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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Thursday, February 19, 2026
(Statewide Session)

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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 Psalm 34:9: “O fear the Lord, you His saints; For to those who fear Him there is no want.”

Let us pray: O Lord our Father, thank you for providing your servants guidance in all we do today. Your goodness has been shed deeply into our hearts, so that we lack no good thing from your providential hand. Help us as we administer Your goodness to those under our care in this state. We pray for your provision, Your common grace, to us in our daily lives. Keep your eyes on us so that there is no lack in our daily provisions. We pray these things in the name of your beloved Son. 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. GAGNON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Christopher O'Quinn, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. WATERS

Rep. WATERS made a statement relative to the life and legacy of Joseph H. Rainey.

Joseph H. Rainey
A Black History Month Tribute

Joseph H. Rainey was born enslaved in 1832 in Georgetown, South Carolina, and he was a truly dynamic lawmaker of his time. Helped organize the state Republican Party and in 1868, was a delegate to the state constitutional convention and won election to the state senate, where he chaired the senate finance committee.

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In 1870, he won election to Congress and rose to become the first African American elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, the first Black lawmaker to preside over the House during when he oversaw debate on an appropriations bill providing for the management of Native-American reservations. Rainey served on the Freedmen's Affairs Committee, the Indian Affairs Committee, and the Invalid Pensions Committee, the last of which considered pensions and federal benefits for wounded veterans. He also served on the Select Committee on the Centennial Celebration and the Select Committee on the Freedman's Bank In the 45th Congress (1877-1879), Rainey served with distinction on the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, where he worked with House clerks and his counterparts from the Senate to ensure that the bills that passed between chambers were accurate. Rainey was widely respected as one of the House's most skilled orators and a tireless committee member who consistently used his position to defend the rights and safety of African Americans.

Rainey became a leading voice in the fight against racist violence and voter suppression. On the House floor, he forcefully supported the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871, calling on the federal government to intervene when state authorities failed to protect Black citizens from terror, intimidation, and murder. He argued that the Constitution existed to protect even the most vulnerable citizens and rejected claims that federal enforcement violated states' rights. Despite receiving death threats and facing persistent political opposition, Rainey continued to defend the law and successfully pressed for additional funding to enforce it.

Beyond combating racial violence, Rainey advocated for comprehensive civil rights legislation, equal access to public education, and fair treatment in transportation and public accommodations. He spoke openly about his own experiences with segregation and discrimination and argued that integrated public schools were essential to dismantling racial prejudice. His vision of "human rights" also extended to economic justice, immigrant rights, and respect for Native American sovereignty.

Rainey's congressional career unfolded amid escalating political

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violence in South Carolina, including armed intimidation of voters and organized attacks on Black communities. He repeatedly warned that such violence threatened democracy itself and called for continued federal protection of elections. Though he survived multiple contested elections, he was ultimately defeated in 1878 as federal enforcement waned and voter suppression intensified. Rainey continued public service after leaving Congress and died in Georgetown in 1887, leaving a legacy defined by courage, moral clarity, and an unwavering defense of equal citizenship. the longest-serving African American member of Congress during Reconstruction.

Rep. Courtney Waters

INVITATIONS

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

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Clemson University, the Clemson University Foundation, and the Clemson University Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Street.

Sincerely,
James P. Clements Ph.D.
President

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

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Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the South Carolina REALTORS, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

Sincerely,
Louis Dettorre
Political Director

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jon Charest
Grassroots Manager

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Ashley Boltin

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The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of HCA Healthcare, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Bourbon.

Sincerely,
Jona Lee
Coordinator, Government Affairs

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Office.

Sincerely,
Rick Caldwell
Director of Government Relations

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

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On behalf of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA), the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 5, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jessica Stumpf
President

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to the Mary Elizabeth Mulliken Annual Legislative Softball Game. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at USC's Founder Park.

Sincerely,
Dana Bollin
Government Affairs Coordinator

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics & Science, the Members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Katherine Mulholland
Executive Director

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The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of SC Manufacturers and Commerce – SC Tire Manufacturers Council, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Katharine Keller

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

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of Santee Cooper and the Board of Directors, the members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Staton

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The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
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Dear Chairman Moss,

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On behalf of MUSC Health, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
Sarah R. Hearn

February 18, 2026
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Leadership South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Helen Munnerlyn
Executive Director

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

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Airbnb, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Burr and Forman.

Sincerely,
Makenna Salvetti

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The Honorable Dennis Moss

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Chairman, House Invitations Committee
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Conservation Coalition, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 701 Whaley.

Sincerely,
Alan G. Lee, J.D.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4709 -- Reps. Yow, C. Mitchell, M. M. Smith, Williams, Willis, Schuessler, Erickson, Bradley, Kirby and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-35-5350 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC ENTITY ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OR FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MUST INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY IRON OR STEEL PRODUCT PERMANENTLY INCORPORATED IN THE PROJECT BE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4730 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, Wooten and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF SIGN AND BILLBOARD INSTALLATION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCLUDE BILLBOARD STRUCTURES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 583 -- Senators Davis, Massey and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTION, AND TO DEFINE "PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4752 -- Reprs. Wooten, McCabe, Edgerton and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-230, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A BARBER, SO AS TO REMOVE THE APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5140 -- Reprs. Ligon, Herbkersman and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 26-1-100, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF NOTARIAL FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES TO TEN DOLLARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5162 -- Reprs. Herbkersman, Bernstein, Rivers, Weeks, Hardee, W. Newton, Brittain, Gatch, Montgomery, Lawson, J. E. Johnson, B. Newton, McCabe, Rankin, Brewer, Chumley, Gagnon, McGinnis, M. M. Smith, Williams, Ligon and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-

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3-900 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS AND TO OUTLINE A PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS TO PROTECT ELIGIBLE ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3227 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM AN EARTHQUAKE TO ALL POLICIES ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5205 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Grant and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THIS STATE TO IMPLEMENT A SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS, TO REQUIRE EACH INSTITUTION TO COMPILE AND ANNUALLY REPORT CERTAIN CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5211 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman,

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Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO FOR FORMALLY RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2026 AS THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND TO COMMEND THE DISTRICT FOR ITS CENTURY-LONG EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5212 -- Reps. Govan, 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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks,

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Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE CALHOUN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL "THUNDER & LIGHTNING" MARCHING BAND ON A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A HISTORIC WIN AT THE 2025 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL BAND COMPETITION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5213 -- Reps. Hosey, 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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM HOLMES FOR HIS HISTORIC ELECTION ON APRIL 13, 1976, AND COMMEND HIM FOR TWENTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF ALLENDALE, AND FOR A LIFETIME OF MILITARY, PROFESSIONAL, AND CIVIC ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH REPRESENT A DEFINING CHAPTER IN THE TOWN'S HISTORY AND OFFER A LEGACY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE LEADERSHIP, UNITY, AND PUBLIC SERVICE FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5214 -- Reps. Duncan, Whitmire, 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, 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, Stavrakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE BROOKE WYLIE ON BEING CROWNED MISS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL AMERICA 2026 AND TO WISH HER LUCK AS SHE TRAVELS TO ARKANSAS TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE IN THE MISS HIGH SCHOOL AMERICA NATIONAL PAGENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5215 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION AND LARGE LOAD CUSTOMER INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 44 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROHIBIT INCREMENTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS TO BE RECOVERED FROM

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CUSTOMERS IN ANOTHER CUSTOMER CLASS; TO ESTABLISH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS AND ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; TO ESTABLISH REVIEW STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-80 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INCENTIVES THAT MAY BE OFFERED TO POTENTIAL LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-550 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC NOTICE, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS CONCERNING PLANNING AND ZONING PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF CERTAIN PERMITS OR INCENTIVES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 49-1-100 SO AS TO REQUIRE POTENTIAL LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS TO PROVIDE PLANS REGARDING WATER RESOURCES AND ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO VERIFY WATER USAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN ADHERENCE IN THE EVENT OF A DROUGHT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5216 -- Reps. Chapman, Brewer, Sessions, Gagnon, Sanders, Hager and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-10-30, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE 2009 EDITION OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE, SO AS TO LIMIT ITS APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCTION FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-10-40, RELATING TO APPEAL BY LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR VARIANCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT STATEWIDE MODIFICATIONS NOT FALLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE MAY BE MADE IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER BUILDING CODES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5217 -- Reps. Hixon, Haddon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-650, RELATING TO DEER HUNTING, SO AS TO

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INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANTERLESS DEER TAGS AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ANTLERED DEER TAGS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5218 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-36-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PLAINTIFF IN AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES BASED UPON OR ARISING OUT OF THE DEFECTIVE CONDITION OF AN IMPROVEMENT TO REAL PROPERTY TO FILE AS PART OF THE COMPLAINT ONE OR MORE AFFIDAVITS OF EXPERT WITNESSES WHICH, FOR EACH DEFENDANT, MUST ESTABLISH A CAUSAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE NEGLIGENT ACT OR OMISSION CLAIMED TO EXIST AND THE FACTUAL BASIS FOR EACH CLAIM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 718 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 45-2-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH AN OPERATOR OF ANY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK MAY HAVE ANY TRANSIENT GUEST OF THE PARK REMOVED, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR REMOVAL OF THE GUEST.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 845 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-1930, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE CHILD FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO ADD THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-1930, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT, THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE, A COUNTY CORONER OR MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND A SOLICITOR AS MEMBERS WHO WILL SERVE EX OFFICIO AND MAY APPOINT A DESIGNEE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-1930, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE MUST BE APPOINTED AND DULY QUALIFIED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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S. 868 -- Senators Elliott, Young, Kimbrell, Verdin, Rice, Stubbs and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-335 SO AS TO DESIGNATE JUNE FIRST OF EACH YEAR AS "GOLD SHIELD DAY" TO HONOR FIRST RESPONDERS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND THE SACRIFICE OF THEIR SURVIVING FAMILIES.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
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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
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery

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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	Stavrinnakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CRAWFORD presented to the House the Socastee High School "Braves" AAAAA Division 2 Men's Volleyball State Champions.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GRANT presented to the House the Ridge View High School "Blazers" AAAAA Division 1 Track State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Laurence Manning Academy "Lady Swampcats" 4-A Girls Softball Championship Team.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. C. Bryan Jordan of Dorchester County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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 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. 3580
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3793
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 M. M. SMITH and MOSS

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4248
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4260
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 MOSS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4639
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 BREWER and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4709
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 KIRBY and BREWER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4762
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 D. MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5073
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5096
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5097
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 CROMER and GILREATH

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5122
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 LAWSON, BREWER, KIRBY, BALLENTINE,
RUTHERFORD, HIOTT, GAGNON, GUEST,
M. M. SMITH, HOWARD and POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5140
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5162
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5200
Date: ADD:
02/19/26 GUEST

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

S. 586--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 586 -- Senator Graham: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 172 OF 1995, RELATING TO THE KERSHAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE KERSHAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE NINETY DOLLARS FOR EACH MEETING AT WHICH HE IS IN ATTENDANCE AND THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHALL RECEIVE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS,

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AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PAYMENTS SHALL NOT OCCUR MORE THAN EIGHTEEN TIMES EACH FISCAL YEAR.

The Bill was read the third time, passed and having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4813--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4813 -- Reps. Pope, C. Mitchell, Robbins and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-21-1010 AND 8-21-1060, BOTH RELATING TO FEES AND COSTS TO BE COLLECTED BY MAGISTRATES, BOTH SO AS TO INCREASE VARIOUS FEES AND COSTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-340, RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS ON FILINGS IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ASSESSMENT ON SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT FILINGS AND ALL OTHER CIVIL FILINGS.

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

H. 5064--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5064 -- Reps. Yow, Hayes, C. Mitchell, Luck and Williams: 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.

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

H. 3530--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Robbins, T. Moore and Henderson-

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Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.

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

H. 5096--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5096 -- Reps. Haddon, Yow, Burns, Brewer, Rankin, Chumley, Morgan, Pedalino, J. E. Johnson, Guffey, Chapman, Lastinger, Robbins, Holman, Calhoon, Davis, Cox, Brittain, Forrest, Gagnon, Hixon, Ligon, Atkinson, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE 47, RELATING TO MISREPRESENTING

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PRODUCTS THAT ARE CELL-CULTURED MEAT, SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MANUFACTURE, SELL, OR DISTRIBUTE ARTIFICIAL OR CELL-CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCTS IN THIS STATE, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5096 (LC-5096.CM0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 47-17-520 and inserting:

Section 47-17-520. ~~The provisions of this article do not apply to plant-based meat substitutes.~~ Reserved.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	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	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest

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Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	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
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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. 5096. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

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**H. 5096--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME
TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5096 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5097--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5097 -- Reps. Haddon, Yow, Ligon, Holman, Rankin, Pedalino, Forrest, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ROADSIDE MARKETS OPERATED BY FARMERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS FOR LOCAL ZONING PURPOSES AND ARE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN LOCAL AND STATE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HADDON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5097 (LC-5097.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-1-145(A) and inserting:

(A) For purposes of this section, “roadside market” means a direct-to-consumer point located near a roadway on a farmer’s leased or owned farm property that the farmer controls where an individual farmer sells farm products produced on his farm in this State to the general public, including fresh produce and farm goods such as honey, eggs, and jellies. A roadside market does not include multivendor farmers’ markets or similar outlets.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-1-145(C) and inserting:

(C) A roadside market is exempt from local government stormwater regulations, stormwater permitting requirements, and local building codes, including permitting, inspection, and construction requirements otherwise applicable to commercial or retail structures. A local government shall not be held liable for any occurrence that arises as a result of the exemption provided for in this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-1-145(E) and (F) and inserting:

~~—(E) This section preempts any ordinance, regulation, or policy of a county or municipality that conflicts with the provisions of this section.~~

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~~(F)~~(E) A roadside market seeking certification as a Certified Roadside Market by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture under the Roadside Market Incentive Program pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 19, Title 46 and regulations promulgated pursuant to that article may not be exempt from the requirements of that voluntary program by the provisions of this article.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HADDON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long

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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	Rivers	Robbins
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

**H. 5097--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME
TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5097 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 337--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 337 -- Senator Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DAILY LIMIT OF SEVENTY-FIVE BLUE CATFISH IN STATE WATERWAYS OTHER THAN IN LAKE

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MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

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

S. 383--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 383 -- Senators Davis, Goldfinch, Graham, Zell and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTHONOTARY WARBLER RECOGNITION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-613 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (PROTONOTARIA CITREA) AS THE OFFICIAL STATE MIGRATORY BIRD OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	Jones

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Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill 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 S. 383. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Adam Duncan

S. 383--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 383 be read the third time tomorrow.

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H. 4163--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M. M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Herbkersman, B. J. Cox, Collins, Cox, Forrest, Brewer, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire, Teeple, Guest, Alexander and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HAYES made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3477--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3477 -- Reps. Caskey, Bannister, G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Long, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Weeks, Bowers, Moss, Hartz, Lawson, Rankin, Guest, Brittain, Lowe, Sanders, M. M. Smith, T. Moore, Ballentine, Martin, Ligon, Oremus, Pedalino, Calhoon, Davis, Taylor, Holman, Erickson, Brewer, Gatch, Yow, Haddon, Hixon, Hiott, Wickensimer, Jordan, Hardee and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED IN A BENEFIT YEAR, SO AS TO BASE THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS ALLOWED ON SEASONALLY ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CALCULATING THE RATES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-120, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFITS.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton

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W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

H. 4757--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4757 -- Reps. Pope, Erickson, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bailey, Bradley, Brewer, Caskey, Crawford, Duncan, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, T. Moore, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Chumley, Edgerton, Magnuson, Terrible, Kilmartin, White, Sanders, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Gilreath, Guffey, Lastinger, Chapman and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PARENTAL RIGHTS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59, TO AFFIRM AND ENUMERATE THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF PARENTS TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THEIR CHILDREN, TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT MINIMUM STANDARDS TO IMPLEMENT PARENTAL RIGHTS AND A RELATED MODEL PARENTAL RIGHTS POLICY, TO PROVIDE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES SHALL ADOPT AND

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IMPLEMENT RELATED POLICIES, TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A LIMITED PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-5-340, RELATING TO MINOR CONSENT FOR HEALTH SERVICES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTAL CONSENT FOR NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT OF MINORS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS ALLEGED BY PARENTS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY REPEALING SECTION 63-5-350 RELATING TO FURNISHING HEALTH SERVICES TO MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT; BY DESIGNATING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 28, TITLE 59 AS "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-5-370 RELATING TO CERTAIN CONSENT NOT BEING SUBJECT TO DISAFFIRMANCE.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt

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Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
Jones	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	Rivers	Robbins
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris

Total--1

So, the Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

H. 4758--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4758 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bradley, Brewer, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, 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 McCrary: 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, AND MANUFACTURING OF

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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.

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

H. 4145--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4145 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bannister, Stavrinakis, W. Newton, Kirby, Gilliam, Bauer, Wetmore, Gilliard, J. Moore, C. Mitchell, Williams, Rivers, Waters and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRAY SAFE GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO PROVIDE GRANTS FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE AT RISK OF BEING VICTIMS OF A RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED CRIME.

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

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

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RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4959 -- Reprs. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, 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, 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 THE HEROISM AND SACRIFICE OF PRIVATE CURTIS ADAMS AND THE "WERETH 11," AND TO DESIGNATE DECEMBER 17 OF EACH YEAR AS "WERETH 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

H. 5055 -- Reprs. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. GAGNON, adjourned in memory of Christopher O'Quinn, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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