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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026**  
**(STATEWIDE SESSION)**

**Thursday, January 29, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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**Indicates New Matter**

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Jeff Lingerfelt as follows:

Our thought for today is from Daniel 4:34-35: “For Your dominion is an everlasting dominion, And Your kingdom endures from generation to generation. All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth. And no one can ward off His hand, or say to Him, ‘What have You done?’

Let us pray: O Lord our God, Your Kingdom and dominion is everlasting, enduring forever. There is not one molecule in all of creation that is not under Your omnipotence and omniscience. Your power and knowledge are infinite and beyond all human comprehension. We ask that You would enlighten and empower us to know how we ought to govern those entrusted to our care. As governing authorities, help us with all humility to serve one another to the best of our ability and for Your glory. We pray these things in the name of the Most High God who is ruler over the realm of mankind. Amen.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. HART moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Reverend Dr. Lillie A Burgess, which was agreed to.

**In Memory of Reverend Dr. Lillie A. Burgess**

Mr. Speaker, I ask that when we adjourn today, we adjourn in memory of Reverend Dr. Lillie A. Burgess.

Dr. Burgess, passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in Columbia, SC. She enjoyed a distinguished career in academics, received numerous State and National accolades, including the Order of

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the Palmetto; and she was a prominent speaker and a leader of foreign missions. Her presence and dedicated service will be missed immensely.

Rep. Chris Hart

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

H. 4567 -- Reps. Chapman and C. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF THE EAST-WEST PARKWAY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 81 IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON IN ANDERSON COUNTY "RICHARD A. SHIRLEY MEMORIAL PARKWAY" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4569 -- Rep. Edgerton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 29 AT SOUTH BLACKSTOCK ROAD IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY "BOBBY E. WILDER MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4570 -- Reps. Oremus, Clyburn, Hixon, Taylor and Hartz: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF PINEY HEIGHTS ROAD IN AIKEN COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINE HILL ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINE LOG ROAD THE "JAMES ROLAND SMITH MEMORIAL HIGHWAY"

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AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4572 -- Rep. Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE ON SOUTH HARPER EXTENSION THAT CROSSES OVER THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 127 BYPASS IN LAURENS COUNTY "REVEREND DR. JEFFERSON N. McDOWELL MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4571 -- Rep. Pope: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BLACK STREET AND DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD IN YORK COUNTY "LT. LARRY 'LV' VAUGHAN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4916 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SYMPATHY FOR THE LOSS OF MR. ROY C. HENDERSON AND TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH LIBERTY STREET IN THE CITY OF SPARTANBURG IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY FROM THE C.C. WOODSON COMMUNITY CENTER TO CAULDER AVENUE "ROY C. HENDERSON MEMORIAL

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STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4920 -- Rep. Caskey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF PLATT SPRINGS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF SPRINGDALE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH RAINBOW DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WATTING ROAD "MAYOR PAT G. SMITH MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4923 -- Rep. Caskey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 12TH STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH KNOX ABBOTT DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH JARVIS Klapman BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA IN LEXINGTON COUNTY "GUS MANOS MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4957 -- Rep. Ligon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE TEN-MILE STRETCH OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77 FROM SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 97 (EXIT 55) TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 (EXIT 65) IN CHESTER COUNTY "REPRESENTATIVE F.G. 'GREG' DELLENEY JR. HIGHWAY"

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AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4919 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 278 AND 301 IN THE TOWN OF ALLENDALE IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS JOHNNIE DOCTOR JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4981 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 AND BLACK BRANCH ROAD IN THE TOWN OF DILLON IN DILLON COUNTY "JOSEPH B. 'BENNY' COOPER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4758 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hartz, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Martin, McGinnis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THIS CHAPTER IS TO ENCOURAGE THE LAWFUL CULTIVATION, HARVESTING,

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AND MANUFACTURING OF HEMP; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-55-10, RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL HEMP CULTIVATION TERMS AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF EXISTING TERMS; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 46-55-70, 46-55-80, AND 46-55-90 SO AS TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF CONSUMABLE HEMP, TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, OR TO PROHIBIT THE LAWFUL POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, OR DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN CBD PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4759 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bailey, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Erickson, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, T. Moore, B. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, Yow and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-5 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PURPOSE OF REGULATING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-55-10, RELATING TO HEMP FARMING DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCT" AND "INTOXICATING HEMP PRODUCT"; BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-70 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CERTAIN CONSUMABLE HEMP PRODUCTS; BY ADDING SECTION 46-55-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INTERSTATE COMMERCE IS NOT BEING LIMITED; AND BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATING TO INTOXICATING HEMP BEVERAGES, PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, PROVIDE FOR INTOXICATING HEMP BEVERAGE PRODUCT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSING AND TAXES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 477 -- Senators Davis and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-210, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A "SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE" IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-230, RELATING TO PHARMACISTS PERMITTED TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-240, RELATING TO WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE BOARD OF PHARMACY TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO DISPENSE SELF-ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT PATIENT-SPECIFIC WRITTEN ORDERS, SO AS TO INSTEAD PROVIDE THE DISPENSATIONS MAY BE MADE UNDER STANDING ORDERS OR WITHOUT STANDING ORDERS WHEN DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3774 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Stavrinakis, Jordan, McCravy and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-1-560, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A THIRD-PARTY ACTION IN A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM, SO AS TO MAKE THE FILING OF A NOTICE FORM PERMISSIVE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4720 -- Reps. Rose, McCravy, C. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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AMENDING SECTIONS 17-22-50 AND 17-22-60, BOTH RELATING TO PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM IF TWENTY YEARS HAS PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM BY THE PERSON, RATHER THAN LIMITING ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION TO ONLY ONCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5049 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SKILLSUSA FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT AMERICA HAS A SKILLED WORKFORCE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5050 -- Reps. Rivers, McDaniel, King, Anderson, Williams, Jones, Dillard, Clyburn, Reese, Hosey, Alexander, Weeks, Scott, Atkinson,

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Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND DR. ELIJAH WASHINGTON SR. OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CHIEF OF STAFF AND FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN OB/GYN IN THE LOWCOUNTRY, TO HONOR HIS COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND FAITH, AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5051 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

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McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND SUPPORT "INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY"; TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS, EDUCATORS, ENGINEERS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS ACROSS THE STATE; AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026, AS "INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5052 -- Reps. Atkinson, Bailey and Hayes: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD THE GREEN SEA FLOYDS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5053 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

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King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLINT AND ERIN HENDERSON, FOUNDERS OF COLE'S VICTORY LAP, FOR THEIR COMPASSIONATE LEADERSHIP AND FIVE YEARS OF IMPACTFUL SERVICE TO CHILDREN BATTLING CANCER AND THEIR FAMILIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5054 -- Reps. Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE IMPACT OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION ON THE QUALITY OF

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LIFE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DECLARE MARCH 25, 2026, AS "STEM EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5055 -- Reps. Kirby, Cox, Holman, Davis, M. M. Smith, J. Moore, Anderson and Pace: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HARRISTOWN ROAD FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MENDELL RIVERS ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRIS LANE IN THE TOWN OF ST. STEPHEN IN BERKELEY COUNTY "J.B. HARRIS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5056 -- Reps. Jones, Rivers, Dillard, Burns, Wickensimer, D. Mitchell, Scott, Weeks and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HOME REPAIR CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN AND SIGNED CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN HOME REPAIR SERVICES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS OF HOMEOWNERS WHO ENTER INTO HOME REPAIR AGREEMENTS WITH HEIGHTENED PROTECTIONS FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF HOME REPAIR FRAUD AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROHIBITED ACTS OF CONTRACTORS OR THEIR AGENTS WHICH CONSTITUTE AN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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H. 5057 -- Reps. Ballentine, Cobb-Hunter and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-420 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY RETAILERS MAY USE CERTAIN LOTTERY TICKET VENDING MACHINES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2710, RELATING TO TYPES OF MACHINES AND DEVICES PROHIBITED BY LAW, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5058 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Pope, Herbkersman, Brittain, Martin, Neese, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Jordan, Bradley, Guest, Lowe and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-7-10, RELATING TO ILLEGAL ACTS DURING STATES OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THAT HARASSING OR THREATENING A WORKER RESTORING CRITICAL SERVICES IS A MISDEMEANOR, AND THAT ASSAULTING OR ENDANGERING A WORKER RESTORING CRITICAL SERVICES OR DESTROYING OR TAMPERING WITH AN ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM IS A FELONY, AND TO DEFINE CRITICAL SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5059 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Sessions, Pope, Martin and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 53 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO RECOGNIZE THE CATAWBA NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT AS AN OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THIS STATE, TO AFFIRM CURRENT POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5060 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 369 OF 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ST. JOHN'S FIRE DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND TO REVISE THE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 727 OF 1978.

Referred to Charleston Delegation

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H. 5061 -- Reps. Bustos, Landing, Hartnett, Wickensimer, T. Moore and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 51-3-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COASTAL BEACH IS A STATE PARK.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5062 -- Reps. Robbins, Gatch, T. Moore, C. Mitchell, Yow, M. M. Smith, Davis, Pope, Calhoon, Cox, Jordan, Brittain and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-230, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE CRIMINAL GANG PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-240, RELATING TO USE OF OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY CRIMINAL GANG MEMBERS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE AND ESTABLISH UNLAWFUL CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY OFFENSES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADMISSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL GANG AND CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY EVIDENCE DURING A TRIAL OR PROCEEDING; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-250, RELATING TO PREVENTING WITNESSES OR VICTIMS FROM TESTIFYING AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY A CRIMINAL GANG; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADMISSIBILITY IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING OF THE ACCUSED'S COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 8, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ENACT THE "ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT", TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS FOR THE ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT, TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO ENGAGE IN RACKETEERING ACTIVITY, TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ENGAGING IN RACKETEERING ACTIVITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY ENJOIN VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT BY ISSUING APPROPRIATE ORDERS, TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION FOR RACKETEERING ACTIVITY, AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF INFORMANTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1630, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE GRAND JURY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO ADD

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THE CRIME OF RACKETEERING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE GRAND JURY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5063 -- Reps. Landing, Hartnett, Teeple, Gilliard and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE PERIODIC FULL STRUCTURAL INSPECTIONS OF CERTAIN COASTAL MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS BY CERTIFIED STRUCTURAL EXPERTS AS A CONDITION OF PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL, TO PROVIDE INSURERS MAY CONSIDER THE FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF STRUCTURAL INSPECTION REPORTS WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER TO RENEW, NONRENEW, OR CONDITIONALLY RENEW A POLICY, AND TO PROVIDE A POLICY RENEWED FOLLOWING A QUALIFYING INSPECTION MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE UP TO POLICY LIMITS AND COVERAGE FOR REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE LIVING EXPENSES WHEN EVACUATION IS NECESSARY DUE TO STRUCTURAL DEFICIENCIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5064 -- Reps. Yow, Hayes, C. Mitchell and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-510, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REPRESENTATION FROM LOCAL INDUSTRY MAY INCLUDE CERTAIN EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5065 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Teeple and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS FOR CRIMES AGAINST MINORS ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES AGAINST MINORS AND TO PROHIBIT THE AVOIDANCE OR REDUCTION OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF CRIMES AGAINST MINORS

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DUE TO A VERDICT OR PLEA OF NOT GUILTY BY REASON OF INSANITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5066 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WORKING AS CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITIES TO EMPLOY OR RETAIN CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIANS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

H. 5067 -- Reps. Edgerton, Gilreath, Cromer, Frank, Pace, Kilmartin, White, McCravy, Magnuson, Terribile, Lastinger, Huff, Rankin and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 55, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT TESTING FOR URINARY METABOLITES IN CERTAIN WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5068 -- Rep. Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE ABILITY TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE RULES RELATING TO POLITICAL SIGNS PROVIDED THOSE RULES MEET CRITERIA DESIGNATED BY THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5069 -- Reps. T. Moore, Bradley, Wooten, Brittain, Bernstein, Holman, Ford, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, B. Newton, Rivers, Anderson, Kirby, McDaniel, Caskey, Erickson, Reese, Chapman, Govan, Yow, Bustos, Martin, Sessions, Gatch, M. M. Smith, D. Mitchell, Guest, Neese, Pedalino, Bauer, W. Newton, Gilreath, Gilliam, Luck, Pope, Ligon, Cox, J. L. Johnson, Guffey, Bowers, Jordan, Collins, Duncan, Teeple, Lawson, Sanders, Montgomery, Ballentine, Brewer, Gagnon, Haddon, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Jones, Lowe and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

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LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 61 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROTECTED LANDS AND CONSERVATION COORDINATION ACT"; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO RECOGNIZE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS AN IMPORTANT STATE INTEREST; TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PROTECTED LAND BENCHMARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATION OF LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS AND ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**ROLL CALL**

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell

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Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HAGER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Amanda Davis of Greenville County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3477  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 WEEKS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3530  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 VAUGHAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3551  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 WEEKS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3580  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 GILLIARD

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4043  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 MAGNUSON, HARRIS, EDGERTON, CHUMLEY  
and RANKIN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4270  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 BANNISTER, WILLIS, J. L. JOHNSON and GUEST

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4386  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 GUFFEY

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4568  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 BURNS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4705  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 WILLIS and GILLIARD

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4737  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 GRANT

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4756  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 SESSIONS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4926  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 MAGNUSON, EDGERTON, WHITE, KILMARTIN,  
GILREATH, CROMER, FRANK, BEACH,  
D. MITCHELL and WILLIS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4927  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 CROMER, GILREATH, DAVIS, D. MITCHELL and  
SCHUESSLER

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5006  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 BREWER and WEEKS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5013  
Date: ADD:  
01/29/26 GUFFEY and HOLMAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 3643  
Date: REMOVE:  
01/29/26 J. E. JOHNSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 5002  
Date: REMOVE:  
01/29/26 HOSEY

**S. 336--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 336 -- Senators Alexander, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO SET THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MARCH FOR THE ELECTIONS OF JUDGES BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yea 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

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Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

**Total—113**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 336--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 336 be read the third time tomorrow.

**H. 4760--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4760 -- Reps. W. Newton, Oremus, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Crawford, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hiott, Hixon, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, McCravy, Martin, C. Mitchell, T. Moore, B. Newton, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Sessions, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Yow, Chumley, Edgerton, Taylor, Bowers, White and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 41, TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE CRIMES AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES REGARDING THE USE OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-250, RELATING TO SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD MIFEPRISTONE AND MISOPROSTOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF MIFEPRISTONE AND MISOPROSTOL, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Reps. HIOTT, KIRBY, EDGERTON, MAGNUSON, CALHOON, FORD, CROMER, HARRIS, COBB-HUNTER, BAMBERG, RIVERS, GILLIARD, WATERS, WHITMIRE, HENDERSON-MYERS, GRANT, ROSE and WEEKS requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 779--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 779 -- Senators Massey, Hutto, Zell, Devine and Adams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECEIVE A MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS BETWEEN

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MEMBERS WHOSE SEATS WERE VACATED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO FILL THE VACANCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE SEATS WERE VACATED DUE TO THE MEMBER BEING CONVICTED OF OR PLEADING GUILT OR NOLO CONTENDERE TO A FELONY ARE NOT ENTITLED TO A LEGISLATIVE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE PAYMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yea 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	D. Mitchell	Montgomery

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T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Yow	

**Total--113**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**RECORD FOR VOTING**

I inadvertently voted in favor of S. 779. I intended to vote against the Bill.

Rep. Heather Bauer

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

January 29, 2026  
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.  
506 Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on S.779 which is a Joint Resolution to provide that each member of the General Assembly shall receive a monthly legislative expense allowance of one thousand dollars; to provide for the allocation of legislative expense allowance payments between members whose seats were vacated during fiscal year 2025-2026 and the members elected to fill the vacancy; and to provide that

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members of the general assembly whose seats were vacated due to the member being convicted of or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to a felony are not entitled to a legislative expense allowance payment pursuant to this act. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,  
Representative John McCravy  
House District Number 13

**S. 779--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 779 be read the third time tomorrow.

**H. 3222--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, February 3, which was agreed to.

**H. 4756--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill, cloture having been ordered:

H. 4756 -- Reps. Pope, Bailey, Ballentine, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hardee, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, T. Moore, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Rankin, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow,

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B. Newton, Chumley, Edgerton, Magnuson, Terribile, White, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Gilreath, Huff, Landing, Lastinger, Teeple, Guffey, McCabe, Gibson, Bowers and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MEASURES TO PROMOTE AND ENSURE PRIVACY AMONG SEXES USING CERTAIN RESTROOMS AND CHANGING FACILITIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. WATERS and ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 23 to H. 4756 (LC-4756.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-23-550(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

(A) An individual employee or student who, while accessing a restroom or changing facility designated for use by their sex, encounters a person of the opposite sex in that restroom or changing facility, has a private cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the public school or public institution of higher learning that:

(1) provided the person permission to use a restroom or changing facility of the opposite sex; or

(2) failed to take reasonable steps to prohibit the person of the opposite sex from using the restroom or changing facility of the opposite sex.

(B) An individual employee or student required by the public school or public institution of higher learning to share sleeping quarters with a person of the opposite sex has a private cause of action for declaratory and injunctive relief against the offending public school or public institution of higher learning.

(C) All civil action brought pursuant to this section must be initiated within two years after the violation occurred. An individual employee or student aggrieved under this section who prevails in court may recover reasonable attorney fees and costs from the offending public school or public institution of higher learning.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

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The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GRANT proposed the following Amendment No. 26 to H. 4756 (LC-4756.SA0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-23-540(A) and inserting:

(A) Multioccupancy public school or public institution of higher learning restrooms and changing facilities must be designated for use only by members of one sex at a time, on either a permanent basis or temporary or event-based basis. Any public school or public institution of higher learning restrooms and changing facilities that are designated for one sex must be used only by members of that sex. Any restroom or changing facility designated for one sex on a temporary or event-based basis, must be used only by members of that sex during the period of such designation. No person may enter a restroom or changing facility that is designated for one sex unless he or she is a member of that sex; and the public school or public institution of higher learning shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all restrooms and changing facilities provide its users with privacy from members of the opposite sex. All restrooms and changing facilities must have a changing table installed equipped to change an infant or toddler. The provisions in this item do not apply:

(1) to custodial or maintenance work when the restroom or changing facility is not being used or otherwise occupied by a member of the opposite sex;

(2) to provide coaching or athletic training during athletic events by coaching staff in changing rooms when no individual is in a state of undress;

(3) to a person or people rendering medical assistance; and

(4) during a natural disaster, emergency, or when use of the restroom or changing facility is necessary to prevent a serious threat to good order or student safety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GRANT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

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Rep. HARTNETT proposed the following Amendment No. 40 to H. 4756 (LC-4756.SA0008H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-23-540(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) All public school buildings and all building in public institutions of higher learning must provide at least one single user restroom and changing facility.

(2) Multioccupancy public school or public institution of higher learning restrooms and changing facilities must be designated for use only by members of one sex at a time, on either a permanent basis or temporary or event-based basis. Any public school or public institution of higher learning restrooms and changing facilities that are designated for one sex must be used only by members of that sex. Any restroom or changing facility designated for one sex on a temporary or event-based basis, must be used only by members of that sex during the period of such designation. No person may enter a restroom or changing facility that is designated for one sex unless he or she is a member of that sex; and the public school or public institution of higher learning shall take reasonable steps to ensure that all restrooms and changing facilities provide its users with privacy from members of the opposite sex. The provisions in this item do not apply:

(4)(a) to custodial or maintenance work when the restroom or changing facility is not being used or otherwise occupied by a member of the opposite sex;

(2)(b) to provide coaching or athletic training during athletic events by coaching staff in changing rooms when no individual is in a state of undress;

(3)(c) to a person or people rendering medical assistance; and

(4)(d) during a natural disaster, emergency, or when use of the restroom or changing facility is necessary to prevent a serious threat to good order or student safety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARTNETT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. POPE spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. KING spoke against the Bill.

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Rep. CROMER spoke in favor of the Bill.  
Rep. WATERS spoke against the Bill.  
Rep. POPE spoke in favor of the Bill.  
Rep. GRANT spoke against the Bill.  
Rep. SESSIONS spoke in favor of the Bill.  
Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.  
Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yea 96; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCrary	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders

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M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--96**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Grant	Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	McDaniel
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Scott	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

**Total--19**

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

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4756. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

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

H. 4574 -- Rep. Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE EDISTO RIVER ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 61 AT THE DORCHESTER/COLLETON COUNTY LINE THE "ERNEST GROVER EWERS SR. MEMORIAL

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BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5070 -- Rep. Bamberg: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS ITS FIRM SENSE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS, AND ALL FEDERAL OFFICIALS MUST UPHOLD AND RESPECT THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND REFRAIN FROM ANY ACTIONS THAT WOULD UNLAWFULLY DISARM LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS; TO AFFIRM ITS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE RIGHT OF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO LAWFULLY CARRY AND CONCEAL FIREARMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW; TO CONDEMN ANY FEDERAL POLICIES, ACTIONS, OR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS THAT SEEK TO UNDERMINE, RESTRICT, OR DENY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF CITIZENS WHO ARE LAWFULLY EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS; AND TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT AS A CORNERSTONE OF LIBERTY AND A VITAL PROTECTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT TYRANNY.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5071 -- Reps. Erickson, Crawford, G. M. Smith, Willis, Kirby, Garvin, Hixon, Montgomery, Martin, Brewer, Teeple, Bradley, Gilliam, Robbins, Hiott, B. Newton, Rankin, Hager, Sessions, Hewitt, Landing, Bowers, Wooten, Whitmire, Guffey, Taylor, Hartz, Oremus, Forrest, Guest, Vaughan, Davis, J. E. Johnson, Bannister, W. Newton, Pope, Jordan, Haddon, Herbkersman, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Ligon, Gagnon, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, Moss, Pedalino and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE

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SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT PART OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-105, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AS A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-10, 57-1-40, 57-1-370, AND 57-1-430, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEMIZED PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ENACT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT" FOR THE TERM "COMMISSION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY

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AMENDING SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVING AS AN AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ROADS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-13-10, 57-13-20, 57-13-40, AND 57-13-50, ALL RELATING TO BRIDGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-25-140, 57-25-150, 57-25-170, 57-25-200, AND 57-25-210, ALL RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-310 AND 57-1-330, BOTH RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO REMOVE AT-LARGE MEMBERS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 57, RELATING TO TURNPIKE PROJECTS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS OF TURNPIKE FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT TURNPIKE BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE AS SPECIFIED IN THE BOND RESOLUTION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY AND TO SET FORTH ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-105 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN NONESSENTIAL ROADS, TO ESTABLISH THE SYSTEM REALIGNMENT FUND TO AID IN THE TRANSFER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES TO COUNTIES IN WHICH ALL SUCH NONESSENTIAL ROADS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-360, RELATING TO THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR AND A CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER TO HOLD THE POSITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-20,

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RELATING TO THE DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO DESIGNATE SUCH OFFICIALS AS DEPUTY SECRETARIES AND TO ESTABLISH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PLANNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION EXEMPTIONS TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE THE EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-5-1710 AND 57-5-1720 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PHASED DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTORS; BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-790 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE STATE WAIVES ITS IMMUNITY UNDER THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-5-820 AND 57-5-830, BOTH RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES AND ROADWORK, SO AS TO SPECIFY PROCEDURES WHEN A MUNICIPALITY OBJECTS TO CERTAIN ROADWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-615, RELATING TO HIGHWAY TOLLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A TOLL MAY BE IMPOSED ON A STATE HIGHWAY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240 AND 57-3-250 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO SPECIFY CONDITIONS OF SUCH AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2740, RELATING TO "C" FUNDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FUNDS, TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES, TO PROVIDE FOR BONDING OF "C" FUNDS, TO DELETE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CRIME REGARDING UNDUE INFLUENCE ON CERTAIN OFFICIALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2920, RELATING TO TOLLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY WHEN TOLL REVENUES MAY BE EXPENDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-645, RELATING TO A ROAD USE FEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATE FUEL FEE AND CREDIT THE REVENUE TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 12-28-360 SO AS TO IMPOSE A TAX ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMED WHEN USING CERTAIN PUBLIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF STATE

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HIGHWAY BONDS, SO AS TO DEFINE "ALTERNATIVE FUEL FEES".

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5072 -- Reps. Luck, Williams, C. Mitchell, Hayes and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-317 SO AS TO DEFINE "DOE" OR "DOES", AND TO ESTABLISH A DOE SEASON FROM JANUARY 2 - JANUARY 31; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-42 SO AS TO REQUIRE LICENSES FOR HUNTING DOES DURING DOE SEASON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-650, RELATING TO DEER HUNTING, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANTLERLESS DEER TAGS A PERSON MAY PURCHASE, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRODUCE LITERATURE ENCOURAGING HUNTERS TO TAKE ANTLERLESS DEER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5073 -- Reps. Pedalino, Erickson, Montgomery, McCravy, Pace, Bradley, D. Mitchell, Terribile, Robbins, T. Moore, Sessions, Neese, Brittain, Crawford, Lawson, Edgerton, Chumley, Brewer, Chapman, Vaughan, Guest, Guffey, Cox, W. Newton, McGinnis, B. Newton, McCabe, Rankin, Gagnon, Gibson, J. E. Johnson, Long, Moss, Schuessler, G. M. Smith and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADING PRACTICES, TO CONDITION ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT RECOVERY AND CONTENT RECOVERY ON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS IN CALCULATING FINAL COURSE GRADES, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT THROUGH WITHHOLDING OF STATE AID TO CLASSROOM FUNDS, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO THE UNIFORM GRADING POLICY, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

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H. 5074 -- Reps. Brewer and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A CORRECTIONS OFFICER IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5075 -- Reps. T. Moore, B. Newton, Sanders, M. M. Smith, Montgomery and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC BODIES FROM COLLECTING OR DISCLOSING CERTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT DONORS, MEMBERS, AND SUPPORTERS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

**RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE**

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4999 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler,

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Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE HONORABLE CAROLYN CASON MATTHEWS AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON RECEIVING THE 2025 JEAN GALLOWAY BISSELL AWARD FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION.

H. 5041 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE HISTORICAL AND ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND TO ENCOURAGE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL THE PALMETTO STATE'S CITIZENS.

H. 5042 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman,

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Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEARL TODD BOYD OF LORIS, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO APPLAUD HER BEING NAMED Horry Electric Cooperative's 2026 LADY OF THE YEAR.

H. 5047 -- Reps. Gibson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GLENN AND ALLIE WILLIAMS OF GREENWOOD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:04 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. FORREST, adjourned in memory of Reverend Dr. Lillie A. Burgess, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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