER DEBT OBTAINED FROM SERVICES RENDERED AT SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL FACILITIES, AND TO PROHIBIT CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES FROM INCLUDING SUCH DEBT ON A CONSUMER REPORT.
Int. & Com. 2088

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 BETWEEN S. OLD PIEDMONT HIGHWAY AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 185 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.
Int. & Com. 2105; Rep. Com. 2727; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3120; Adopted 2800

H. 4151 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Robbins, Mitchell, Pope, Gagnon, Taylor, Whitmire, B. Newton, Vaughan, Chapman, M. M. Smith, J. E. Johnson, Yow, Bustos, Landing, Gibson, McCravy, Gilliam, Hager, Rankin, Schuessler, Teeple, Erickson, Herbkersman, Hartnett, Wooten, Lawson, Long and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD" OR "JUVENILE," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR MINORS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN VIOLENT CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 2106

H. 4152 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AS "STO PROGRAMS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER-FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE.
Int. & Adopted 2110

H. 4153 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2111

H. 4154 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2112

H. 4155 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF THE FOUNDING OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 12, 2025, AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2112

H. 4156 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WEST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2113; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2566

H. 4157 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DIVISION FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.

Int. & Adopted 2114; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2566

H. 4158 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME OLD DIBBLE ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM BANKS MILL ROAD TO WOODWARD DRIVE "DR. CHARLIE TIMMERMAN MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2114; Rep. Com. 2727; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3417; Adopted 2800

H. 4159 -- Reps. Pedalino and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS MAY DESIGNATE CERTAIN LAND AS NATIVE AMERICAN RESERVATIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE PREVIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 31 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."
Int. & Com. 2115

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT NINE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, THIRTEENTH, TWELFTH, FIFTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS.
Int. & Com. 2115; Rep. Com. 2814; Co-Sponsor added 2748, 2969; 2nd R. 2996; 3rd R. 3032; Rec. V. 3000; Amd. 2998; Proposed Amd. 2996; Point of Order 2947; Rat. 4247

H. 4161 -- Reps. Burns, Huff, Gilreath, Cromer, Duncan, White, Oremus, Lawson, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Frank, Terribile, Haddon, Sanders, Yow, Rankin, Gilliam, McCabe, Mitchell and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-36 SO AS TO DECLARE THAT LIFE BEGINS AT THE MOMENT OF CONCEPTION.
Int. & Com. 2115; Co-Sponsor added 2161

H. 4162 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-100, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ANYTHING OF VALUE" OR "THING OF VALUE."
Int. & Com. 2115

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M. M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Herbkersman, B. J. Cox, Collins, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Brewer, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire, Teeple, Guest and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 2116; Co-Sponsor added 2401, 3128, 3190; Co-Sponsor removed 2402, 2749

H. 4164 -- Reps. Weeks, B. Newton, Sanders, Dillard, Jones and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3531 SO AS TO ALLOW A TAX CREDIT TO A TAXPAYER THAT INVESTS IN A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OR IN A COMMUNITY FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.
Int. & Com. 2116; Co-Sponsor added 2637, 2684, 2821, 3403

H. 4165 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, Holman and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO TITLE THE ARTICLE "NON-OPIOID TREATMENTS FOR PAIN MANAGEMENT," TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT.
Int. & Com. 2116; Rep. Com. 3661; Amd. 4071; Proposed Amd. 4071; D. A. 4153; Req. Deb. 3794; Op. 4070

H. 4166 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-92 SO AS TO PROVIDE A SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND TIMELY OPTION FOR STUDENTS TO PREVENT UNINTENDED PREGNANCIES BY ENSURING THAT ALL PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THIS STATE HAVE ACCESS TO LEVONORGESTREL/PLAN B, AN EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTIVE, THROUGH THE SCHOOL NURSE OR, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SCHOOL NURSE, ANOTHER DESIGNATED ADMINISTRATOR, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEVONORGESTREL/B PURSUANT TO THIS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR PARTIES INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 2117

H. 4167 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION OF MEDICAL EXPENSES INCURRRED ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE TREATMENT OR CARE FOR DEMENTIA.
Int. & Com. 2117

H. 4168 -- Reps. Forrest, Hartz and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 5-31-1610 AND 5-31-1620 SO AS TO EXEMPT PROPERTY FROM CONNECTING TO MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY WATER OR SEWER SYSTEMS IF THE SYSTEM LACKS CAPACITY TO EXTEND SERVICES TO THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN ANY MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY LIMITS TO INSTALL A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IF IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL FOR THE PROPERTY OWNER THAN CONNECTING TO THE MUNICIPAL WATER OR SEWER SYSTEM.
Int. & Com. 2117; Com. 2697; Recalled 2697

H. 4169 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-85, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF DENTISTS, DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO DEFINE A NECESSARY TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-80, RELATING TO ACTS CONSIDERED TO BE THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, SO AS TO EXPAND SERVICES THAT LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS MAY PERFORM WITHOUT SUPERVISION OR WITH GENERAL SUPERVISION, AND TO PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENISTS PRACTICING INTERDEPENDENTLY IN PUBLIC HEALTH SETTINGS WITHOUT SUPERVISION MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS PROVIDERS BY MEDICAID AND OTHER PAYERS AND MAY BE DIRECTLY REMIBURSED BY SUCH PAYERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-102, RELATING TO THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF DENTAL HYGIENISTS BY DENTISTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN OVERSIGHT REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND REVERSIBLE PREVENTIVE CARE IN CERTAIN SETTINGS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 2118

H. 4170 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON

CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2149

H. 4171 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2150

H. 4172 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RICHARD PERRY PINCKNEY, PROFESSOR EMERITUS AT LANDER UNIVERSITY, AND TO EXPRESS DEEPEST APPRECIATION FOR HIS BROAD EXPERTISE AND SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2150

H. 4173 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey,

Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO TOM F. HUDSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 2151

H. 4174 -- Reps. B. Newton and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE "RELATED PERSON"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-80, RELATING TO THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, SO AS TO SPECIFY RELATED PERSONS THAT MAY BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH BY A QUALIFYING BUSINESS.
Int. & Com. 2152

H. 4175 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Pope, Ligon and Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1125 SO AS TO EXCLUDE WAGES EARNED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE CALCULATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME AND TO PROHIBIT THE WITHHOLDING OF TAXES ON SUCH WAGES.
Int. & Com. 2152

H. 4176 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Rutherford, Rose, Robbins, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bamberg, Govan, Grant, Kirby, Alexander, Garvin, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "I-95 ECONOMIC AND EDUCATION STIMULUS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 36 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMING COMMISSION THAT MAY AWARD CASINO LICENSES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.
Int. & Com. 2152; Rep. Com. 3525; Co-Sponsor added 2401, 2969, 3537, 4000; Co-Sponsor removed 4125; D. A. 3719; Cont. 4051

H. 4177 -- Reps. Whitmire, Duncan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE WALHALLA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2025 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON A SUPERB SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 2570

H. 4178 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASON HOWLE, A SENIOR WRESTLER FOR GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR A SPECTACULAR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CAREER.
Int. & Adopted 2571

H. 4179 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY SUZANNE "ZAN" CHAPPELL EDMUNDS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 2571

H. 4180 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2024-2025 YEAR, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025, AS "4-H DAY" AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

Int. & Adopted 2572

H. 4181 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HATTIE ANN DUBOSE ON THE OCCASION OF HER 62ND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 2573

H. 4182 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MIKE CALLAHAN FOR HIS FIVE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO DUKE ENERGY AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CORPORATION'S SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PRESIDENT AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN HIS NEW POSITION AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER OF DUKE ENERGY.

Int. & Adopted 2573

H. 4183 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ORA LEIGH BEATY ELVIS OF HORRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 2574

H. 4184 -- Rep. Teeple: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INDIGO HILL ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 174 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CLARK ROAD "GENO MIDDLETON ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 2588; Rep. Com. 3281; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4231; Adopted 3373

H. 4185 -- Reps. Wooten and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-56-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-1, RELATING TO POLICIES AND PURPOSES CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS, SO AS TO RESTATE PUBLIC SAFETY GOALS OF POLICIES FOR THE MANUFACTURE, STORING, PURCHASE, SUPPLY, AND

SALE OF PYROTECHNICS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REVISE BOARD COMPOSITION AND MEETING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-35, RELATING TO LICENSES REQUIRED FOR THE MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR STORING OF FIREWORKS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED FOR THE MANUFACTURING, SELLING, DEALING, DISTRIBUTING, OR STORING OF PYROTECHNICS AND FIREWORKS, AND TO REVISE RELATED LICENSING AND PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-70, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE THE DUTIES TO INCLUDE CERTAIN DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OF VIOLATIONS BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF INVESTIGATION RESULTS AND SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED POWERS NECESSARY FOR THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD HAS JURISDICTION OVER ACTIONS OF ENTITIES OR INDIVIDUALS, IN ADDITION TO LICENSEES AND FORMER LICENSEES, FOUND TO VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 56, TITLE 40; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-120, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY GROUNDS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE BOARD, SO AS TO EXPAND THE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF PRIVATE REPRIMANDS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINAL ORDERS WITH FINDINGS OF VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-130, RELATING TO LICENSE DENIAL BY THE BOARD BASED ON THE ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY REFUSE TO ISSUE LICENSES OR PERMITS IN SUCH SITUATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-140, RELATING TO LICENSE DENIAL BY THE BOARD BASED ON FINDINGS OF A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DENIALS OF PERMITS UPON SUCH A FINDING; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-150, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PYROTECHNICS BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOLDERS OF PERMITS ISSUED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-220, RELATING TO FACILITIES THAT MUST COMPLY WITH CERTAIN REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS DO NOT WAIVE CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS, TO INCLUDE FIREWORKS DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZED AGENTS OF THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF THESE FACILITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-230, RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR RETAIL FIREWORKS SALES LICENSES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH INSURANCE COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF HAVING A WHOLESALE LICENSE

ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO STORE DISPLAY FIREWORKS, SO AS TO ADD PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS FOR STORING ARTICLES PYROTECHNIC, TO PROVIDE HOLDERS OF PYROTECHNIC OPERATOR LICENSES ISSUED BY THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY OBTAIN A DISPLAY MAGAZINE PERMIT FROM THE BOARD FOR THE STORING OF DISPLAY FIREWORKS AT A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE DISPLAY SITE WITHOUT OBTAINING A WHOLESALE LICENSE FROM THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE ONLY LICENSED WHOLESALERS MAY DISTRIBUTE FIREWORKS FOR DISPLAYS, AND TO REVISE STORING REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPLAY FIREWORKS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-250, RELATING TO ORDERS OF THE BOARD TO REMOVE OR CORRECT HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A THIRTY-DAY LIMIT FOR COMPLIANCE, TO ADD CERTAIN PENALTIES, AND TO REMOVE REMAINING PENALTIES AND PROCESSES FOR VIOLATIONS TO CONFORM TO THE ADDITION OF OTHER PENALTIES AND PROCESSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-56-260, RELATING TO REPORTS OF FIRES OR EXPLOSIONS TO THE BOARD BY REGULATED PARTIES, SO AS TO REMOVE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND INSTEAD PROVIDE THAT LICENSEES AND PERMITTEES MUST REPORT IN WRITING ANY UNAUTHORIZED INCIDENT OF EXPLOSION OR FIRE INVOLVING FIREWORKS TO THE BOARD WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF THE OCCURRENCE.

Int. & Com. 2589

H. 4186 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-365 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PORTABLE COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN, OR NAIL TECHNICIAN OPERATIONS BY CERTAIN PERSONS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITTING AND OPERATING SUCH PORTABLE OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PERSONS AND PRACTICES REGULATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO ADD A NECESSARY DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PORTABLE OPERATIONS AND PERSONS PROVIDING EXPRESS STYLING SERVICES BUT NO SERVICES REQUIRING LICENSURE BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING PERSONS AND PRACTICES REGULATED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RESTRICTION OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING MAKEUP ARTISTRY OR PERSONS PROVIDING EXPRESS STYLING SERVICES BUT NO SERVICES REQUIRING LICENSURE BY THE BOARD; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-230, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ESTHETICIAN, SO AS TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CLASS HOURS IN SKIN CARE AND TO EXEMPT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ESTHETICIAN PROGRAMS BEFORE JULY 1, 2024 FROM THIS INCREASED

REQUIREMENT.
Int. & Com. 2591

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: AN ACT TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.
Int. & Com. 2592; Rep. Com. 3100; 2nd R. 3128; 3rd R. 3180; Rec. V. 3129; Op. 3130; Rat. 3382

H. 4188 -- Reps. Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES BY CORONERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNCLAIMED REMAINS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE, AND TO AUTHORIZE CORONERS TO RELEASE REMAINS TO FAMILY MEMBERS, RATHER THAN THE NEXT OF KIN, WHEN THE NEXT OF KIN IS CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OR OTHERWISE UNCOOPERATIVE IN CLAIMING REMAINS.
Int. & Com. 2592

H. 4189 -- Reps. Davis and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44-1-280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-

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H. 4190 -- Reps. Wooten, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KENNETH HARRISON "KEN" LESTER SR. OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

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H. 4191 -- Reps. Burns, Gilreath, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

CONGRATULATE MARY ELIZABETH MARTIN EMBLER ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 2610

H. 4192 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SARAH WITHERSPOON NASH WILSON OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2611

H. 4193 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARSHA CLAYMAN GARRETT, FOUNDER OF THE LOWCOUNTRY SENIOR NETWORK, FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO THE SENIOR COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2612

H. 4194 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL DAZZLERS DANCE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DANCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, AMONG OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
Int. & Adopted 2612

H. 4195 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PEE DEE ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS 2025 WIN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE LADY GOLDEN EAGLES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE OVERALL RECORD OF FOUR STATE TITLE WINS.
Int. & Adopted 2613

H. 4196 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer,

Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIVERBANKS BOTANICAL GARDEN ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2614

H. 4197 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR STATE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES AND ITS LEADERS AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2614

H. 4198 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE RAGIN PREPARATORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE PLAYERS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY ON WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 2615

H. 4199 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey,

Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2616

H. 4200 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESTERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACH, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 2617

H. 4201 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton,

Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR COACH ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 2617

H. 4202 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS TO THE PALMETTO STATE.
Int. & Adopted 2618

H. 4203 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2619

H. 4204 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns,

Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2619

H. 4205 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 2620

H. 4206 -- Rep. Bauer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENVILLE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY AVAILABLE COMMITTEE HEARING ROOMS IN THE BLATT BUILDING FOR ITS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 2621

H. 4207 -- Rep. B. Newton: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2621

H. 4208 -- Rep. B. Newton: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DANNY HYATT, A PARAMEDIC WITH THE LANCASTER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 PARAMEDIC OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 2621

H. 4209 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOYCE CAROLYN CALIFF WILDER OF MANNING AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2622

H. 4210 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FORTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2025 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM IN THE ALL-USA ACADEMIC TEAM COMPETITION FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, AND JUNIOR COLLEGES, SPONSORED BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE

STUDENTS' SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.
Int. & Adopted 2627; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2765

H. 4211 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ESSENTIAL VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE PLANTS TO THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENT, LANDSCAPE, AGRICULTURE, HISTORY, AND ECONOMY, AND TO ENCOURAGE STATE AGENCIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO USE NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING, EROSION CONTROL, AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO PROMOTE THE VIABILITY OF MIGRATORY AND NONMIGRATORY POLLINATORS AND TO HELP TO PRESERVE SOUTH CAROLINA'S UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA.
Int. & Adopted 2628; Rec. V. 3266; Conc. 3266; M. To S. 3268

H. 4212 -- Reps. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE ANDERSON DISTRICT ONE AND DISTRICT TWO CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER CULINARY TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 21ST ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA PROSTART INVITATIONAL TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2629; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2766

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Int. & Adopted 2630; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2806

H. 4214 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAJOR CHRISTINA C. HARRIS, USAF, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO HER COUNTRY, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 2630; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2766

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H. 4217 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 2622

H. 4218 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

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Int. & Adopted 2623

H. 4219 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2624

H. 4220 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE HEATHWOOD HALL SHOTGUN TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE

2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION/SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR SPORTING CLAYS.
Int. & Adopted 2624

H. 4221 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THADEUS GERSTENACKER OF CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL'S WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA/A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.
Int. & Adopted 2625

H. 4222 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OFFICER WADE EADDY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE JOHNSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS NINETEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF JOHNSONVILLE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2626

H. 4223 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Teeple, Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey,

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Int. & Adopted 2627

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Int. & Adopted 2631

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Int. & Adopted 2673

H. 4226 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF.

Int. & Adopted 2673

H. 4227 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE QUINTON GERSTENACKER OF THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA/A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.

Int. & Adopted 2674

H. 4228 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND KEN DILL, CHAPLAIN EMERITUS FOR SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM AS HE

RETIRES AFTER DECADES OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2675

H. 4229 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAN YARBOROUGH, WREN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA REGION AAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 2675

H. 4230 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FRAN CAMPBELL, WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2676

H. 4231 -- Rep. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD TO PROVIDENCE ROAD "LEONARD L. PRICE MEMORIAL LANE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 2677; Rep. Com. 3282; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4073; Adopted 3374

H. 4232 -- Reps. Yow, Luck, Mitchell, Hayes, Lowe, Williams, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF RONALD BENJAMIN HENEGAN SR. OF MARLBORO COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2727

H. 4233 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE REVEREND A. L. BRACKETT ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, TO CELEBRATE HIS SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 2728

H. 4234 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL CHESS TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2729

H. 4235 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARYANN C. RILEY OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2730

H. 4236 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ANNA MARY FURTICK RIVERS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Int. & Adopted 2730

H. 4237 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GLORIA GARDNER MCEWEN OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 2731

H. 4238 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND HONOR WALTER P. RAWL & SONS, INC., A RECOGNIZED SOUTH CAROLINA LEADER IN THE PRODUCTION OF FRESH VEGETABLES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMPANY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Int. & Adopted 2732

H. 4239 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COURTNEY A. TKACS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT BODY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2732

H. 4240 -- Reps. McCravy and Gibson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GREATER GREENWOOD UNITED MINISTRY AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY, TO THANK THIS FINE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS THREE DECADES OF WORTHY SERVICE, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING IN SERVING THE GREENWOOD COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2733

H. 4241 -- Reps. McCravy and Gibson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MT. LEBANON METHODIST CHURCH OF GREENWOOD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2733

H. 4242 -- Rep. Chumley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 417 IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE ENOREE RIVER TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "OLD ANTIOCH CHURCH WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2734; Rep. Com. 3281; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4229; Adopted 3373

H. 4243 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2734; Rep. Com. 3281; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4073; Adopted 3373

H. 4244 -- Rep. Bernstein: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEDIATRICIANS, PEDIATRIC SUBSPECIALISTS, AND PEDIATRIC

TRAINEES AND TO DECLARE APRIL 1, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PEDIATRICIANS DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.
Int. & Adopted 2734; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2903

H. 4245 -- Reps. Jones, Gilliard and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WORKFORCE ADVANCEMENT AND TAXPAYER REINVESTMENT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 43 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 SO AS TO PROVIDE TAX RELIEF FOR SOUTH CAROLINIANS WHO TRANSITION FROM GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT AND TO INCENTIVIZE BUSINESSES THAT HIRE AND RETAIN THESE INDIVIDUALS, REINFORCING A FREE-MARKET APPROACH TO ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND REDUCING LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT DEPENDENCE.
Int. & Com. 2735

H. 4246 -- Reps. Holman and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-35-30, RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS' AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE POWERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNMENT ENTITIES MAY CREATE CERTAIN DISTRICTS WHICH INCLUDE A GEOGRAPHIC AREA WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY.
Int. & Com. 2735

H. 4247 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ORDERS TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE ORDERS RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350,

RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHAT DATA IS USED TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS.

Int. & Com. 2735; Rep. Com. 3432; Co-Sponsor added 3537; 2nd R. 3652; 3rd R. 3734; Rec. V. 3654, 4182; Op. 3655; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4180; Conc. & Enr. 4180; Rat. 4265

H. 4248 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE HAVE A LABEL NOTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE SHRIMP.

Int. & Com. 2737

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Int. & Com. 2737; Rep. Com. 3343; 2nd R. 3409; 3rd R. 3451; Rec. V. 3410

H. 4250 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1314, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CONTRIBUTION LIMIT FROM ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR CERTAIN CANDIDATES PER ELECTION CYCLE.

Int. & Com. 2737

H. 4251 -- Reps. T. Moore, B. J. Cox, Long, Guest, Lawson and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 35-11-240 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FEES MUST BE ASSESSED AGAINST CERTAIN MONEY TRANSFERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE FEES TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND; AND

BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-80, RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT FUND MUST BE USED TO FUND THE UNIT'S OPERATIONS.
Int. & Com. 2737

H. 4252 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES," SO AS TO ADD VEHICLES TRANSPORTING INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES WHERE THE OCCUPANTS BELONG TO AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE TO THE LIST OF VEHICLES COVERED BY THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 2738

H. 4253 -- Reps. T. Moore and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-530, RELATING TO JURISDICTION IN DOMESTIC MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FAMILY COURT HAS EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ACTIONS FOR ASSISTED REPRODUCTION PARENTAL RIGHTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-10, RELATING TO PATERNITY DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS TO ADDRESS ASSISTED REPRODUCTION PARENTAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING TO A COURT'S JURISDICTION OVER A PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFORMING LANGUAGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-40, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY PATERNITY AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 2738

H. 4254 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-59-120, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS OF ACTIVITIES OF GUIDANCE COUNSELORS AND CAREER SPECIALISTS TO EXCLUDE PERFORMING ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE IF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, DETERMINES THAT A DISTRICT IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY WITHHOLD UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE DISTRICT'S AID TO CLASSROOM APPROPRIATION FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR.
Int. & Com. 2738

H. 4255 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE NAME OF THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WITH THE REMEDY OF DISGORGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE TO CERTAIN MATERIALS PREPARED OR DRAFTED BY OR FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES.
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H. 4256 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "STRATEGIC DIGITAL ASSETS RESERVE ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER MAY INVEST IN CERTAIN DIGITAL ASSETS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN POLICIES.

Int. & Com. 2739

H. 4257 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Mitchell, Yow, Brittain, Jordan, B. Newton, Caskey, Gilliam, Rankin, Schuessler, Hayes, Guest, Crawford, Gagnon, McCabe, Pedalino and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-5-65, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS SYSTEM MUST REQUIRE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS TO APPROVE STUDENT ABSENCES FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES AUTHORIZED BY THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ACTIVITY IS SANCTIONED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE OR OTHER INTERSCHOLASTIC SANCTIONING ORGANIZATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-65-90, RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH TO DEFINE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL ABSENCES UNDER COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE STATUTES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 2739; Rep. Com. 3390; Co-Sponsor added 2822; 2nd R. 3498; 3rd R. 3544; Rec. V. 3499; Amd. 3498

H. 4258 -- Reps. Gilreath, Cromer, Frank, Pace, Edgerton, Magnuson and Huff: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-35 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Com. 2740

H. 4259 -- Reps. Teeple, Rivers, Gibson, Bauer, Oremus, Cromer, Gilreath, Hartz, Davis, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Calhoon, Caskey, Guffey, Martin, Terribile, T. Moore, Williams, Clyburn, Neese, Chapman, Ligon, Hager, Wooten, Guest, Bradley, Erickson, Mitchell, Vaughan, Hartnett, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Yow, Hosey, Rankin, Gilliam, Sessions, McGinnis, Brittain, B. J. Cox, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Hardee, McCabe, Luck, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bannister, Bowers, Collins, Gagnon, Hayes, Hixon, Holman, Jordan, Montgomery, Moss, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Willis, Kilmartin and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL MEMBERS OF ALL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF BOTH THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, TO TAKE THE CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE TAKING OFFICE.

Int. & Com. 2740; Co-Sponsor added 2969

H. 4260 -- Reps. Taylor, Robbins, Hartnett, Bowers, Whitmire, Chapman, Hager, Forrest, T. Moore, Lawson, Long, Mitchell, Magnuson, Chumley, Frank, Bustos, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon, Oremus, Pope, M. M. Smith, Burns, W. Newton, Landing,

Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 10-1-165, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS THAT MAY NOT BE RELOCATED, REMOVED, OR DISTURBED, TO WITHHOLD DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE STANDING TO CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION OR TO PREVENT SUCH VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDERNEATH MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS OR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN, ACCESS, OR VIEW MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS.
Int. & Com. 2740; Co-Sponsor added 2783, 2822, 2969, 3028

H. 4261 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, J. Moore, Rivers and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS "BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH."
Int. 2741; Co-Sponsor added 2783; 2nd R. 2797; 3rd R. 2889; Rec. V. 2798; Rat. 4247

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Int. & Com. 2741; Co-Sponsor added 2969

H. 4263 -- Reps. Terribile, Cromer, Kilmartin, White, Magnuson, Gilreath, Frank, Edgerton and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-755 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN DYES IN MEALS OR SNACKS SERVED TO STUDENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOLS, TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO FOOD ACQUIRED FOR STUDENT MEALS AND SNACKS BY CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO OR RENEWED AFTER JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO EXTEND THIS PROHIBITION TO FOOD BROUGHT TO BE SHARED AT CERTAIN CELEBRATIONS OR EVENTS WITH TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATOR APPROVAL.
Int. & Com. 2741

H. 4264 -- Reps. McCabe, Pedalino, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, King, Govan, Clyburn, Alexander, Rose, Stavrinakis, Anderson, Kirby, Weeks, Dillard, Hardee, Bauer, Hosey, Spann-Wilder, Luck, Henderson-Myers, Rivers, Gilliard, Atkinson, Grant, Hart, Hayes,

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Int. & Com. 2742

H. 4265 -- Reps. McGinnis, Hager, Bradley, Bauer, Mitchell, Yow, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler, Crawford, Hardee, Hartnett, Gibson, Brittain, Guest, Neese, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Hewitt, Caskey, Gilliam, Atkinson, Bowers, Forrest, Gagnon, Hartz and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FIRES ON CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 35, TITLE 48; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-35-55 RELATING TO FIRE REGULATION EXEMPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 2742

H. 4266 -- Reps. Hewitt and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-9-6 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-55, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF COUNCIL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 6; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-63, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNCIL TO GRANT MODIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6-9-105; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-105, RELATING TO VARIATIONS BASED ON PHYSICAL OR CLIMATOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL MODIFICATION MUST BE GRANTED WHEN CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.
Int. & Com. 2742

H. 4267 -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."
Int. & Com. 2743; 2nd R. 3415; 3rd R. 3452; Rec. V. 3415; Recalled 3366; Rat. 4266

H. 4268 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2025 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND SOTERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN ASSISTING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO REENTER SOCIETY.
Int. & Adopted 2763

H. 4269 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CONGRESSMAN RAÊL M. GRIJALVA OF ARIZONA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2764

H. 4270 -- Reps. Schuessler, B. J. Cox, McGinnis, Yow, Jones, Vaughan, Kirby, Dillard, Wetmore, Bauer and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 60-2-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS.
Int. & Com. 2765; Co-Sponsor added 2783, 3128, 3247

H. 4271 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING

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Int. & Adopted 2772

H. 4272 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE GOSPEL RECORDING ARTIST K. JEANETTE OF DARLINGTON, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE RECENT RELEASE OF HER NEW SINGLE, "SHINE," AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 2773

H. 4273 -- Reps. Rankin, Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF BELLVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR DARREN ROOD AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LAURENS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2774

H. 4274 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

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Int. & Adopted 2775

H. 4275 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE W. J. KEENAN BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2775

H. 4276 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2776

H. 4277 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HEAD COACH JOSHUA STALEY OF THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED TENURE AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN COACHING HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL.
Int. & Adopted 2777

H. 4278 -- Reps. Taylor, Clyburn, Oremus and Hartz: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JUDY FLOYD, DIRECTOR OF CHRIST CENTRAL AIKEN-GRANITEVILLE, AND HER HUSBAND, ROGER FLOYD, FOR THEIR MEANINGFUL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE AGENCY OF CHRIST CENTRAL, TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THEIR RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2777

H. 4279 -- Reps. Yow and Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SANDRA ROSE MARTIN BELK UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS TOWN OF PAGELAND DEPUTY CLERK, TO COMMEND HER FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 2778

H. 4280 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Weeks and Williams: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE BETA CHI SIGMA ALUMNI CHAPTER OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY INC. FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WELCOME MEMBERS OF THE FRATERNITY TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE ON APRIL 9, 2025, AND TO DECLARE THE DATE "SIGMA ADVOCACY DAY."

Int. & Adopted 2816

H. 4281 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-480, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER, SURRENDER, AND ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, LICENSE PLATES, REGISTRATION CARDS, AND MANUFACTURERS' SERIAL PLATES OF VEHICLES SOLD AS SALVAGED, ABANDONED, SCRAPPED, OR DESTROYED, SO AS TO PROVIDE IN ADDITION TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS, THE OWNERS OF REBUILT, SALVAGE, SALVAGE FLOOD, OR SALVAGE FIRE VEHICLES MAY NOT BE ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF TITLE UNLESS THE VEHICLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN SAFETY FEATURES.
Int. & Com. 2816

H. 4282 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING A CRIMINAL LAW OF THIS STATE WHO IS SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINED TO BE UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO ALLOW FOR DEPORTATION IN LIEU OF IMPRISONMENT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF PERSONS ARRESTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
Int. & Com. 2817

H. 4283 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2911

H. 4284 -- Reps. Davis, B. L. Cox, Holman, M. M. Smith, Pace, J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart,

Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE BERKELEY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2025 CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO COMMEND THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON.

Int. & Adopted 2912

H. 4285 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF BOOKER T. WILLIAMS AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDICAL FIELD IN SUMTER AND TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

Int. & Adopted 2912

H. 4286 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAUL S. GOODWIN, A FOURTH-YEAR ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE WITH THE CHARLESTON ELECTRICAL

CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2025 ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS (ABC) NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS.
Int. & Adopted 2913

H. 4287 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN, ESQUIRE, OF KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2914

H. 4288 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE EACH INDIVIDUAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT AND AWARE OF KIDNEY DISEASE AND APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE, TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM OR WITH ANCESTRY FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA TO CONSIDER GENETIC TESTING FOR APOL1 GENE MUTATIONS, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025, AS "APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2915

H. 4289 -- Reps. Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE JAMES MONROE MISSION HOUSE IN FOUNTAIN INN FOR TWO DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF GREENVILLE AND LAURENS COUNTIES.

Int. & Adopted 2915

H. 4290 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND THOMAS N. BRITTAIN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 2917; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3120

H. 4291 -- Reps. Gilliard, Waters, Jones and Dillard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO FULLY RESTORE ITS FINANCIAL AID AND HUMANITARIAN COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN THROUGH OPERATION BREADBASKET.

Int. & Com. 2916

H. 4292 -- Reps. Martin, Terribile, M. M. Smith, Robbins, B. L. Cox, Brewer, Holman, Duncan, Sanders, Bailey, Lawson, Pope, Ligon, Davis, W. Newton, Guffey, Gilreath, Long, Wooten, Teeple and Montgomery: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ROADWAY PROTECTION

AND SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3910 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN, ORGANIZE, OR BE A SPECTATOR, AIDER, OR ABETTOR OF A STREET TAKEOVER, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Int. & Com. 2918; Co-Sponsor added 2969, 3028

H. 4293 -- Reps. Martin, Terribile, Sanders, White, Kilmartin, Edgerton and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-815 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF CERTAIN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ZONING OFFICIALS DETERMINE THAT THE USE OF A PROPERTY IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER APPLICABLE ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS, THEN ANY RELATED PERMITS ARE NO LONGER VALID AND ANY DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION ON THE PROPERTY MUST CEASE.

Int. & Com. 2918; Co-Sponsor added 2969

H. 4294 -- Reps. Schuessler, Lawson, Pedalino, Brewer, Wooten, Oremus and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GROSS INCOME DOES NOT INCLUDE CERTAIN RETIREMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED BY POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS THROUGH A RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION.

Int. & Com. 2918

H. 4295 -- Rep. Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "GOLD STANDARD ELECTIONS ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-20, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE SEPARATE LISTS FOR ACTIVE, INACTIVE, AND ARCHIVED VOTER REGISTRATIONS, TO UTILIZE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES' SAVE SERVICES TO IDENTIFY AND REMOVE NON-U.S. CITIZENS FROM THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST AND MAINTAIN A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, AND TO COMPARE THE VOTER REGISTRATION LIST WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL LISTS ON A MONTHLY BASIS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-160, RELATING TO VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD OF TEN YEARS, REQUIRE VALID IDENTIFICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE, AND FOR THE COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO ISSUE A VOTER IDENTIFICATION CARD FOR EACH REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO PERMIT ONLY PAPER POLL BOOKS AT VOTING LOCATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-7-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MAXIMUM POPULATION OF EACH PRECINCT, REQUIRE A NEW PRECINCT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF POPULATION EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-72, RELATING TO MANAGERS OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE FOUR ELECTION MANAGERS FOR EACH TWO HUNDRED FIFTY REGISTERED VOTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-700 SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY QUALIFIED ELECTORS WHO COMPLY WITH ALL

CONSTITUTIONAL AND STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-730, RELATING TO THE DELIVERY, MARKING, AND DEPOSIT OF BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INITIALS OF TWO POLL MANAGERS ON EACH BALLOT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PAPER BALLOTS AND THE HAND COUNT OF THOSE BALLOTS; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO REQUIRE CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1110, RELATING TO COUNTING BALLOTS AND RESULT DECLARATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO VIEW THE BALLOT COUNT PROCESS PROVIDED THERE IS NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1160, RELATING TO COUNTY REPORTING OF ELECTION RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO POST ITS ELECTION RESULTS BEFORE NOTIFICATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY U.S. CITIZENS WITH A CURRENT AND VALID VOTER REGISTRATION BE PERMITTED TO VOTE AND AMEND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY VOTE ABSENTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-330, RELATING TO ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN APPLICATION REQUEST TO INCLUDE THE SIGNATURE OF THE REQUESTOR AND A WITNESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420, RELATING TO RECEIPT, TABULATION, AND REPORTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ABSENTEE BALLOTS BE TRANSPORTED TO THE PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY, PERMIT ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTS AFTER THE POLLS CLOSE, AND RENDER AN ABSENTEE BALLOT NULL AND VOID IF THE VOTER VOTED IN-PERSON FOR THAT ELECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE ELECTOR IN A FEDERAL ELECTION PROCESS FROM VOTING FOR ANY CANDIDATE AND OBJECT TO THE FEDERAL ELECTION PROCESS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ADD GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Int. & Com. 2919

H. 4296 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY

SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Int. 2920; 2nd R. 3060; 3rd R. 3131; Rec. V. 3062; Rat. 4247

H. 4297 -- Reps. Gilliam, Hart, Yow, Hardee, Beach, Pace, Mitchell, Taylor, Rankin, Oremus, T. Moore, Caskey, Chapman, Atkinson, B. L. Cox, Holman, Cromer, Bailey, May, Edgerton, McCravy, Morgan, Pope, Gibson, Burns, Bernstein, Sessions, Hayes, Long and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-60, RELATING TO USE OF STATE PARK FACILITIES FREE OF CHARGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMMEDIATE GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMBERS MAY ENTER ANY STATE PARK WITHOUT CHARGE.

Int. & Com. 2922

H. 4298 -- Rep. Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO REVISE PROTOCOLS BY REQUIRING CERTAIN CONCUSSION RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING, BY INCLUDING RETURN TO LEARN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, BY IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS ON STUDENT ATHLETES, AND BY IMPOSING RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS ON SCHOOLS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Int. & Com. 2922

H. 4299 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 11 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "INSURANCE SAVINGS PROGRAM," TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS TO SAVE PRIVATE FUNDS TO PAY INSURANCE POLICY DEDUCTIBLES ON REAL PROPERTY, AND TO MAKE RENOVATIONS TO REAL PROPERTY THAT MAKE THE PROPERTY MORE INSURABLE SO AS TO REDUCE INSURANCE POLICY PREMIUMS AND DEDUCTIBLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO DEDUCT AMOUNTS DEPOSITED INTO THE INSURANCE SAVINGS PROGRAM AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON.
Int. & Com. 2922

H. 4300 -- Reps. Bannister, Jordan, W. Newton, Yow, Mitchell and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-50, RELATING TO SERVICE CREDIT IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES ARE VESTED IN THE SYSTEM AFTER ATTAINING EIGHT YEARS OF EARNED SERVICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES' AND SOLICITORS' ALLOWANCES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE RETIREMENT AGE OF JUDGES FROM SEVENTY-TWO TO SEVENTY-FOUR.
Int. & Com. 2923; Rep. Com. 3424; Co-Sponsor added 2970, 3128; 2nd R. 3571; 3rd R. 3732; Rec. V. 3572; Op. 3573

H. 4301 -- Reps. White, G. M. Smith, McCravy and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2956 SO AS TO PROVIDE MINIMUM AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 2923; Co-Sponsor added 2970; Com. 3158; Recalled 3158

H. 4302 -- Rep. McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2355 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WHO ARE PLACED IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES BE ASSIGNED TO SEX-SPECIFIC FACILITIES BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S ANATOMICAL SEX AT BIRTH AS RECOGNIZED ON THEIR ORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE.
Int. & Com. 2923

H. 4303 -- Reps. Gatch, Cobb-Hunter, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Brewer, Rutherford, Gagnon, Guest, Guffey, Weeks, Hosey and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-620, RELATING TO TAX RATES ON PRODUCTS CONTAINING TOBACCO, SO AS TO TAX CIGARETTES FOR HEATING ONE AND ONE-QUARTER MILLS ON EACH CIGARETTE.
Int. & Com. 2923; Rep. Com. 3473; Co-Sponsor added 3028, 3359; 2nd R. 3688; 3rd R. 3735; Rec. V. 3688; Amd. 3688; Op. 3690

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H. 4304 -- Rep. Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2790 SO AS TO MAKE VEHICLE OWNERS OR OPERATORS LIABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR UNLAWFULLY OVERTAKING AND PASSING SCHOOL BUSES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-67-235 SO AS TO REQUIRE OPERATORS OF SCHOOL BUSES TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHEN VEHICLES DO NOT STOP WHEN THE DRIVERS HAVE AMBER SIGNALS ACTUATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1335, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR FAILURE TO PAY TOLLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SUSPEND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING JUDGMENTS FOR PASSING SCHOOL BUSES.

Int. & Com. 2924

H. 4305 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 ENTITLED "WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTS BY WELLNESS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAMS, REQUIRE REGISTRATION INCLUDING AN APPLICATION AND FEES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, EXEMPT BROKERS FROM REGISTERING, AND TO PROVIDE FINES FOR FAILING TO REGISTER WHEN REQUIRED.

Int. & Com. 2924; Rep. Com. 3433; 2nd R. 3674; 3rd R. 3735; Rec. V. 3679; Amd. 3674, 3678; Op. 3680; Point of Order 3679

H. 4306 -- Reps. Pedalino, Oremus, Lawson, Gilreath, Pace, Terribile, Ligon, Weeks, McCabe, Teeple, Bustos, Rankin, Cromer, Hager, Holman, Hartnett, Calhoon, Guffey, Gilliam, Wickensimer, Davis, Schuessler, Herbkersman, Long, McGinnis, Moss, G. M. Smith, Edgerton, Montgomery, Huff and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM REQUIRING TEACHERS TO ASSIGN A MINIMUM GRADE OR SCORE THAT EXCEEDS THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL PERFORMANCE.

Int. & Com. 2924; Co-Sponsor added 2970, 3028, 3537

H. 4307 -- Rep. B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

Int. 2925; 2nd R. 3063; 3rd R. 3132; Rec. V. 3063; Rat. 4249

H. 4308 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

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Int. & Adopted 2916

H. 4309 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025; HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 3013

H. 4310 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER, WRITER, AND RECORDING ARTIST RUDY CURRENCE, TO CONGRATULATE THIS ROCK HILL NATIVE ON HIS MANY PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 3014

H. 4311 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCK HILL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3014

H. 4312 -- Reps. Hartnett, Brewer, Bustos, Gatch, Gilliard, Hewitt, Landing, J. Moore, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Waters, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley,

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Int. & Adopted 3015

H. 4313 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING UPSILON PHI CHAPTER OF THE DARLINGTON - FLORENCE AREA ~ SOUTHEAST REGION OF CHI ETA PHI SORORITY, INC. TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THEIR INAUGURAL VISIT TO THE STATE HOUSE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A SUCCESSFUL SEVENTY-FIRST SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 12-16, 2025, IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND, AND TO THANK THE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED NURSES WHO ATTENDED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO HUMANITY.
Int. & Adopted 3016

H. 4314 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss,

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Int. & Adopted 3016

H. 4315 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY COED BOWLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ANOTHER REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 3017

H. 4316 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CARMELLA TRONCO MARTIN OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3017

H. 4317 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM, ADVISORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR PURSUING RIGOROUS ACADEMIC TRAINING, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE DIVISION 1 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ACADEMICS.

Int. & Adopted 3018

H. 4318 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 3019

H. 4319 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DEXTER EASLEY, PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BERKELEY COUNTY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.
Int. & Adopted 3020

H. 4320 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND TO DECLARE AUGUST 1, 2025, AS "CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3020

H. 4321 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO CONGRATULATE SADIE GAMBLE, ELLAFAIR DURANT, RAILYN JOYNER, AND KAYDEN CRISANTI, FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY, ON WINNING THE 2025 CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY BLACK WATER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3021; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3177

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3022; Rep. Com. 3282; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4072; Adopted 3374

H. 4323 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY DEPUTY MATTHEW REDFEARN OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.
Int. & Adopted 3022; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3176

H. 4324 -- Reps. Hixon, Oremus, Hartz, Taylor, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND

HONOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN AMAZING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3107

H. 4325 -- Reps. Grant, King, Jones, Waters and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO END TARIFFS THAT ARE NEGATIVELY AFFECTING BMW AND OTHER CRITICAL INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 3107

H. 4326 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSHUA WILLIAMS OF FLORENCE, 66TH EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY AND HIS CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLARY SCHOLARSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 3108

H. 4327 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL MALE AND FEMALE STRENGTH TEAMS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE OUTSTANDING ATHLETES ON WINNING

THEIR RESPECTIVE 2025 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.
Int. & Adopted 3108

H. 4328 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WINTER GUARD FOR CAPTURING THE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 2025 WINTER GUARD INTERNATIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON ITS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT.
Int. & Adopted 3109

H. 4329 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FREIDA ANN SCYPHERS RAWL JODIE ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3110

H. 4330 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 KODAK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Int. & Adopted 3110; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3179

H. 4331 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 WICK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

Int. & Adopted 3111; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3175

H. 4332 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 BUMI AND K-9 SPECIALIST ALAN WARE OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 3112; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3175

H. 4333 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INVESTIGATOR JACKIE "COTTON" HEFFNER, CORPORAL BRIAN GENWRIGHT, DEPUTY JEFFERY SESSOMS, AND DEPUTY BRIANNA ALLEN OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS SERGEANT SCOTT BOWEN AND OFFICER JAKE KING OF THE BENNETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.
Int. & Adopted 3113; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3177

H. 4334 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT CHRISTIAN D. ANDERSON AND CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER PARTRIDGE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

Int. & Adopted 3113; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3178

H. 4335 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSEES DO NOT NEED TO RESIDE OR MAINTAIN A PHYSICAL OFFICE IN THIS STATE TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVELY PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 3114

H. 4336 -- Reps. Hartnett, Davis, Teeple and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER; A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, HEALTHCARE WORKER, OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE; OR AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DURING OR BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.
Int. & Com. 3115

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."
Int. & Com. 3115; Rep. Com. 3425; 2nd R. 3573; 3rd R. 3733; Rec. V. 3574; Op. 3575

H. 4338 -- Reps. Sanders, B. L. Cox and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-1-190 AND 5-25-950 BOTH SO AS TO PROHIBIT GOVERNING BODIES FROM LIMITING THE USE OF SPECIFIC STYLES OF EXTERIOR CLADDING OR FINISH MATERIALS FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.
Int. & Com. 3115

H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon,

Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder, Weeks, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.
Int. & Com. 3116; Rep. Com. 3657; Co-Sponsor added 3449, 3537, 3758; 2nd R. 3776; 3rd R. 4004; Rec. V. 3778; Amd. 3777

H. 4340 -- Reps. Bauer and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS EXCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 3116

H. 4341 -- Reps. Wetmore, Edgerton, Brewer, Crawford, M. M. Smith, Caskey and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-7-230, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR ROADS OR STREETS UPON WHICH MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES.
Int. & Com. 3116; Com. 3159; Recalled 3159

H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 3116; 2nd R. 3807; 3rd R. 4005; Rec. V. 3808; Amd. 3807; Recalled 3691

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel, Waters, Alexander and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Int. & Com. 3117; Rep. Com. 3661; Co-Sponsor added 3758; 2nd R. 3787; 3rd R. 4004; Rec. V. 3789; Amd. 3788

H. 4344 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM JUNE 2025 AS "SOUTH CAROLINA TRAILS MONTH" AND ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ABUNDANCE OF TRAILS IN THIS STATE AND ENJOY THE COUNTLESS HEALTH, LEARNING, AND SOCIAL BENEFITS THAT CAN BE DERIVED FROM THEIR USE.

Int. & Adopted 3170

H. 4345 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MEMBERS OF THE SIGMA PI CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY INCORPORATED ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL OF THEIR FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3171

H. 4346 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes,

Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CANDICE HERLONG POU OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 3172

H. 4347 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DIMITRIOS KONSTANTINOS KAKOURAS OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3172

H. 4348 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 1, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON JUNE 30, 2026.
Int. & Adopted 3174; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3240

H. 4349 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan,

Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY ELIZABETH "MARIBETH" ROLLINGS WERTS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 3173

H. 4350 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Rivers, Erickson and Bradley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Int. 3174; 2nd R. 3257; 3rd R. 3364; Rec. V. 3257; Rat. 4249

H. 4351 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SOFTBALL GAME BE NAMED THE "BLUECROSS BLUESHIELD OF SOUTH CAROLINA MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SOFTBALL GAME" AS A LASTING TRIBUTE TO MARY ELIZABETH MULLIKIN'S LEGACY OF SERVICE, FRIENDSHIP, AND JOY.

Int. & Adopted 3219

H. 4352 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L.

Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL.

Int. & Adopted 3222

H. 4353 -- Reps. Kirby, Dillard, Collins, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO DR. MILBURN PRICE FOR HIS LIFETIME OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND INFLUENCE ON CHORAL MUSICIANS AND COMPOSITIONS AND TO WISH HIM MUCH JOY AND CONTENTMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 3222

H. 4354 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

CONGRATULATE THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM ON ITS STELLAR SEASON AND TO SALUTE ITS MEMBERS FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 3223

H. 4355 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MOYE GRAHAM FOR DEDICATION TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND FOR SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT ON AGING.
Int. & Adopted 3224

H. 4356 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. KEVIN POLLOCK, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER PROVIDING OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3224

H. 4357 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

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Int. & Adopted 3225

H. 4358 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GRACE SOWELL ROBERTS OF KERSHAW ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 3226

H. 4359 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM,

COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3227

H. 4360 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. GERRITA POSTLEWAIT, SUPERINTENDENT OF LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, FOR A LIFETIME OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR, AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 3227

H. 4361 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KELLAN FENEGAN, A SENIOR IN THE HONORS COLLEGE AT CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR HER STELLAR COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP AND FOR HER UPCOMING GRADUATION.
Int. & Adopted 3228

H. 4362 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Rose, B. J. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRUCE RAY VOLLNOGLE OF GREENVILLE FOR HIS DEDICATED VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN TRANSPORTING THE STATE CHRISTMAS TREE TO COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE SINCERE APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS TWO DECADES OF FAITHFULNESS IN THIS SERVICE.

Int. & Adopted 3229

H. 4363 -- Reps. Frank, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE VELOS STORM HIGH SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN BULLSEYE.

Int. & Adopted 3229

H. 4364 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

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Int. & Adopted 3230

H. 4365 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PAT GIBSON-HYE MOORE OF FLORENCE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3231

H. 4366 -- Reps. Waters, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025, AS "WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO REMEMBER THE AMERICAN WORKERS WHO HAVE DIED, SUFFERED INJURY, OR SUFFERED ILLNESS AS A RESULT OF WORKPLACE CONDITIONS.
Int. & Adopted 3232

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H. 4367 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WALTER RICHARD MCGOWAN OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Int. & Adopted 3232

H. 4368 -- Reps. Hewitt, Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GEALES GAVIN SANDS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FRANCES P. BUNNELLE FOUNDATION, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF WORKING TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 3233

H. 4369 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

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Int. & Adopted 3234

H. 4370 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SAMUEL PAUKOVITZ, JASON MARSHAL, TANAY SANGHANI, AND DIYA BALAMURUGAN FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES, TO WISH THEM GOOD LUCK IN THE NATIONAL COMPETITION, AND TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE COLUMBIA CHESS CLUB FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT.
Int. & Adopted 3234

H. 4371 -- Reps. Edgerton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HIGHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THROUGH LEARNING IS FOR EVERYONE (LIFE) PROGRAMS AND TO DECLARE MAY 1, 2025, AS "SEE THE ABLE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3235; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3417

H. 4372 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND CECIL J. WILLIAMS OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY FOR FOUNDING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM, WHICH DISPLAYS HIS PHOTOGRAPHS CHRONICLING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE UPCOMING EXPANSION OF THE MUSEUM'S FOOTPRINT AS PART OF THE RAILROAD CORNER DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.
Int. & Adopted 3284

H. 4373 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-NINTH SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD MAY 8 THROUGH MAY 10, 2025, IN BATESBURG-LEESVILLE AND TO HONOR THOSE PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.
Int. & Adopted 3284

H. 4374 -- Reps. Waters, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L.

Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MILITARY MAGNET ACADEMY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3285

H. 4375 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO THANK DR. DAWN BINGHAM FOR HER MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO WOMEN'S HEALTH IN THE FIELD OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AS SHE BEGINS THE NEXT CHAPTER IN HER MEDICAL CAREER.
Int. & Adopted 3286

H. 4376 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor,

Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE WILLIAMS TRANSCO SOUTHEAST SUPPLY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.
Int. & Adopted 3287

H. 4377 -- Reps. Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DALTON BUFORD FLOYD JR. OF MURRELLS INLET AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3287

H. 4378 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE JIM "WIZ" AND CHERYL WISZOWATY OF BATESBURG-LEESVILLE ON BEING NAMED THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 3288

H. 4379 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP DAVID W. GLEASON AND FIRST LADY CELINA GLEASON, FOUNDERS OF THE APOSTOLIC REVIVAL CENTER IN MANNING, FOR THEIR SELFLESS AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE TO THE MANNING COMMUNITY AND BEYOND AND FOR FOLLOWING THEIR DIVINE CALLING WHICH HAS MINISTERED TO SO MANY.

Int. & Adopted 3289

H. 4380 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROSA JANE "JANIE" SIMMONS JOHNSON OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3289

H. 4381 -- Reps. Atkinson and Kirby: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME NESMITH CORNER ROAD IN THE COMMUNITY OF NESMITH IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY "COLUMBUS PRESSLEY AND CLAUDIE E. PRESSLEY MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 3290; Rep. Com. 3471; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4229; Adopted 3717

H. 4382 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-398, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; SO AS TO

REQUIRE THAT MANUFACTURERS OF THESE PRODUCTS PAY MONTHLY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH DATA COLLECTION AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY.
Int. & Com. 3290

H. 4383 -- Reps. Jones, Williams, J. L. Johnson, King, Gilliard, Rivers, Kirby, Bauer, Clyburn, Hosey, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID PROTECTION AND EXPANSION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE A MEDICAID STABILITY FUND TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL FUNDING REDUCTIONS; TO FULLY ADOPT MEDICAID EXPANSION UNDER THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AND TO REQUIRE AN ECONOMIC AND HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN COORDINATION WITH HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS.
Int. & Com. 3291

H. 4384 -- Reps. Jones, Bauer, Williams, J. L. Johnson, King, Gilliard, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA FARM EXPORT RELIEF AND RESILIENCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 59 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM EXPORT TRADE RELIEF FUND; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO SUPPORT AGRICLUTURAL PRODUCERS IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE; TO REQUIRE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AND THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO DEVELOP STATE-SUPPORTED CROP INSURANCE; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARMTENT OF AGRICULTURE TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUALLY.
Int. & Com. 3291

H. 4385 -- Reps. Jones, B. J. Cox, J. L. Johnson, King, Williams, Rivers, Kirby, Hosey, Clyburn, Bauer, McDaniel, Waters and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.
Int. & Com. 3291; Rep. Com. 3660; D. A. 3787

H. 4386 -- Reps. Bustos and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-5-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO MAKE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY OR ASSETS USED TO PROVIDE WATER, SEWERAGE COLLECTION, OR SEWERAGE DISPOSAL OWNED BY A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 3292

H. 4387 -- Reps. Yow, B. Newton and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-150, RELATING

TO ADJUDICATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MISCONDUCT REPORTED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO LIMIT PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION FOR CERTAIN INCIDENCES OF MISCONDUCT, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES' WRITTEN REPORTS WHEN THE AGENCIES DECLINE TO PROSCRCUTE ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE AGENCY HEADS MUST EXPLAIN WHY THEY BELIEVE THE ALLEGATIONS CAN NO LONGER BE PROVEN.
Int. & Com. 3292

H. 4388 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-75 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO DEVELOP A FORM THAT OFFERS MEDICAID APPLICANTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXECUTE A REVOCABLE LIVING WILL.
Int. & Com. 3292

H. 4389 -- Reps. Jones and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS HOMES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SUCH CRITERIA.
Int. & Com. 3292

H. 4390 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "COMMUNITY IMPACT AND OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-970 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, REQUIRE COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSIGN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE GUIDANCE.
Int. & Com. 3293

H. 4391 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-5-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTRACTOR OR COMPANY MAY REPOSSESS ANY AND ALL REMOVABLE EQUIPMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 3293

H. 4392 -- Reps. Martin, Jordan and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL WIRE TRANSFERS.
Int. & Com. 3293

H. 4393 -- Reps. Hartnett, Bradley, Erickson, Brewer, W. Newton and Teeple: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY SECURITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PURCHASE AND USE OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, OR HARDWARE OR SOFTWARE THAT IS MANUFACTURED OR

DISTRIBUTED BY CERTAIN BANNED COMPANIES.
Int. & Com. 3293

H. 4394 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-13-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO OFFER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CHILDCARE STIPENDS FOR UNEMPLOYED PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWELVE YEARS.
Int. & Com. 3294

H. 4395 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Sessions, King, Rose and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR INCOME RECEIVED BY STUDENT ATHLETES FOR THE USE OF THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS.
Int. & Com. 3294

H. 4396 -- Reps. Wetmore and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-50, RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THRESHOLDS FOR CHARITIES REQUESTING EXEMPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-70, RELATING TO CONTRACTS WITH PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, SO AS TO LIMIT FILING REQUIREMENTS TO COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-90, RELATING TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY ENTITY THAT IS SOLICITING FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCLOSE THE LEGAL NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY FOR WHICH THEY ARE SOLICITING; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, FUND-RAISING COUNSELS, OR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS, SO AS TO LIMIT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS SOLICITING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN A SINGLE SOLICITATION CAMPAIGN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-120, RELATING TO MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS FROM USING REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 3294

H. 4397 -- Reps. Huff, Frank, Burns, Chumley, Haddon, Morgan, Gilreath and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 602 OF 1992, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BE APPROVED BY THE GREENVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.
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Int. & Adopted 3344

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Int. & Adopted 3345

H. 4405 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 30, 2025, AS "2ND BATTALION 151ST AVIATION REGIMENT DAY" IN HONOR AND APPRECIATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND STEADFAST EFFORTS OF ITS SOLDIERS TO ENSURE THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FOR ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.
Int. & Adopted 3345

H. 4406 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

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Int. & Adopted 3346

H. 4407 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEPHEN CRAIG BEHR SR., HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT FLORENCE COUNTRY CLUB SINCE 1996, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3347

H. 4408 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY ELLE MARCHANT, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA'S TEEN 2024, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.
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H. 4409 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DAVIS WASH, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2024, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

Int. & Adopted 3348

H. 4410 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE KENNETH F. HODGES OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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H. 4411 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

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Int. & Adopted 3351

H. 4412 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GREATER CAROLINA BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE RIBBON-CUTTING AT ITS NEW LOCATION ON SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR FORTY-THREE YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3352

H. 4413 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-NINTH BEAUFORT WATER

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Int. & Adopted 3353

H. 4414 -- Rep. Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025, PROVIDED THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBERS MAY NOT BE USED IF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBERS ARE OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 3353

H. 4415 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025, AS UNITED STATES ARMY DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE TO REFLECT UPON THE PROFOUND SENSE OF DUTY AND PATRIOTISM EXHIBITED BY THE SOLDIERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
Int. & Adopted 3354; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4230

H. 4416 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OLD STAGECOACH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BETHUNE IN KERSHAW COUNTY FROM MCLAUGHLIN ROAD TO STEPHENS LANE "CHARLIE AND PAT STEPHENS INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3355; Rep. Com. 3471; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4230; Adopted 3717

H. 4417 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest,

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Int. & Adopted 3391

H. 4418 -- Reps. Lawson, Moss, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DONNIE L. HARDIN, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING NEARLY FORTY-THREE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3392

H. 4419 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE

RESOLUTION TO COMMEND KENNETH WAYNE FULMER FOR HIS MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER WITH THE RIDGE SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3392

H. 4420 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND COREY BEDENBAUGH, SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 3393

H. 4421 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES THOMAS "TOMMY" HAMMOND, TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE TO KERSHAW COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND THE SYMPATHY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3394

H. 4422 -- Reps. W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns,

Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DIANA TISDELL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR HER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS ORGANIZATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS STARS AND STRIPES AWARD.

Int. & Adopted 3394

H. 4423 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CELEBRATED PERFORMER LARRY FORD FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER AS AN ACCOMPLISHED AMERICAN MUSICIAN AND ENTERTAINER.

Int. & Adopted 3395

H. 4424 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE EXEMPLARY STUDENT INTERNS WHO HAVE DEDICATED THEIR TIME AND TALENTS TO SERVING THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.
Int. & Adopted 3396

H. 4425 -- Reps. Hosey, Clyburn, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2025, AS "COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AWARENESS WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS MAKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, AND TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND COLLABORATION AT ALL LEVELS TO ADVANCE THEIR WORK AND IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES STATEWIDE.
Int. & Adopted 3397

H. 4426 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIAM JACKSON "BILL" BREWER, SOUTH CAROLINA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, AND TO DECLARE MAY 22, 2025, AS "BILL BREWER DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3397

H. 4427 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GRACEN GREEN FOR HER NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF GOLD AWARD, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN GIRL SCOUTS.
Int. & Adopted 3398

H. 4428 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. TONY BOYCE OF MT. EMMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREENVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HIS TWENTY-FIFTH MINISTERIAL ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED BLESSING IN HIS SERVICE TO THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 3399

H. 4429 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 276 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AT 35°5'30" N BY 82°36'53" W CONTAINING THE WORDS "ALAMO COVE" TO HONOR THE FIREFIGHTERS WHO COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT TO CONTAIN AND EXTINGUISH THE PERSIMMON RIDGE FIRE.
Int. & Com. 3399; Rep. Com. 3471; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4230; Adopted 3718

H. 4430 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANSLEY GRATZMILLER, A FOURTH GRADE STUDENT AT BUIST ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING THE STATE WINNER OF THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE.
Int. & Adopted 3435

H. 4431 -- Reps. Teeple, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE WILLIAM BEARD OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO OUR GREAT NATION, TO CONGRATULATE HIM AT THE CELEBRATION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3436

H. 4432 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. LOUIS C. WILLIAMS SR., PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ST. MATTHEWS, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM THE LORD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3437

H. 4433 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE ORIGINAL GULLAH FESTIVAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ITS MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE IN PRESERVING THE HISTORIC GULLAH CULTURE AND FOR ITS ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE'S VITAL TOURISM INDUSTRY.
Int. & Adopted 3437

H. 4434 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LOUIS WELDON HAMMOND OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3438

H. 4435 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LYNN STOKES-MURRAY, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR WITH BURR AND FORMAN, LLC, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3439

H. 4436 -- Reps. B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITY ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE CONGREGATION FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LANCASTER COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3439

H. 4437 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES CLEVELAND "JIM" BLACK OF MANNING FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CLARENDON COUNTY, MOST PARTICULARLY THE CITIZENS OF MANNING, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3440

H. 4438 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANDREA MOCK, NEWS ANCHOR FOR WLTX, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3441

H. 4439 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, King, Govan, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH

CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY 1981 NFL DRAFT CLASS FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL CAREERS AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AND WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE PROFESSIONAL NFL TEAMS.
Int. & Adopted 3442

H. 4440 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JAMES GALLMAN SR., A COMMUNITY LEADER, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, AND FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE WHOSE WORKS HAVE MADE A PROFOUND DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY IN HIS COMMUNITY AND ABROAD.
Int. & Adopted 3442

H. 4441 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FAIRFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE 25TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK AND TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025 AS "ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3443

H. 4442 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JACEY COATES, STAR ATTACKER FOR THE EMERALD HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR SETTING AN IMPRESSIVE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORD.
Int. & Adopted 3443

H. 4443 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terribile: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE YORK COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL MALE AND FEMALE STRENGTH TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024-2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3444

H. 4444 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A ONE-MILE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 378 FROM THE TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN SALUDA COUNTY WEST TOWARDS THE TOWN OF SALUDA "FIREMAN LANDON 'CALE' BODIE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS

OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3444; Rep. Com. 3659; Adopted 3962

H. 4445 -- Rep. Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 391 IN SALUDA COUNTY FROM THE LEXINGTON/SALUDA COUNTY LINE EXTENDING ONE MILE NORTH THE "FIRE CHIEF CHAD SATCHER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3444; Rep. Com. 3660; Adopted 3963

H. 4446 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF POWELL ROAD IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SINGLETON ROAD TO HAROLD ROAD "DEPUTY SHERIFF LEROY GASQUE SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3445; Rep. Com. 3660; Adopted 3963

H. 4447 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY LOUISE "MARY LOU" REYNOLDS LEE, BELOVED SECOND GRADE TEACHER AT WILSON HALL, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3474

H. 4448 -- Reps. Alexander, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W.

Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL LAW OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3474

H. 4449 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MACEDONIA MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR OVER A CENTURY OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3475

H. 4450 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. MARCELL D. BUSH, SENIOR PASTOR OF MAJORITY BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AT MAJORITY BAPTIST AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 3476

H. 4451 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3476

H. 4452 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER HILL MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. MORRIS WAYMAR JR. AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR LONGSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3477

H. 4453 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson,

Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY A CENTURY AND A QUARTER OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3478

H. 4454 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NEW DAY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. JAMES L. HAILSTOCK AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3479

H. 4455 -- Reps. Brittain, Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS SAQUAN LAFONTAINE UPON BEING NAMED THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYRTLE BEACH "OFFICER JOE MCGARRY MEMORIAL POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR" FOR 2024 AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS EXEMPLARY

SERVICE, DEDICATION TO DUTY, AND POSITIVE IMPACT ON HIS COMMUNITY AND STATE.
Int. & Adopted 3479

H. 4456 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GLORIA ERNESTINE HODNETT OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MANY MORE YEARS FILLED WITH HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3526

H. 4457 -- Rep. Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.
Int. & Com. 3526

H. 4458 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TOP MARGINAL RATE TO FIVE PERCENT.
Int. & Com. 3526

H. 4459 -- Rep. Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-3-230, RELATING TO PENN CENTER HERITAGE DAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL PARADE.
Int. & Com. 3527

H. 4460 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEED RESTRICTION, COVENANT, OR A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION DOCUMENT MUST NOT PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF A SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM THAT CANNOT BE SEEN FROM THE STREET OR COMMON AREA SURROUNDING A RESIDENCE.
Int. & Com. 3527

H. 4461 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 47 RELATING TO THE

POSSESSION OF LARGE WILD CATS, NON-NATIVE BEARS, AND GREAT APES, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO PRIMATES AND TO LIMIT THE POSSESSION AND ACQUISITION OF COVERED ANIMALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 3527

H. 4462 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-270 SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF IN-DISTRCT COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 3527

H. 4463 -- Reps. Jones, McDaniel, Clyburn, Dillard, Spann-Wilder, Govan, Hosey, Gilliard, Rivers, White, Grant, Alexander, Howard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO ENSURE THAT NO LEGISLATOR IS PREVENTED FROM HAVING A BILL PLACED ON THE CALENDAR; TO ESTABLISH A STATUTORY LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF BILLS A MEMBER MAY INTRODUCE EACH SESSION; TO CREATE A BIPARTISAN REVIEW COMMITTEE IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL BILLS BEYOND THAT LIMIT; AND TO REINFORCE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S COMMITMENT TO MERITOCRACY IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.
Int. & Com. 3528

H. 4464 -- Reps. Alexander and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-230 SO AS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES THROUGH MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR PHASED IN UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION PAID, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 3528

H. 4465 -- Reps. Cromer, Terribile and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 35 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES ACT," TO DEFINE TERMS, TO REQUIRE SAFETY AND PRIVACY IN PUBLIC SPACES, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES.
Int. & Com. 3528

H. 4466 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-6-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A PERSON ON THE BASIS OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-57-330 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST A PERSON ON THE BASIS OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS OR RELIGIOUS

BELIEFS.
Int. & Com. 3528

H. 4467 -- Reps. Grant, Garvin, Jones, Teeple, Rose, Luck, Waters, Howard, Wetmore, Rivers, Bauer, Bamberg, J. L. Johnson, Spann-Wilder and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION IMPACT RELIEF ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SMALL BUSINESS CONSTRUCTION IMPACT RELIEF PROGRAM" CONSISTING OF LOANS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 3529

H. 4468 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-33-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BY ITS RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND PURPOSES OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; AND TO PROVIDE DEADLINES FOR THE CREATION OF RELATED MODEL BYLAWS, THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL, AND THE FIRST MEETINGS OF EACH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.
Int. & Com. 3529

H. 4469 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GALLOWAY AND MOSELEY JEWELRY STORE IN SUMTER COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE OWNERS BRITTON MOSELEY AND DANNY CHANDLER UPON THE NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STORE'S SPARKLING PRESENCE IN SUMTER.
Int. & Adopted 3665

H. 4470 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L.

Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLARISSA T. ADAMS, CHIEF OF STAFF FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-ONE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE STATE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3666

H. 4471 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND REMEMBER J. WILBUR WALKER, PRINCIPAL OF WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL IN GREENVILLE, FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Int. & Adopted 3666

H. 4472 -- Reps. Willis, Gilliam, Rankin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS R. HIGGS II, LAURENS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES HIS POST TO BECOME COLLETON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR.
Int. & Adopted 3667

H. 4473 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF COLUMBIA AND ITS MEMBERS UPON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO THANK THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.
Int. & Adopted 3668

H. 4474 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RALPH KING ANDERSON JR. OF FLORENCE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3668; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3729

H. 4475 -- Reps. Guffey, Sessions and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE

EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 3670

H. 4476 -- Reps. Rutherford, Bamberg, J. Moore and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 ENTITLED "SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION" SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE.
Int. & Com. 3670

H. 4477 -- Rep. Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEIRS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DETERMINING WHEN AN ASSESSIBLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TRANSFERS MADE AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF HEIRS' PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 3671

H. 4478 -- Reps. Burns, Hiott, Pope, McGinnis and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-50, RELATING TO THE STATE FORESTER PROHIBITING FIRES, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF THE PROHIBITION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR BROADCAST OF THE PROHIBITION ON ALL TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES WITHIN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. 3673; Co-Sponsor added 3758; 2nd R. 3805; 3rd R. 4005; Rec. V. 3805

H. 4479 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN COLUMBIA AND TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR PASTOR KIM JONG-HYUN AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE KOREAN COMMUNITY IN THE MIDLANDS.

Int. & Adopted 3722

H. 4480 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR CELEBRATED PERFORMER WILLIAM RHINEHART FOR HIS DISTINGUISED CAREER AS AN ACCOMPLISHED AMERICAN MUSICIAN AND ENTERTAINER.

Int. & Adopted 3723

H. 4481 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHESTERFIELD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR NEARLY TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3724

H. 4482 -- Reps. Williams, Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND PASTOR MICHAEL R. CANNON UPON HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF CHERRY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH IN DARLINGTON AND TO EXTEND HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO HIM ON THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE OF CONDUCTING HIS RECENT INSTALLATION SERVICE.
Int. & Adopted 3724

H. 4483 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHARLENE SANSBURY WILLIAMS OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIRST BIRTHDAY, AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3725

H. 4484 -- Reps. Lawson, Erickson, Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2025, AS THE FIFTY-FIRST "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN RECOGNITION OF THE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS THAT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAMS MAKE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO THE STATE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3726; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4073

H. 4485 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DOUGLAS FURTICK, ALSO KNOWN AS 803FRESH, ON THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS OF HIS HIT SONG "BOOTS ON THE GROUND," TO HONOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOUTHERN SOUL MUSIC, AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS A NATIVE OF THE WAGENER-SALLEY AREA WHO CONTINUES TO REPRESENT SOUTH CAROLINA WITH PRIDE ON THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAGE.
Int. & Adopted 3726

H. 4486 -- Rep. Ligon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025, PROVIDED THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 3746

H. 4487 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THELMER "T.M." COOK OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3747

H. 4488 -- Reps. B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders,

Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THE HONORABLE JOSEPH HAYNE RAINEY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BIRTHDAY ON JUNE 21 AND TO COMMEMORATE HIS HISTORIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED STATES.
Int. & Adopted 3747

H. 4489 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE ST. PHILLIP AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF EASTOVER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3748

H. 4490 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JACK DAVID PLATING OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3749

H. 4491 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE M.D. FLOYD OF CHEROKEE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 3749

H. 4492 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE TIDELANDS HEALTH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXPRESS THE GRATEFUL THANKS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR TIDELANDS' MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND BEYOND.

Int. & Adopted 3750

H. 4493 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND YVONNE B. SIMMONS GREGG, PASTOR OF GREATER ST. PAUL AME CHURCH IN DORCHESTER, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3751

H. 4494 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMY COOPER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 TEACHER OF THE YEAR FOR LEXINGTON TECHNOLOGY CENTER, TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO STUDENTS, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER EDUCATIONAL CAREER.
Int. & Adopted 3751

H. 4495 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CELINE MILLER UPON BEING NAMED 2025-2026 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

Int. & Adopted 3752

H. 4496 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SCHOOL SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, ANNA HOPE HARTLEY, UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

Int. & Adopted 3753

H. 4497 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CIELO HOLT UPON BEING NAMED THE 2025-2026 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO STUDENTS, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER EDUCATIONAL CAREER.

Int. & Adopted 3754

H. 4498 -- Reps. Reese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTION TO ADDRESS ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES, AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."
Int. & Adopted 3754

H. 4499 -- Reps. Moss, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE EMMA LOUISE JEFFERIES HOUSTON ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FOURTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3803

H. 4500 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Herbkersman, Hager, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RITA WILSON, CO-OWNER AND OPERATOR OF ALPHAGRAPHICS BEAUFORT, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEMALE SMALL BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2025.

Int. & Adopted 3804

H. 4501 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RONALD W. HENDERSON, PASTOR OF MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS SERVICE TO THE MT. NEBO CONGREGATION AND TO THE SPARTANBURG COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3973

H. 4502 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 3974

H. 4503 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L.

Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CONNER BEAUDIN, A JUNIOR AT BYRNES HIGH SCHOOL, FOR A REMARKABLE WRESTLING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3974

H. 4504 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 2025 AS "ALS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3975

H. 4505 -- Reps. Pedalino, McCabe, Haddon, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE W.R. "CODY" SIMPSON III OF CLARENDON COUNTY ON HIS RECENT APPOINTMENT BY PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP AS STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3976

H. 4506 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA REGION 4 CLASS AAAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3976

H. 4507 -- Reps. Jordan, Kirby, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR VIVIAN THOMAS "TONY" WHITLOCK UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE FLORENCE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3977

H. 4508 -- Reps. Frank, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell,

Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH ANNE SMITH OF TAYLORS ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3978

H. 4509 -- Rep. Gilliard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO EXPRESS A SINCERE APOLOGY TO THE VATICAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR THE DEPICTION AND DISSEMINATION OF IMAGES OF THE PRESIDENT APPEARING DRESSED AS THE POPE.
Int. & Com. 3978

H. 4510 -- Reps. Rivers, Howard, Kirby, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, Anderson, J. E. Johnson, Henderson-Myers, Waters, Gilliard, McDaniel, Alexander, Govan, J. Moore, Bauer, Clyburn, Jones, Luck, Wetmore, Bamberg, Garvin, Bernstein, Dillard, Reese and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-51-90, RELATING TO REDEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR HEIRS TO REDEEM DECEASED OWNERS' PROPERTY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 3979

H. 4511 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-9-720, RELATING TO SERVICE ON UNKNOWN PARTIES BY PUBLICATION FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY ACTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN EITHER THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-801, RELATING TO NOTICE TO CREDITORS, SO AS TO ALLOW PUBLICATION ONLINE ON A CENTRALIZED WEBSITE FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE COURT OR IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY.
Int. & Com. 3979

H. 4512 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-53-175 SO AS TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF A BOND PREMIUM, ESTABLISH A MINIMUM FEE, AND PERMIT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS IN EXCESS OF TEN PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-170, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS OF BONDSMEN OR RUNNERS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO LIMITATIONS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON BOND AGREEMENTS.
Int. & Com. 3980

H. 4513 -- Reps. Pope and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO MAINTAIN

CERTAIN RECORDS THAT MUST BE PROVIDED, UPON REQUEST, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS FREE OF CHARGE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INHERENT RIGHTS OF OBSERVATION WITH REGARDS TO ELECTION PROCESSES FOR EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN INVENTORY RECORD-KEEPING PROTOCOLS AND CHAIN OF CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND OTHER SYSTEMS, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR DEVICES USED IN ELECTION-RELATED PROCESSES; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO CONDUCT POSTELECTION AUDITS IN WHICH ALL VOTES CAST ARE HAND COUNTED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1455 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIONS AND PROTOCOLS THAT MUST BE TAKEN WHEN THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN POSTELECTION AUDIT RESULTS AND TABULATED VOTE COUNTS THAT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

Int. & Com. 3980; Co-Sponsor added 4125

H. 4514 -- Reps. Long, T. Moore, Bannister, Yow, Mitchell, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Herbkersman, Burns, Jordan, Gilliam, Taylor, Pope, Hiott, Bowers, Willis, Rankin and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-37, RELATING TO ABORTION COUNSELING FOR MINORS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURES; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-41-32, 44-41-33, AND 44-41-34 RELATING TO JUDICIAL BYPASS PROCEDURES FOR MINORS SEEKING ABORTIONS.

Int. & Com. 3980

H. 4515 -- Reps. Long, Bannister, T. Moore, Haddon, Yow, Mitchell, Taylor, W. Newton, Guest, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Rankin and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-63-20, 44-63-100, 44-63-150, AND 63-3-530, ALL RELATING IN PART TO CHANGES TO CERTIFICATES OF BIRTH, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE AMENDMENT, MODIFICATION, CORRECTION, OR OTHER CHANGES TO THE GENDER OF INDIVIDUALS AS IT APPEARS ON THE ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 44-63-155 SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CORRECTIONS TO BE MADE TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES BY FILING A COURT PETITION REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATE COURT ORDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE CHILDREN'S CODE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 3981

H. 4516 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-5, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

Int. & Com. 3981

H. 4517 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPROPRIATIONS BILLS OR AMENDMENTS MAY NOT INCLUDE

EARMARKED FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR ENTITIES OUTSIDE THE CORE BUDGETARY PROCESS.
Int. & Com. 3981

H. 4518 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-225 SO AS TO REQUIRE SURETY BONDS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS, RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS, AND RESIDENTIAL TRADE REGISTRANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS AGAINST SUCH BONDS LIABILITY LIMITATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-10, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION, SO AS TO MODIFY COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS OF VARIOUS LICENSEES OF THE COMMISSION, TO RENAME "RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS" AS "RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS," TO CREATE THE "RESIDENTIAL TRADE REGISTRANT" CATEGORY OF LICENSEES, AND TO PROVIDE OTHER NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-25, RELATING TO ROOFING CONTRACT CANCELLATION FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-30, RELATING TO LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-50, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ROSTERS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND RESIDENTIAL TRADE CONTACTORS BE PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED TO COUNTY CLERKS OF COURT ANNUALLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-105, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A MONETARY PENALTY ON CERTAIN VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-110, RELATING TO REVOCATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, OR RESTRICTIONS OF LICENSES FOR FINDINGS OF MISCONDUCT AND NONCOMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-140, RELATING TO DENIALS OF LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION BASED ON A PRIOR CRIMINAL RECORD, SO AS MAKE SUCH DENIALS DISCRETIONARY, TO PROVIDE NEW APPLICANTS MUST SUPPLY CERTAIN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND REPORTS FOR THEIR STATES OF RESIDENCE FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF SUCH BACKGROUND REPORTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-220, RELATING TO LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION FEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, TO MAKE FEES DUE BIENNIALLY INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY, AND TO MAKE REGISTRATION ISSUANCE MANDATORY IF THE APPLICANT ESTABLISHES QUALIFICATIONS THROUGH EXAMINATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-230, RELATING TO LICENSURE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION, SO AS TO MAKE RENEWALS BIENNIAL INSTEAD OF ANNUAL, TO MAKE CERTAIN INACTIVE LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS DISCRETIONARY FOR THE BOARD, AND TO CREATE A TIERED SYSTEM OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS' LICENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-240,

RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE EXEMPTIONS FROM LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-250, RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN FACTORS INDICATING FINANCIAL STATUS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-260, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FOR PROJECTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS FOR PERSONAL USE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REVISE THE MANDATORY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-300, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT LOW-INCOME HOUSING USING VOLUNTEER LABOR BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WITHOUT PRESENCE OF A QUALIFIER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-400, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED TO ENGAGE IN RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, AND HOME INSPECTING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-410, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTING, AND HOME INSPECTING MUST BE PRACTICED AND OFFERED THROUGH ENTITIES HOLDING RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-530, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSING OF HOME INSPECTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXEMPT PERSONS SHALL REGISTER WITH THE COMMISSION AND PAY RELATED FEES, AND TO SUBJECT SUCH REGISTERED EXEMPT PERSONS TO DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATED TO LICENSED HOME INSPECTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-580, RELATING TO REDRESS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION FOR VIOLATIONS BY LICENSEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REMEDIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-600, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR LICENSURE VIOLATIONS BY HOME INSPECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-820, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CURE CONSTRUCTION DWELLING DEFECTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 3981

H. 4519 -- Reps. Holman, Brewer, Neese, Yow, Mitchell, Herbkersman, Guest, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Crawford, Willis, Pope, Wickensimer, Hixon, Forrest, Duncan, Sanders, Chapman, Wooten, Landing, Bradley, Pedalino, Hager, Sessions, Gatch, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Rankin, Gilliam, Teeple, Hartnett, Robbins, Anderson, T. Moore, J. Moore, Davis and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC ENTITY FROM REQUIRING A PERSON TO DISCLOSE THEIR RACE ON AN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION OR EMPLOYMENT.

Int. & Com. 3984; Co-Sponsor added 4001

H. 4520 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-172 SO AS TO REQUIRE VOTER

REGISTRATION TO INCLUDE PARTY AFFILIATION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-17 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CONDUCTING OF CLOSED PRIMARIES IN THIS STATE; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 3984

H. 4521 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPARENCY IN CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROMOTE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS RELATED TO CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING TRANSACTIONS, TO ESTABLISH THAT CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS MUST BE SUBJECT TO STATE REGULATION AND SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING DISCLOSURE, REGISTRATION, FUNDING, LIMITATIONS, AND VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 3984

H. 4522 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-420 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL GROOMING OF A MINOR, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.
Int. & Com. 3985

H. 4523 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEXUAL OFFENDER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PLACE A SEXUAL OFFENDER IDENTIFIER ON THE DRIVERS' LICENSES OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS AND SEX OFFENDERS, TO PROVIDE A FEE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 3985

H. 4524 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-305 SO AS TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS TO INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN VIDEO MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT EVERY FACILITY ENTRANCE, EXIT, AND COMMON AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUOUS MONITORING AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR MAINTAINING RECORDED IMAGES.
Int. & Com. 3985

H. 4525 -- Rep. Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE MAY 6, 2025, ADOPTION OF H. 4498, A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."
Int. & Adopted 4096

H. 4526 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox,

Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PAMELA D. SCOTT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TO EXTEND TO HER THE BEST WISHES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS SHE ENTERS A WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 4096

H. 4527 -- Reps. Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Rose, Spann-Wilder, Bauer, Weeks, Waters, Gilliard, Rivers, Hosey, Kirby, Dillard, Jones and Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF DUE PROCESS AND THE OBLIGATION OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO FOLLOW FEDERAL COURT ORDERS.
Int. & Com. 4097

H. 4528 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WILSON HALL GIRLS TRACK TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 4097

H. 4529 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF FRANK LADSON OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4098

H. 4530 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS YOUTH LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE MEETING ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 4098

H. 4531 -- Rep. Reese: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE ENERGY BURDEN A CRISIS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND ACTION TO ADDRESS ENERGY AFFORDABILITY CHALLENGES, AND TO RECOGNIZE SEPTEMBER 24, 2025, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY JUSTICE DAY."
Int. & Com. 4100

H. 4532 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DR. JIMMY FLOWERS, FOUNDER OF FLOWERS MINISTRIES INC., FOR HIS PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE HE SERVES THROUGH HIS VISIONARY LEADERSHIP AND LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THEIR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING.

Int. & Adopted 4100

H. 4533 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL DANCE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

Int. & Adopted 4101

H. 4534 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL CONVENTION OF GOSPEL CHOIRS AND CHORUSES-ORANGEBURG UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Int. & Adopted 4101

H. 4535 -- Reps. Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-535, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON PLACES OF RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, EXCEPTIONS, VIOLATIONS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCES, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL FACILITY," TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES THAT PRECLUDE SEX OFFENDERS FROM RESIDING NEAR SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS, OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST NOTIFY ALL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS OF THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 4116

H. 4536 -- Reps. Oremus, Cromer, Gilreath, Pace, Frank, Edgerton, Beach, Burns, White, Kilmartin, McCravy, Pedalino, Lawson, Morgan, Long, Chumley, Haddon, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, McCabe, Crawford, Duncan and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "LIABILITY FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ON ANY PERSON WHO MANUFACTURES, MAILS, DISTRIBUTES, TRANSPORTS, DELIVERS, OR PROVIDES ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS, OR WHO AIDS OR ABETS THE MANUFACTURE, MAILING, DISTRIBUTION, TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, OR PROVISION OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO DEFINE TERMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 4116

H. 4537 -- Rep. Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-101-620, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT HIGHER INSTITUTIONS MAY OFFER UP TO AN ADDITIONAL FOUR PERCENT OF EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVERS LIMITED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BENEFIT OF UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENTS.
Int. & Com. 4117

H. 4538 -- Reps. Oremus and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTIONS FROM ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE MANUFACTURING, POSSESSION, DISTRIBUTION, MAILING, TRANSPORTING, DELIVERING, OR PROVIDING OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS IN THIS STATE OR ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE PROHIBITED CONDUCT, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO AUTHORIZE QUI TAM ACTIONS FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 4117

H. 4539 -- Reps. McGinnis, Holman and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-150, RELATING TO BURNING LANDS OF ANOTHER WITHOUT CONSENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-170, RELATING TO WILFULLY BURNING LANDS OF ANOTHER, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-180, RELATING TO NEGLIGENTLY ALLOWING FIRE TO SPREAD TO LANDS OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-55, RELATING TO FIRE REGULATION EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO SUSPEND THE EXEMPTIONS WHEN THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY IN CONNECTION WITH FOREST FIRES OR THE STATE FORESTER DECLARES A PROHIBITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-35-60, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FIRES ON CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 35, TITLE 48.
Int. & Com. 4117

H. 4540 -- Reps. Guest and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-530, 63-15-210, 63-15-220, AND 63-15-230, RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY AND PARENTING TIME, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY SOLE CUSTODY OR JOINT CUSTODY MAY BE AWARDED BY THE FAMILY COURT, THERE IS NO PRESUMPTION FOR OR AGAINST EITHER TYPE OF CUSTODY, AND EVERY CHILD CUSTODY ORDER MUST ADDRESS PARENTING TIME; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 4118

H. 4541 -- Reps. Burns and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-780, RELATING IN PART TO MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRIES, SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT AND OTHER ADOPTION-RELATED INFORMATION TO AN ADULT ADOPTEE IF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.
Int. & Com. 4118

H. 4542 -- Rep. Bailey: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 21 OF 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HORRY COUNTY POLICE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 4119

H. 4543 -- Reps. Caskey, Bauer, Collins and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-65 SO AS TO ALLOW THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION OR COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO EXTEND VOTING HOURS AT POLLING LOCATIONS THAT EXPERIENCE DELAYS IN OPENING OR INTERRUPTIONS IN VOTING.
Int. & Com. 4119; Co-Sponsor added 4125

H. 4544 -- Reps. Jordan and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-

78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANING OF "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE LIMITATIONS MUST BE INCREASED OR DECREASED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-180, RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 4119

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TERRIBILE, JACKIE R., Member from District No. 66--York County

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Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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**WATERS, COURTNEY S., Member from District No. 116--
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WETMORE, ELZABETH "SPENCER", Member from District No. 115--Charleston County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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Int. & Com. 2029; Rep. Com. 3431; 2nd R. 3648; 3d R. & Enr. 3742; Rec. V. 3649; Op. 3650; Rat. 3987

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RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND PAYMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE IN MAKING SUCH PAYMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR TRUSTEE PAYMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE TERMS FOR A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRUSTEE'S DUTIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY TERMINATION NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO RESTATE THE SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANT NUMBER LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, ENABLE INCREASES, AND REMOVE A PERIODIC PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND USE REVIEW REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS, AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-8-145, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS FOR RELATED ASSISTANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-8-147 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM ON ITS INTERNET WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE A GRACE PERIOD FOR APPLICANTS TO CORRECT MINOR ERRORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO EXPAND EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, TO REVISE EMPLOYEE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REMOVE A PROVISION AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE RELATED REGULATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO RESTATE THE SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO DISTRICT-LEVEL STUDENT TRANSFER POLICIES, SO AS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING LANGUAGE WITH PROVISIONS CONCERNING INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION FROM HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE PROVISION APPLICABLE TO SCHOLARSHIP AND NONSCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFERS ARE SUBJECT TO HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE ELIGIBILITY RULES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS DESIGNATED TO RECEIVE LOTTERY FUNDING, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND.

Int. & Com. 1517; Rep. Com. 1838; 2nd R. 1914; 3rd R. 2008; Rec. V. 1937, 1940, 1941, 1943,1947, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1957, 1958, 2009, 3701; Amd. 1915, 1956; S/A Amd. 2008; Proposed Amd. 1946, 1948, 1950; Req. Deb. 1878; Op. 1938, 1945, 1948, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1959; Conc. 3698; Rat. 3987

S. 74 -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ISSUE ORDERS AND WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN STORED SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER INFORMATION RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE.
Int. & Com. 1686; Rep. Com. 2586; 2nd R. 3268; 3rd R. 3372; Rec. V. 3271, 3274, 4190; Amd. 3269, 3270, 3272; D. A. 2758. 3073, 3166; Req. Deb. 2696; Op. 2656; Conc. & Enr. 4190; Rat. 4260

S. 77 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVESTREAM OR ALTERNATE ELECTRONIC MEANS TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO REQUIRE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026.
Int. & Com. 1869; Rep. Com. 3658; 2nd R. 3782; 3rd R. 4006; Rec. V. 3782; Op. 3784; M. from S. 4091; Rat. 4231

S. 78 -- Senators Hembree, Young, Zell and Devine: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL AWARD YEARS OF EXPERIENCE CREDIT FOR CERTAIN RELEVANT NON-TEACHING OCCUPATIONAL EXPERIENCE TO CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATORS WHO SATISFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH EXPERIENCE CREDIT MAY BE AWARDED SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADVANCEMENT ON THE TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULE, TO PROVIDE OTHER EXISTING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS REMAIN UNCHANGED BY THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE DIRECTIVES TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 1869; Rep. Com. 3344; 2nd R. 3463; 3rd R. 3542; Rec. V. 3464; Amd. 3463, 3464; Op. 3413; M. from S. 4080; Rat. 4232

S. 79 -- Senators Hembree and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FIVE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM TO PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PARTICIPATION AND IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCY REQUESTS OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECKS.
Int. & Com. 2118; Rep. Com. 3659; 2nd R. 3784; 3rd R. 4006; Rec. V. 3785; Amd. 3784; Op. 3786; M. from S. 4092; Rat. 4232

S. 89 -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA

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Int. & Com. 1519; Rep. Com. 2907; 2nd R. 3452; 3rd R. 3542; Rec. V. 3454; Amd. 3453; D. A. 3040, 3099, 3138. 3194, 3404; Reconsidered 3099; M. from S. 4080; Rat. 4232

S. 101 -- Senator Gambrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS EMPLOYMENT AND REGISTRATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "FIRE DEPARTMENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-40, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CLARIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-80-50, RELATING TO FIREFIGHTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIRED FOR DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ISSUED BY THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 1897; Rep. Com. 3430; 2nd R. 3642; 3rd R. 3739; Rec. V. 3644; Amd. 3642; Op. 3645; M. from S. 4079; Rat. 4233

S. 102 -- Senators Gambrell and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO MILLAGE RATE INCREASE LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT AN OPERATING MILLAGE ON JANUARY 1, 2025, OR A MUNICIPALITY THAT INCORPORATES AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025, TO IMPOSE AN OPERATING MILLAGE AND TO IMPOSE LIMITATIONS.
Int. & Com. 3985

S. 103 -- Senators Climer, Kimbrell, Verdin, Leber, Zell and Stubbs: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-17-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MISLEADING OR DECEPTIVE PRACTICES, LABELING, OR MISREPRESENTING PRODUCTS THAT ARE CELL-CULTURED MEATS, SO AS TO DEFINE "CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT" AND REQUIRE THE ACCURATE LABELING OF CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCTS.
Int. & Com. 1519; Rep. Com. 3387; 2nd R. 3545; 3d R. & Enr. 3740; Rec. V. 3545; Op. 3484, 3547; Rat. 3989

S. 114 -- Senators Adams, Grooms, Rice and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-340 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE CALL LOCATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OF THE USER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SECTION UNDER

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Int. & Com. 3671

S. 125 -- Senators Johnson, Sutton, Devine and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 2056

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITON OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO THE MEANS FOR ACTIVE AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE THEIR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEANS FOR MAKING SUCH INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UPON REQUEST AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR HOME ADDRESSES OR TAX MAP NUMBERS THAT CANNOT BE RESTRICTED FROM A DISCLOSED RECORD WITHIN AN INDEX OR FROM BEING DISPLAYED ON AN IMAGE OF AN OFFICIAL RECORD, TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIVE AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY SEEK CERTAIN JUDICIAL RELIEF FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FOR CLAIMS OR DAMAGES THAT ARISE FROM PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO THE MEANS FOR ACTIVE AND FORMER JUDGES TO MAKE THEIR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO PUBLIC DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE MEANS TO RESTRICT SUCH INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS RESTRICTED FROM PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITES OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS UPON REQUEST AND TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR HOME ADDRESSES OR TAX MAP NUMBERS THAT CANNOT BE RESTRICTED FROM A DISCLOSED

RECORD WITHIN AN INDEX OR FROM BEING DISPLAYED ON AN IMAGE OF AN OFFICIAL RECORD, TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIVE AND FORMER JUDGES MAY SEEK CERTAIN JUDICIAL RELIEF FOR NONCOMPLIANCE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FOR CLAIMS OR DAMAGES THAT ARISE FROM PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE PUBLIC RECORD; TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT 56 OF 2023, WHICH ENACTED THE "LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" AND THE "JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT," FROM JULY 1, 2025, UNTIL JANUARY 1, 2026; AND TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE AND CREATE THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND JUDGES TO USE TO REQUEST STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REGSTRICT PUBLIC ACCESS TO PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE FORM, AND TO PROVIDE STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES MAY PROVIDE SUPPLMENTAL FORMS TO IDENTIFY INFORMATION NEEDED BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ADDRESS REQUESTS FROM ELIGIBLE REQUESTING PARTIES.

Int. & Com. 2595; Rep. Com. 2814; 2nd R. 3092; 3d R. & Enr. 3133; Rec. V. 3094; D. A. 3034; Op. 2947; Reconsidered 3091; Rat. 3378

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Int. & Com. 2030; Rep. Com. 3423; 2nd R. 3563; 3rd R. 3736; Rec. V. 3565, 4185; Amd. 3563; Op. 3566, 4186; Con. Com. 4089; Adopted 4183; M. from S. 4089, 4178, 4197, 4225; Rat. 4260

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Int. & Com. 2030; Rep. Com. 3428; 2nd R. 3619; 3rd R. 3737; Rec. V. 3634, 4192; Amd. 3620; Op. 3635; Conc. & Enr. 4191; M. from S. 4256; Rat. 4261

S. 146 -- Senators Nutt, Corbin, Cromer, Matthews, Martin, Zell, Alexander, Walker and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-81-40, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS MAY DESIGNATE ONE PERSON WHO IS PERMITTED TO VISIT THE RESIDENT IN THE EVENT THAT ACCESS TO THE FACILITY IS LIMITED OR PROHIBITED DUE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM A DISASTER OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.
Int. & Com. 3529

S. 150 -- Senators Blackmon and Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RENTAL KART AGE ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-30, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE A RENTAL KART IF THEY ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLD A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-40, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT PARK RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 2817

S. 154 -- Senator Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND RYAN LOVETTE FOR HIS FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND THIRTY-NINE YEARS OF PAID SERVICE WITH THE GREENWOOD CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1195

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH PERSONS SHALL NOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.
Int. & Com. 2030; Rep. Com. 2672; 2nd R. 3079; 3rd R. 3166; Rec. V. 3080, 4195, 4201; Amd. 3079, 3166; Req. Deb. 2754; Con. Com. 3420; Fr. Con. Com. 4195; Rep. Fr. Con. Com. 4199; M. from S. 3420, 3470, 4178, 4198, 4226; Rat. 4261

S. 157 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT

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Int. 2119; 2nd R. 2161; 3d R. & Enr. 2402; Rec. V. 2162; Rat. 2567

S. 163 -- Senators Verdin and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 47 TO TITLE 34 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING AUTHORITY FROM ACCEPTING OR REQUIRING PAYMENT USING CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY OR PARTICIPATING IN A TEST OF CENTRAL BANK DIGITAL CURRENCY; TO PERMIT INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES USING DIGITAL CURRENCY FOR TRANSACTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSETS MAY NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR DISPARATE TAX TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY TRANSACTION MAY BE TAXED IF THE TAXATION IS THE SAME AS IF THE TRANSACTION USED UNITED STATES LEGAL TENDER; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL CURRENCY OPERATIONS MAY BE NOT BE SUBJECTED TO DISPARATE ZONING TREATMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS OPERATIONS SHALL NOT PLACE ANY ADDITIONAL STRESS ON THE ELECTRICAL GRID FOR WHICH THEY ARE CONNECTED AND TO PROVIDE THAT DIGITAL MINING BUSINESSES MUST PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION UPON REQUEST; TO PROVIDE THAT THOSE ENGAGED IN DIGITAL MINING OPERATIONS DO NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN CERTAIN LICENSES AND THAT THOSE WHO PROVIDE CERTAIN SERVICES RELATED TO DIGITAL MINING OR STAKING ARE NOT OFFERING A SECURITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAN PROSECUTE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO OR BUSINESS THAT FRAUDULENTLY CLAIM TO BE OFFERING DIGITAL ASSET MINING AS SERVICE OR STAKING AS A SERVICE; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Int. & Com. 3986

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-23-115, 1-23-120, AND 1-23-125, ALL RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY THE FOLLOWING JANUARY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-HUNDRED-TEN-DAY LEGISLATIVE REVIEW PERIOD.
Int. & Com. 1519; Rep. Com. 3104; 2nd R. 3145; 3rd R. 3180; Rec. V. 3148; Amd. 3145; Op. 3150; M. from S. 3419; Rat. 3989

S. 165 -- Senators Campsen, Graham and Sutton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-980 SO AS TO

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Int. & Com. 2632; Rep. Com. 3389; 2nd R. 3720; 3d R. & Enr. 3744; Rec. V. 3721; Proposed Amd. 3720; Req. Deb. 3549; Op. 3487, 3722; Rat. 3990

S. 167 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-975 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION FUND AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3215 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A TAX NOTICE FOR WATERCRAFT MUST INCLUDE A WATERWAYS PROTECTION FEE OF THREE DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 1532

S. 170 -- Senators Hembree, Kimbrell, Stubbs, Matthews, Garrett, Adams, Graham and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-387 SO AS TO REQUIRE A LICENSED FACILITY TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO PREVENT EXPOSURE TO SURGICAL SMOKE BY REQURING THE USE OF A SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM.
Int. & Com. 2597

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; AND TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 3177; Rep. Com. 3430; 2nd R. 3645; 3rd R. 3739; Rec. V. 3647; Amd. 3646; Op. 3648; M. from S. 4078 ; Rat. 4233

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO APPLY THESE REQUIREMENTS TO USAGES IN ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE UNIFORM CERTIFIED PUBLIC

ACCOUNTANT EXAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO ENTITIES REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE BOARD TO PRACTICE AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH REGISTRATION OF FIRMS THAT PERFORM COMPILATION SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE OWNERSHIP OF SUCH FIRMS MAY BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATORS MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO OBTAIN LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE RECIPROCITY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-2-20(18) RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SECTION 40-2-35(H) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY.
Int. & Com. 2597; Rep. Com. 3429; 2nd R. 3638; 3rd R. 3737; Rec. V. 3641; Amd. 3639; Op. 3642; M. from S. 4088; Rat. 4233

S. 185 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF DR. LONNIE RANDOLPH JR. OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1195

S. 190 -- Senators Adams, Tedder, Sutton and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT," SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT OF WHICH AN OBLIGATION MUST BE ISSUED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-88, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT FEES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF CLOSED OR REALIGNED FEDERAL INSTALLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 2925

S. 193 -- Senators Reichenbach, Sabb and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CASHUA DRIVE IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SECOND LOOP ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 "CURTIS KERSHAW

SUMMERFORD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1379; Rep. Com. 1893; Conc. 2012

S. 196 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 91 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, EXEMPTIONS, AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE, PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FOR EXAMINATION, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR RENEWAL, SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR ADJUSTERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE AND PENALTIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 92 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS AND TYPES OF LICENSES, REQUIRE AN EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE AND PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS TO EXAMINATION, PROVIDE FOR THE DENIAL, NONRENEWAL, OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, REQUIRE A BOND OR LETTER OF CREDIT, REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION, ALLOW FOR FEES, AND SET STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC ADJUSTERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTERS 47 AND 48 OF TITLE 38.

Int. & Com. 3671

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE

INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 3118; Rep. Com. 3434; 2nd R. 3683; 3rd R. 3739; Rec. V. 3685; Amd. 3684; Op. 3686, 4081; M. from S. 4081, 4228; Rat. 4261

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 1809; Rep. Com. 3283; 2nd R. 3362; 3d R. & Enr. 3383; Rec. V. 3362; Op. 3363, 3364; Rat. 3990

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMISSION AND TO REMOVE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-20, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF STUDY FOR THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO STUDY SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION OF COMMUNITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-40, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DUTIES.
Int. 3755; 2nd R. 4031; 3d R. & Enr. 4156; Rec. V. 4029,4031; Proposed Amd. 4024; Op. 4024, 4029; Rat. 4262

S. 218 -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.
Int. & Com. 1520; Rep. Com. 2907; 2nd R. 3095; 3d R. & Enr. 3134; Rec. V. 3096; Amd. 3095; D. A. 3039, 3095; Rat. 3380

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.
Int. & Com. 2056; Rep. Com. 3389; 2nd R. 3551; 3d R. & Enr. 3742; Rec. V. 3551; Op. 3488, 3553; Rat. 3990

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE

DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL BY COMMISSIONERS OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL, AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-12-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES TO THE DEFINITION OF "PERSON"; TO AMEND SECTION 38-12-220, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON INVESTMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-12-430, RELATING TO ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR INSURER HOLDINGS, SO AS TO INCLUDE AFFILIATES AND SUBSIDIARIES.

Int. & Com. 2925; Rep. Com. 3433; 2nd R. 3681; 3d R. & Enr. 3743; Rec. V. 3682; Op. 3681, 3683; Rat. 3990

S. 221 -- Senator Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Int. & Com. 3530; Rep. Com. 3665; 2nd R. 3797; 3rd R. 4006; Rec. V. 3800; Amd. 3797; M. from S. 4094; Rat. 4234

S. 224 -- Senator Tedder: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 2025 AS "MENTORING MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Com. 1379

S. 233 -- Senators Leber, Kennedy and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE "SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT," SO AS TO REDEFINE "LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE."

Int. & Com. 2817

S. 235 -- Senators Kimbrell, Leber and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-90, RELATING TO

PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT PROSTITUTION BY A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-100, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO A PERSON WHO SOLICITS CUSTOMERS FOR A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-110, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS FOR PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM SOLICITING A PROTITUTED PERSON.

Int. & Com. 2818

S. 237 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb and Garrett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 2, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE SUPREME COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2029; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL SERVE A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON FEBRUARY 14, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 7, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 14, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 15, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO

ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON APRIL 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, UPON HER RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2031; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE

FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, UPON HER ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 1, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 2, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 5, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 6, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 2, UPON HIS ELECTION TO THE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2027; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 3, WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2025.

Int. & Adopted 1228; Op. 1434

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME

PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

Int. & Com. 1809

S. 244 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice, Turner, Climer, Williams, Bennett, Cromer, Grooms, Blackmon and Chaplin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-38-15, RELATING TO THE APPORTIONMENT OF PERCENTAGES OF FAULT AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE OR DRUG EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A JURY OR THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE THE PERCENTAGE OF FAULT OF THE CLAIMANT, THE DEFENDANT, AND OF ANY NONPARTY WHOSE ACT OR OMISSION WAS A PROXIMATE CAUSE OF THE CLAIMANT'S ALLEGED DAMAGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-20 RELATING TO RIGHT OF CONTRIBUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-30 RELATING TO FACTORS DETERMINING PRO RATA LIABILITY OF TORTFEASORS; BY REPEALING SECTION 15-38-40 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-710 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS PROHIBITED FROM RECOVERING DAMAGES IF THE INDIVIDUAL KNOWINGLY RIDES AS A PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE OPERATED BY A DRIVER WHO IS VISIBLY INTOXICATED OR WHOM THE INDIVIDUAL KNEW OR SHOULD HAVE KNOWN WOULD BECOME INTOXICATED; BY ADDING SECTION 15-3-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CLERK OF COURT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE COMPLAINT AND JUDGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE UPON ENTERING JUDGMENT AGAINST A LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL LIABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-590, RELATING TO REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF PERMITS AND DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REVOKE OR SUSPEND A PERMIT ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE UPON RECEIPT OF A COMPLAINT AND JUDGMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-100 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAINING SERVER AND MANAGER TRAINING; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AND APPROVAL OF TRAINING PROGRAMS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OF A PERMIT OR LICENSE; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-3-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, EDUCATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF RESPONSIBLE ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO SALES TO INTOXICATED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ESTABLISHMENT LICENSED TO SELL

ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS OR LIQUOR BY THE DRINK PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THESE BEVERAGES TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING, REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION, FEES, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURER SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION EXCEEDS ITS AGGREGATE LIMIT PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-3-670, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY SECTIONS 15-3-640 THROUGH 15-3-660 ARE NOT AVAILABLE AS DEFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS CONSIDERED MATERIAL ONLY IF IT EXISTS WITHIN A COMPLETED BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OR FACILITY WHICH HAS RESULTED IN PHYSICAL HARM TO A PERSON OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE PERFORMANCE OF A BUILDING OR ITS SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE OF COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE; BY ADDING SECTION 15-7-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL ACTION TRIED AGAINST AN UNKNOWN DEFENDANT MUST BE TRIED IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE CAUSE OF ACTION AROSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-150, RELATING TO UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION IS NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-160, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL UNINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY DAMAGES IN THE MANDATORY OFFER OF UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS COVERAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE OCCURRENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS FOR BAD FAITH INVOLVING A LIABILITY.

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TO ISSUE A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF SUCH IMPLEMENTATION.
Int. 1520; 2nd R. 1631; 3d R. & Enr. 1653; Rec. V. 1631; Rat. 2153

S. 259 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MASTER TROOPER JOHN WAYNE VALDARIO SR. FOR HIS FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1196

S. 264 -- Senators Peeler, Climer, Ott, Johnson, Kimbrell, Williams, Turner, Rice, Corbin, Bennett, Garrett and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY WITHOUT EXPRESS WRITTEN AGREEMENT OF THE OWNER.
Int. & Com. 2056

S. 268 -- Senators Bennett, Leber and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ONLINE SERVICE SHALL TAKE CARE IN THE USE OF A MINOR'S PERSONAL DATA AND IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SERVICE TO PREVENT HARM TO MINORS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ONLINE SERVICE MUST PROVIDE MINORS WITH EASILY ACCESSIBLE TOOLS TO LIMIT TIME SPENT ON THE SERVICE AND PROTECT PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE LIMITS ON HOW MUCH OF A MINOR'S DATA THE SERVICE MAY COLLECT AND RESTRICT THE USE OF SUCH DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST OFFER PARENTS TOOLS TO HELP THEM PROTECT MINORS USING THE SERVICE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO REPORT HARMS TO MINORS ON ONLINE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLINE SERVICES MUST ISSUE A PUBLIC REPORT ON THE SERVICE'S PRACTICES PERTAINING TO MINORS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Int. & Com. 3728

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE, TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP RELATED STANDARDS, GUIDELINES, AND APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING

SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 18, TITLE 40, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Int. & Com. 3119; Rep. Com. 3658; 2nd R. 3780; 3d R. & Enr. 4005; Rec. V. 3780; Rat. 4235

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Int. & Com. 1686; 2nd R. 1910; 3rd R. 1981; Rec. V. 1911; Amd. 1911; S/A Amd. 1981; Recalled 1879; Op. 1912; Rat. 2153

S. 275 -- Senators Grooms, Walker, Climer, Zell and Sutton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-10, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "DIRECT-CURRENT-FAST-CHARGING STATION," "ELECTRIC VEHICLE," AND "ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PROVIDER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1060, RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTRIC UTILITIES OR OTHER PROVIDERS THAT OFFER ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS DIRECTLY TO THE PUBLIC SHALL DO SO ON A FAIR, REASONABLE, AND NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS AND SHALL NOT PROVIDE AN UNREASONABLE ADVANTAGE FOR DIRECT-CURRENT-FAST-CHARGING STATIONS; AND TO REGULATE REVENUE.

Int. & Com. 2056; Rep. Com. 3431; 2nd R. 3641; 3rd R. 3742; Rec. V. 3651; Op. 3652; Rat. 3991

S. 276 -- Senator Young: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-11-400, 63-11-410, AND 63-11-420, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY MEDICAL RESPONSE SYSTEM ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT NETWORK" AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 2119; 2nd R. 3365; 3d R. & Enr. 3383; Rec. V. 3365; Recalled 3259; Op. 3366; Rat. 3992

S. 279 -- Senators Massey and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-29-20, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, AND COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-29-35, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-27-710, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A PERSON MAY NOT BE APPOINTED UNLESS THE COMMITTEE FINDS THE APPOINTEE QUALIFIED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-27-720, RELATING TO DUTIES OF COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE THREE QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNOR.
Int. & Com. 2743

S. 282 -- Senator Zell: AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY AERONAUTICS COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.
Int. & Com. 1520; Rep. Com. 1545; 2nd R. 1648; 3d R. & Enr. 1709; Rec. V. 1648; Op. 1649; Rat. 2153

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Int. & Com. 2031; Rep. Com. 2905; 2nd R. 3003; 3d R. & Enr. 3033; Rec. V. 3004; Op. 3005; Rat. 3380

S. 292 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Martin, Massey and Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND IN RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT TIMES THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES TO MEET FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.
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