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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

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 Psalm 34:16: “The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.”

Let us pray. Lord, our God, Your eyes are upon the righteous and Your ears attentive to their prayers. But with the wicked-doers this is not so. For You are against those who practice evil. You O God long to come to the aid of those who draw near to you in truth. You listen to those who worship You and do Your will. We long to be numbered among those who do Your will. So we humbly come before You this day and implore the King of the universe, not because we are righteous, but because You alone are holy and righteous. We ask that You bind our desires to your will, so that in all things You may receive the honor, glory and adoration due to your great name. Help us as we govern this House Assembly. Empower us as Your leaders with wisdom and understanding to rule the institution of government entrusted to our care. You are good and great and worthy of all praise. Without You we can do nothing. For what do we have that we have not received from your hand. We ask these things in the mighty and matchless name of our redeemer. 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 *PRO TEMPORE*.

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Lou Holtz, which was agreed to.

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HAGER, from the Jasper Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5182 -- Reprs. Hager and Erickson: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDS ON A PER-PUPIL BASIS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY THAT SATISFY CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE AND ALLOCATE ANY COUNTY REVENUE SOURCE FOR ALLOCATION TO ELIGIBLE CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THE SUBSECTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3368 -- Reprs. Long, Forrest, Yow and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO MODIFICATIONS TO GROSS INCOME FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE OVERTIME PAY AND CERTAIN BONUS PAY FROM GROSS INCOME.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5304 -- Reprs. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, 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, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL DAZZLERS DANCE TEAMS, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THREE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DANCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, AMONG OTHER NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5305 -- Reps. Herbkersman, 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, 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 ENCOURAGE COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO ESTABLISH THE USE OF ORGANICS-FIRST INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND STANDARDS THAT WOULD PRIORITIZE THE USE OF PREVENTION-BASED, LEAST TOXIC, ORGANIC PRACTICES AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF SYNTHETIC PESTICIDES FOR PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING HABITAT RESTORATION AND ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT.

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The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5306 -- Reps. Grant, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, 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 EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM ALLEN OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5307 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, 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,

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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, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND GREECE AS THE "CRADLE OF DEMOCRACY" AND TO CELEBRATE MARCH 25, 2026, AS GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 974 -- Senators Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Blackmon, Bright, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE LIONEL SMITH, LTD., ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY; TO COMMEND THE STORE FOR ITS SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE IN MENSWEAR, TAILORING, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE; TO HONOR LIONEL "SMITTY" SMITH AND VAN SMITH FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE OF DOWNTOWN AIKEN AND THE CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA; AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED PROSPERITY.

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

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5308 -- Reps. Brewer, C. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5309 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 64 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "INTERSTATE TEACHER MOBILITY COMPACT," TO PROVIDE THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA HEREBY ENTERS THE COMPACT WITH ANY AND ALL STATES LEGALLY JOINING THEREIN ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT, AND TO ADOPT THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT IN ITS SUBSTANTIAL FORM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5310 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-96-195 SO AS TO PROHIBIT LAND APPLICATION OF SLUDGE AND THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMPOST AND OTHER

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SLUDGE AND SEPTAGE.**

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and
Environmental Affairs

H. 5311 -- Reps. Hardee, Atkinson, Yow and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-53 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS AND TO PROVIDE POSTSEASON RANKING, SEEDING, AND ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5312 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309, BOTH RELATING TO FILING OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR'S STREET NUMBER AND NAME; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1333, RELATING TO SOLICITING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL DONOR'S STREET NUMBER AND NAME; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1360, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE REPORTING FORMS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR'S OR DONOR'S STREET NUMBER AND NAME; AND BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1530 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTOR'S OR DONOR'S STREET NUMBER AND NAME IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 13, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5313 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELIMINATE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION WHISTLEBLOWER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-8-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS INCLUDING CIVIL PENALTIES SUPPLEMENTAL TO EXISTING PENALTIES,

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TO PROVIDE A CIVIL ENFORCEMENT PROCESS WITH WHISTLEBLOWER PROCEDURES, AND TO CLARIFY CUMULATIVE REMEDIES AND CONCURRENT ENFORCEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 325 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-103, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "ADMINISTRATOR," SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 37-6-104(6), 37-6-117(I), 37-6-501 THROUGH 510, 37-6-602, AND 37-6-604(B), ALL RELATING TO FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION ON CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO BE REPLACED WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR AS THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 819 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-45 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANTS AND NEW EMPLOYEES AT NURSING HOMES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.

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

S. 858 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-700, RELATING TO THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN'S BOARD, SO AS TO CHANGE

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THE STANDARDS FOR SERVING ON THE BOARD AND THE PROCEDURE FOR TERMS OF OFFICE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR LOCAL REVIEW BOARDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-710, RELATING TO LOCAL BOARDS FOR REVIEW, SO AS TO GIVE THE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT OR REMOVE A MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-740, RELATING TO MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS AND STAFFING, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EACH LOCAL BOARD FOR MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-760, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-770, RELATING TO COOPERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

Total Present--123

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. GUFFEY presented to the House the Northwestern High School "Trojans" AAAAA, Division II State Football Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LIGON presented to the House South Pointe High School "Stallions" AAAA State Football Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MCCRAVY presented to the House the Ninety-Six High School "Wildcat" Marching Band Class A State Champions.

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DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Bryan Green 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 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. 3024
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 TAYLOR, GILLIARD, JONES, DILLARD,
HEWITT, COBB-HUNTER, WICKENSIMER,
J. L. JOHNSON and BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3034
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 BOWERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3202
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 WICKENSIMER

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3227
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3535
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 DAVIS, COX and HOLMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3934
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 WOOTEN and G. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4045
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 PEDALINO, BURNS, RANKIN, FRANK, WILLIS,
MCCABE, TERRIBLE, MORGAN, LASTINGER,
BEACH, KILMARTIN, WHITE, EDGERTON and
HADDON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4294
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HOLMAN and COX

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4461
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4464
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 GILLIARD, DILLARD and JONES

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4465
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 MCCABE and PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4636
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4641
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 DUNCAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4648
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HEWITT, FORREST,
KIRBY, GATCH, MCGINNIS, HERBKERSMAN,
COBB-HUNTER, NEESE, HARTNETT,
WHITMIRE, HIXON, BEACH, T. MOORE, LUCK,
DUNCAN, FORD, SANDERS, YOW, HADDON,
PEDALINO, WILLIS, BRITTAIN, C. MITCHELL,
LIGON, GAGNON, MARTIN, CASKEY, LAWSON,
GUFFEY, BREWER, ROBBINS and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4671
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 KILMARTIN, WHITE and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4683
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 LASTINGER

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4763
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4767
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 D. MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4791
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4974
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 LASTINGER

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5073
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 5177
Date: ADD:
03/04/26 GATCH, ROBBINS, KIRBY, HEWITT and TEEPLE

H. 5060--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

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.

Rep. WETMORE explained the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	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	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White

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Whitmire
Willis

Wickensimer
Yow

Williams

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

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.

H. 5179 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Garvin, Grant, Yow, C. Mitchell, Wooten and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-440 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY

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RESPONSES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DIVISION, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

H. 4468 -- Reps. Erickson, Pedalino and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-33-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS FOR EDUCATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER BY ITS RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODY; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND PURPOSES OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCILS; AND TO PROVIDE DEADLINES FOR THE CREATION OF RELATED MODEL BYLAWS, THE SUBMISSION OF LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL BYLAWS FOR APPROVAL, AND THE FIRST MEETINGS OF EACH LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.

H. 5089--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5089 -- Reps. W. Newton and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

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

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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H. 5126--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5126 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON 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 *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5127--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5127 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Joint Resolution 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 *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3474--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3474 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE

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TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE."

Rep. STAVRINAKIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	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
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Robbins	Rose

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Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	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 was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

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**H. 4343--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND
BILL ENROLLED**

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

H. 4343 -- Reprs. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terrible, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel, Waters, Alexander and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Rep. WETMORE explained the Senate Amendments.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	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
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	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
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	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

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Wickensimer
Wooten

Williams
Yow

Willis

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill 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. 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 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, 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.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 24, which was agreed to.

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H. 4767--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4767 -- Reps. Davis, Chumley, Sessions, Oremus, Bustos, Landing, White, Wooten, Gagnon, Lawson, Guffey, Beach, Long, Cox, Rutherford, McCravy, Bowers, Wickensimer, Willis, Haddon, Bauer, Rankin, Burns, Rose, Vaughan, Duncan, Robbins, Brewer and D. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROHIBIT NONCOMPETE CLAUSES IN PHYSICIAN CONTRACTS, TO PROTECT PATIENT FREEDOM OF CHOICE, TO DEFINE IMPERMISSIBLE RESTRICTIONS ON PHYSICIAN PRACTICE, TO ALLOW CERTAIN RECOUPMENT OF EXPENSES AND PROTECTION OF LEGITIMATE BUSINESS INTERESTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 24, which was agreed to.

H. 3227--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3227 -- Reps. Gatch, Gilliard and Rivers: 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.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1o H. 3227 (LC-3227.PH0003H) :

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 38-75-70 and inserting:

Section 38-75-70. ~~(A) No policy for residential property insurance may be issued, delivered, or renewed in this State unless the named insured is offered coverage for loss or damage caused by an earthquake.~~

~~—(B) Insurance coverage for loss or damage caused by an earthquake may be provided in the policy of residential property insurance itself, either by specific policy provision or endorsement, or in a separate policy or certificate of insurance which specifically provides coverage for loss or damage caused by an earthquake.~~

~~—(C) The offer of insurance coverage for loss or damage caused by~~

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~~an earthquake must contain all of the following language in at least ten point boldface type: “Your residential property insurance policy does not cover loss or damage caused by an earthquake to your home or its contents.”~~

~~—(D) If an insured elects to decline coverage, the insured must sign a waiver, provided by the insurer, which expressly states that the insured is declining coverage for loss or damage caused by an earthquake. If an insurer issues a policy or contract of insurance covering residential property in this State that does not provide coverage for a loss as a result of an earthquake, this must be communicated to the insured at the time of policy issuance and each subsequent renewal. The communication must be in at least ten point boldface type and contain the following language, or something similar: “This residential property insurance policy does not provide coverage for losses as a result of an earthquake. Please contact your insurance agent or insurance carrier to inquire about options to cover a loss resulting from an earthquake.”~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect ~~upon approval by the Governor on~~ January 1, 2027.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of 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 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
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	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	T. Moore
Morgan	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--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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H. 4151--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4151 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Robbins, C. Mitchell, Pope, Gagnon, Taylor, Whitmire, B. Newton, Vaughan, Chapman, M. M. Smith, J. E. Johnson, Yow, Bustos, Landing, Gibson, McCravy, Gilliam, Hager, Rankin, Schuessler, Teeple, Erickson, Herbkersman, Hartnett, Wooten, Lawson, Long and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD" OR "JUVENILE," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR MINORS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN VIOLENT CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4151 (LC-4151.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-19-20(1)(a) and (b) and inserting:

____ (a) a person seventeen years of age or older who is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony as defined in Section 16-1-20-~~or~~, a felony which provides for a maximum term of imprisonment of fifteen years or more, ~~or any offense in Chapter 23, Title 16, charged pursuant to Section 44-53-379, or a felony and has previously been adjudicated delinquent in family court or convicted in circuit court of a felony.~~ However, a person seventeen years of age who is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony as defined in Section 16-1-20-~~or~~, a felony which provides for a maximum term of imprisonment of fifteen years or more, ~~or any offense in Chapter 23, Title 16, charged pursuant to Section 44-53-379, or with a felony and has previously been adjudicated delinquent in family court or convicted in circuit court of a felony~~ may be remanded to the family court for disposition of the charge at the discretion of the solicitor, by the circuit court, sua sponte, or upon motion of the defendant after a hearing and order issued by the circuit court judge; or

____ (b) a person sixteen years of age or older who is charged with a felony that provides for a term of imprisonment of thirty years or more, the offense of burglary in the first degree as defined in Section 16-11-311, or the offense of attempted murder as defined in Section 16-3-29. However, a person sixteen years of age or older who is charged with a felony that provides for a term of imprisonment of thirty years or more, the offense of burglary in the first degree as defined in Section

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16-11-311, or the offense of attempted murder as defined in Section 16-3-29 may be remanded to the family court for disposition of the charge at the discretion of the solicitor, by the circuit court, sua sponte, or upon motion of the defendant after a hearing and order issued by the circuit court judge.

__An additional or accompanying charge associated with the charges contained in this item must be heard by the court with jurisdiction over the offenses contained in this item.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 63-19-1210 (9) and (10) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) If a child fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen years of age ~~or older~~ is charged with a violation of Section 16-23-430, Section 16-23-20, or Section 44-53-445, the court, after full investigation and hearing, if it considers it contrary to the best interest of the child or the public to retain jurisdiction, acting as committing magistrate, may bind over the child for proper criminal proceedings to a court which would have trial jurisdiction of the offenses if committed by an adult.

(10) If a child fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen years of age ~~or older~~ is charged with an offense which, if committed by an adult, provides for a term of imprisonment of ten years or more and the child previously has been adjudicated delinquent in family court or convicted in circuit court for ~~two~~ prior ~~offenses~~offense which, if committed by an adult, ~~provide~~provides for a term of imprisonment of ten years or more, the court, after full investigation and hearing, if it considers it contrary to the best interest of the child or the public to retain jurisdiction, acting as committing magistrate, may bind over the child for proper criminal proceedings to a court which would have trial jurisdiction of the offense if committed by an adult. For the purpose of this item, an adjudication or conviction is considered a second adjudication or conviction only if the date of the commission of the second offense occurred subsequent to the imposition of the sentence for the first offense.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. HART moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

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Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 34

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Davis	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	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
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Scott	Stavrinnakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--34

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Bill.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the Bill.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House standing at ease.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 11:58 a.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:00 noon the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened .

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ELECTION OF JUDGES COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY COURT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 7

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 7.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Stephanie P. McDonald was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that Will Wheeler had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

Rep. CASKEY moved that nominations be closed and with unanimous consent, the nominee be elected by acclamation.

Rep. PACE objected and requested a roll call.

On the motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

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The following named Senators voted for Will Wheeler:

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Sabb
Sutton	Tedder	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--25

The following named Senators voted against Will Wheeler:

Adams	Bright	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Turner

Total--18

The following named Representatives voted for Will Wheeler:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Calhoon
Caskey	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hart	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Ligon	Lowe	Luck

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Martin	McDaniel	C. Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

The following named Representatives voted against Will Wheeler:

Beach	Bowers	Burns
Bustos	Chapman	Cromer
Duncan	Edgerton	Ford
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Harris	Hartnett	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Long	Magnuson	McCabe
McCrary	McGinnis	D. Mitchell
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Rankin	Sanders	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	

Total--35

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....	43
Total number of Representatives voting	117
Grand Total	160
Necessary to a choice.....	81
Of which Will Wheeler received	107

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Will Wheeler was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

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**ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Debbie McCaslin had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Debbie McCaslin was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, TWELFTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable H. Steven DeBerry IV had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable H. Steven DeBerry IV was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SIXTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

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Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Melissa A. Inzerillo and Misti Shelton.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Melissa A. Inzerillo had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Misti Shelton, in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Misti Shelton was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT
5**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 5.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, SEAT 2**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that E. Thompson Kinney had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that E. Thompson Kinney was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Elizabeth Biggerstaff York was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Debra A. Matthews had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Debra A. Matthews was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

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**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, SEAT 5**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Spiros Stavros Ferderigos had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Spiros Stavros Ferderigos was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, SEAT 7**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 7.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that Marissa K. Jacobson had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Marissa K. Jacobsen was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

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Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Elnora Jones Dean and Rebecca West.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Elnora Jones Dean had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Rebecca West, in nomination.

Rep. CASKEY moved that nominations be closed and with unanimous consent, the nominee be elected by acclamation.

Rep. PACE objected and requested a roll call.

On the motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Rebecca West:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cromer	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--34

The following named Senators voted against Rebecca West:

Bright	Climer	Corbin
Leber	Martin	Matthews
Reichenbach	Rice	

Total--8

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The following named Representatives voted for Rebecca West:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Calhoon
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kirby	Lastinger
Lawson	Lowe	Luck
Martin	C. Mitchell	Montgomery
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Wickensimer	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--71

The following named Representatives voted against Rebecca West:

Anderson	Beach	Bowers
Burns	Chumley	Cromer
Edgerton	Ford	Frank
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Harris	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Long
Magnuson	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	Rankin	Reese

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Rivers	M. M. Smith	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	White
Willis		

Total--43

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....	42
Total number of Representatives voting	114
Grand Total	156
Necessary to a choice.....	79
Of which Rebecca West received	105

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Rebecca West was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that Tarita A. Dunbar had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

Rep. CASKEY moved that nominations be closed and with unanimous consent, the nominee be elected by acclamation.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected and requested a roll call.

On the motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for The Honorable Tarita Dunbar:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen

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Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--39

The following named Senators voted against The Honorable Tarita Dunbar:

Bright	Martin
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Total--2

The following named Representatives voted for The Honorable Tarita

Dunbar:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Grant	Guffey	Haddon
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McCrary	McDaniel
C. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore

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T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

The following named Representatives voted against The Honorable Tarita Dunbar:

Beach	Bradley	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Ford	Frank
Gilreath	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Hixon
Huff	Kilmartin	Lastinger
Long	Magnuson	McGinnis
D. Mitchell	Morgan	Oremus
Pace	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	White
Whitmire		

Total--31

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....	41
Total number of Representatives voting	115
Grand Total	156
Necessary to a choice.....	79
Of which The Honorable Tarita Dunbar received	123

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Tarita A. Dunbar was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

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**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Scarlet B. Moore and the Honorable Larry W. Weidner II.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Scalet B. Moore had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable Larry W. Weidner II, in nomination.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Larry W. Weidner II was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Scarlet B. Moore and Catherine Webb.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Scarlet B. Moore had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Catherine Webb, in nomination.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Catherine Webb was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIFTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

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Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable Melissa M. Frazier had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Melissa M. Frazier was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT JUDGE,
SEAT 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for an Administrative Law Court Judge, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Jason P. Luther, Kelly Rainsford, Michael S. Traynham, Nicole T. Wetherton, and the Honorable Barbara “Bobbie” Wofford-Kanwat.

Rep. CASKEY, stated that Kelly Rainsford, Michael S. Traynham, Nicole T. Wetherton, and the Honorable Barbara “Bobbie” Wofford-Kanwat had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Jason P. Luther, in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Jason P. Luther was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
JUDGE, SEAT 6**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for an Administrative Law Court Judge, Seat 6.

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Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable S. Phillip “Phil” Lenski had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable S. Phillip “Phil” Lenski was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION MEMBERS DISTRICTS 1, 3, 5, AND 7**

DISTRICT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Public Service Commissioner, District 1.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Eugene Hennelly and Carolyn L. “Carolee” Williams.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN stated that Carolyn L. “Carolee” Williams had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Eugene Hennelly, in nomination.

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

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Eugene Hennelly was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

DISTRICT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Public Service Commissioner, District 3.

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Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Bjorn J. Brooks and Stephen “Mike” Caston.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Bjorn J. Brooks:

Total--0

The following named Senators voted for Mike Caston:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

The following named Representatives voted for Bjorn J. Brooks:

Cobb-Hunter	Govan	Hardee
J. L. Johnson	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Stavrinnakis
Vaughan	Waters	

Total—11

The following named Representatives voted for Mike Caston:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

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Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	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	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....	41
Total number of Representatives voting	118
Grand Total	159

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Necessary to a choice..... 80
Of which Bjorn J. Brooks received 11
Of which Mike Caston received 148

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Stephen “Mike” Caston was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

DISTRICT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Public Service Commissioner, District 5.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: James C. “Jim” Reno, Headen B. Thomas, and Swain E. Whitfield

Rep. HERBKERSMAN stated that James C. “Jim” Reno had withdrawn from the race and placed the names of the remaining candidates, Headen B. Thomas and Swain E. Whitfield, in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Headen B. Thomas:

Adams	Climer	Johnson
Massey	Peeler	Sabb

Total--6

The following named Senators voted for Swain E. Whitfield:

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Blackmon	Bright	Campsen
Cash	Corbin	Cromer
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Kennedy	Leber
Martin	Matthews	Ott
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder

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Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--36

The following named Representatives voted for Headen B. Thomas:

Guffey	Hardee	King
Kirby	Pope	Sessions

Total--6

The following named Representatives voted for Swain E. Whitfield:

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

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Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....	42
Total number of Representatives voting	117
Grand Total	159
Necessary to a choice.....	80
Of which Headen B. Thomas received	12
Of which Swain E. Whitfield received	147

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Swain E. Whitfield was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

DISTRICT 7

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Public Service Commissioner, District 7.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, on behalf of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Committee, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Clint A. Elliott, Kenneth R. Moss, and Delton W. Powers Jr.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN stated that Kenneth R. Moss and Clint A. Elliott had withdrawn from the race and placed the names of the remaining candidate, Delton W. Powers Jr., in nomination.

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

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Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Delton W. Powers Jr. was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 4, 2026
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A), I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following elections to the Public Service Commission because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

1. Member for the First Congressional District
2. Member for the Third Congressional District
3. Member for the Fifth Congressional District
4. Member for the Seventh Congressional District

Please note this in the House Journal for March 4, 2026.

Sincerely,
Rep. Phillip Bowers
District 3

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 4, 2026
Charles Reid
Clerk of the House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reid,

In accordance with SC Code Sections 8-13-700 and/or 8-13-745(A), I hereby recuse myself from voting on the following elections to the Public Service Commission because a potential conflict of interest due to an economic interest of myself or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected:

1. Member for the First Congressional District
2. Member for the Third Congressional District

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3. Member for the Fifth Congressional District
4. Member for the Seventh Congressional District

Please note this in the House Journal for March 4, 2026.

Sincerely,
Rep. G. Murrell Smith Jr.
District 67

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT announced that under the terms of the Concurrent Resolution the Joint Assembly would recede from business.

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:04 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

Rep. MOSS moved that the House recede until 1:45 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:45 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.
A quorum was later present.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 4, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST the invitation was accepted.

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H. 4151--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill:

H. 4151 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Robbins, C. Mitchell, Pope, Gagnon, Taylor, Whitmire, B. Newton, Vaughan, Chapman, M. M. Smith, J. E. Johnson, Yow, Bustos, Landing, Gibson, McCravy, Gilliam, Hager, Rankin, Schuessler, Teeple, Erickson, Herbkersman, Hartnett, Wooten, Lawson, Long and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE," SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CHILD" OR "JUVENILE," TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR MINORS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN VIOLENT CRIMES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. ROBBINS proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4151 (LC-4151.HA0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-19-20(1)(a) and inserting:

(a) a person seventeen years of age or older who is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony as defined in Section 16-1-20-~~or~~, a felony which provides for a maximum term of imprisonment of fifteen years or more, any offense in Chapter 23, Title 16, charged pursuant to Section 44-53-379, or a felony and has previously been adjudicated delinquent in family court or convicted in circuit court of a felony. However, a person seventeen years of age who is charged with a Class A, B, C, or D felony as defined in Section 16-1-20-~~or~~, a felony which provides for a maximum term of imprisonment of fifteen years or more, any offense in Chapter 23, Title 16, charged pursuant to Section 44-53-379, or with a felony and has previously been adjudicated delinquent in family court or convicted in circuit court of a felony may be remanded to the family court for disposition of the charge at the discretion of the solicitor, ~~by the circuit court, sua sponte, or upon motion of the defendant after a hearing and order issued by the circuit court judge; or~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

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The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
Montgomery	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Govan	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
Rankin	Reese	Rose
Rutherford	Scott	Stavrinakis
Waters	Wetmore	Williams

Total--24

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

H. 4763--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4763 -- Reps. Oremus, Brittain, W. Newton, Bailey, Bradley, Brewer, Caskey, Crawford, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hardee, Hartnett, Hartz, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Terribile, White, Lastinger, Wickensimer, Atkinson, Chapman, Gibson, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "HELPING ALLEVIATE LAWFUL OBSTRUCTION (HALO) ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1092 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERMS "EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER", "FIRST RESPONDER", AND "HARASS", TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO APPROACH, IMPEDE, CAUSE HARM TO, OR HARASS A FIRST RESPONDER OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE PROVIDER AFTER RECEIVING A VERBAL WARNING, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Rep. BRITAIN proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(C) and inserting:

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(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars and imprisoned not more than ~~sixty~~thirty days.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 25; Nays 91

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Govan	Grant	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Scott	Waters	Weeks
Williams		

Total--25

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	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

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Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	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	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps ROSE and MCCABE proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(B)(1) and inserting:

(1) impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his duties including, but not limited to, obstructing a first responder's movement; ~~or distracting~~obstructing —a first ~~responder~~responder's ability to ~~from~~ administering medical care to another; or effectuateing a lawful arrest;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.HA0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 16-3-1092, by adding a subsection to read:

(D) Any first responder that is not immediately responding to an incident must establish a physical barrier that marks twenty-five feet from the first responder actively engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey

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Chapman	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hager	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

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So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WATERS proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(C) and inserting:

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars ~~and~~ or imprisoned not more than ~~sixty~~ thirty days, or both.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WATERS explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. WATERS continued speaking.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin

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Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Haddon	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Scott	Stavrinnakis	Waters
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0004H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(B) and inserting:

(B) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from a person he knows or reasonably should know is a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and wilfully violate the warning and approach or remain

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within ~~twenty-five feet~~ a reasonable distance of the first responder with the intent to:

(1) impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his duties including, but not limited to, obstructing a first responder's movement, distracting a first responder from administering medical care to another, or effectuating a lawful arrest;

(2) offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a first responder with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril; or

(3) harass the first responder.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. ALEXANDER a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON continued speaking.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. GOVAN continued speaking.

Rep. BRITTAIN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

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Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	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
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rutherford	Scott
Waters	Williams	

Total--29

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So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 16-3-1092(B), by adding an item to read:

(4) The provisions of this subsection do not apply if you are within ten feet and praying.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Gagnon	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore

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Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terribile	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Scott	Stavrinnakis
Waters	Wetmore	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. J. L. JOHNSON and BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0007H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(C) and inserting:

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is ~~guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined~~ subject to a civil fine of not more than five hundred dollars ~~and imprisoned not more than sixty days.~~ A violation of this section does not constitute a criminal offense.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

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Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to by a division vote of 68 to 33.

Rep. LONG proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.HA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 16-3-1092, by adding a subsection to read:

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an emergency medical care provider must make a reasonable effort to ensure a parent, guardian, or appropriate family member has given consent to medical treatment as provided for by law.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LONG explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KING raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 was not germane.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT stated that it was a difficult call but he thought that the Amendment met the substantial effect standard. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. LONG continued speaking.

Rep. GRANT moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 32; Nays 72

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Brewer	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Ford	Garvin	Govan
Grant	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford

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Scott	Teeple	Waters
Weeks	Williams	

Total--32

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brittain	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilreath	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Lastinger	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
McCrary	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--72

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 29

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lastinger	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	McCrary	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sanders	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Brewer	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Ford
Garvin	Govan	Grant
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose

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Rutherford
Weeks

Teepie
Williams

Waters

Total--29

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. FORREST proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 4763 (LC-4763.VR0010H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-1092(B) and inserting:

(B) It is unlawful for a person, after receiving a verbal warning not to approach from a person he knows or reasonably should know is a first responder who is engaged in the lawful performance of a legal duty, to knowingly and wilfully violate the warning and approach or remain within ~~twenty-five feet~~ distance of the first responder with the intent to:

(1) impede or interfere with the first responder's ability to perform his duties including, but not limited to, obstructing a first responder's movement, distracting a first responder from administering medical care to another, or effectuating a lawful arrest;

(2) offer or attempt to cause physical harm or injury to a first responder with apparent present ability under circumstances reasonably creating fear of imminent peril; or

(3) harass the first responder.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

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

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Bill.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke in favor of the Bill.

Rep. BRITAIN spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 18

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
Haddon	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jones	King

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Reese
Scott

Rivers
Waters

Rutherford
Williams

Total--18

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. 4763. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4763. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Seth Rose

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4763. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

H. 5120--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5120 -- Reps. Cox, Garvin, Holman, T. Moore, Sessions, Wetmore, C. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-2020, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF JUVENILE RECORDS, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN NOTICE ABOUT THE DISPOSITION OF A CASE AGAINST A CHILD CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES MUST BE PROVIDED TO A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND TO CLARIFY WHEN JUVENILE FINGERPRINT RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TAKEN, HOW THESE RECORDS ARE MAINTAINED, AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THESE RECORDS MAY BE TRANSMITTED TO ANOTHER AGENCY OR PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-19-

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2030, RELATING TO JUVENILE LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN INCIDENT REPORTS ABOUT A CHILD CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES MUST BE PROVIDED TO A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
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	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	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
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese

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

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5073--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5073 -- Reps. Pedalino, Erickson, Montgomery, McCravy, Pace, Bradley, D. Mitchell, Terrible, 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, White, Oremus, Teeple, Lastinger, Burns, Hewitt, Haddon, Cromer, Gilreath, Hartnett and Ballentine: 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.

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Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5073 (LC-5073.VR0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) The provisions of this section and the Uniform Grading Policy apply to all schools including, but not limited to, public schools, private schools, home schools, and charter schools.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 92; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	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
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson

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Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Govan
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Scott	Waters
Weeks	Williams	

Total--20

So, the motion to recommit the Bill was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 5073 (LC-5073.VR0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) Prior to adopting a Uniform Grading Policy, a district must assess students for services needed to improve academic performance and must provide information to parents and students regarding available support, including, but not limited to, therapy, tutoring, and support

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services for students experiencing homelessness or poverty.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor

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Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	Jones
King	Kirby	Luck
McDaniel	J. Moore	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Scott	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. MCDANIEL proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5073 (LC-5073.VR0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) In implementing the Uniform Grading Policy, school districts must provide an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for every student.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

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

Rep. FRANK proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 5073 (LC-5073.VR0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(G) The provisions of this section and the Uniform Grading Policy

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apply to all schools including, but not limited to, public schools, private schools, home schools, and charter schools.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FRANK explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan

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White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Scott
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant

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Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	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	McCrary	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

McDaniel Scott

Total--2

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

S. 655 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME GAPWAY DRAINAGE BRIDGE ON US 76 IN HORRY COUNTY "ZACHARY KYLE STRICKLAND BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4573 -- Reps. Rankin and White: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 IN LAURENS COUNTY FROM THE LAURENS/GREENVILLE COUNTY LINE TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 101 "CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5189 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terrible: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF CHARLOTTE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF MCDOW DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH NORTH AVENUE "OFFICER STEVEN WAYNE JORDAN MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5190 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terrible: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SALUDA STREET IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF JOHNSTON STREET TO ALBRIGHT ROAD "OFFICER ROBERT MORRIS MCFADDEN MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Interstate Cooperation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5191 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terrible: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF BLACK STREET IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY, FROM ALBRIGHT ROAD TO ORANGE STREET, "DETECTIVE WILLIAM A. SINGLETON MEMORIAL 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. 5199 -- Rep. Govan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH IW HUTTO ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 3 IN THE TOWN OF SWANSEA IN LEXINGTON COUNTY "WILBER LEE JEFFCOAT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5192 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terrible: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF JOHNSTON STREET IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY FROM THE ON RAMP TO DAVE LYLE BOULEVARD TO SOUTH WILSON STREET "OFFICER ROBERT GILMORE JOHNSTON 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. 5000 -- Reps. Gibson and McCravy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES LITTLE RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 378 BETWEEN HUGUENOT PARKWAY AND HOLIDAY ROAD IN MCCORMICK COUNTY "CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL BRIDGE" 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. 5176 -- Rep. Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 (HILLCREST DRIVE) IN THE CITY OF LAURENS IN LAURENS COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH HARPER STREET TO HILLCREST SQUARE "JUDGE JOSEPH WILSON MCGOWAN III MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

Rep. LUCK for the minority, submitted an unfavorable report on:

H. 4982 -- Reps. Crawford, Brittain, Guest, McGinnis, Hardee, Schuessler, Bailey and J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 73 ALSO KNOWN AS "FUTURE 73" THAT WILL SERVE DILLON, HORRY, MARION, AND MARLBORO COUNTIES, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA "PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5084 -- Reps. Williams and Luck: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 6TH STREET IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST HOME AVENUE "SAMUEL L. DAVIS MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Moss, 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,

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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, 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 DECLARE MARCH 17, 2026, AS PROFOUND AUSTISM DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5315 -- Reps. J. Moore, 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, 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, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME JOHN LEGEND, A MULTIPLATINUM ARTIST AND PRODUCER, FOR A PERFORMANCE AT THE GAILLARD CENTER IN CHARLESTON, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS STELLAR MUSICAL CAREER, AND TO APPLAUD HIS VIBRANT CIVIC AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5316 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE CHRIST OUR KING-STELLA MARIS SCHOOL EIGHTH-GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5317 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO

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PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5318 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-524 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY ISSUE CERTAIN SPECIAL PERMITS TO AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF BEER AND WINE AT AN OCCASION HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OUTSIDE OF NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5319 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 61, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ADDRESS CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY PREHOSPITAL CLINICIANS, INCLUDING CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGE OF DATA AND REPORTS; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF INFORMATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 5320 -- Rep. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, REQUIRE A PERSON OR ENTITY ENGAGED IN THE BREEDING AND SALE OF DOGS FOR PROFIT TO REGISTER WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF STATE, ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPERATION OF DOG BREEDING FOR PROFIT, REQUIRE AN ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATION TO REGISTER WITH THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT OPERATES AND TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION, DEFINE "NUISANCE BARKING" AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, REQUIRE DOG IDENTIFICATION METHODS, REQUIRE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP TO RELEASE AN IMPOUNDED DOG OR CAT TO

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ITS OWNER; AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5321 -- Reps. Hixon, Clyburn, Taylor, Forrest, Oremus and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 6 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "HORSE CREEK REGIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY"; TO PRESCRIBE ITS SERVICE TERRITORY IN AIKEN, EDGEFIELD, AND SALUDA COUNTIES; TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY'S FUNCTIONS AND POWERS REGARDING WASTEWATER AND SEWAGE SERVICES; TO AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTIES AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN AIKEN, ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, BARNWELL, CALHOUN, EDGEFIELD, MCCORMICK, ORANGEBURG, AND SALUDA COUNTIES; AND TO DISSOLVE THE AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY AND REQUIRE ALL AIKEN COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE HORSE CREEK REGIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5322 -- Reps. Clyburn and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-51-90, RELATING TO THE REDEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PURCHASER'S INTEREST, SO AS TO EXPAND THE ABILITY TO PAY A DELINQUENT TAX TO ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:25 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. RUTHERFORD, adjourned in memory of Lou Holtz, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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H. 3535	12	H. 5182	2
H. 3934	12	H. 5189	81
H. 4045	12	H. 5190	82
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H. 4343	21	H. 5304	2
H. 4461	12	H. 5305	3
H. 4464	12	H. 5306	4
H. 4465	13	H. 5307	4
H. 4468	17	H. 5308	6
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H. 5073	77	S. 819	8
H. 5084	84	S. 858	8
H. 5089	17	S. 974	5