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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**  
**(STATEWIDE SESSION)**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 55:22: “Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.”

Let us pray: O Lord our God, You alone sustains the weary soul of mankind. You are our God, The God of all comfort. Your word tells us to bring our weary and burdened soul to you and you will give us rest. Who is a God like you? Your Fatherly care is like no other. Thank you for sustaining grace! Our Father, we need your help to finish this Legislative session strong. It is at this point that we need an extra measure of Your Providential sustaining Grace. Help us to govern, first and foremost, to be pleasing to you and then to serve those entrusted to our care. Help us to govern with our eyes focused on the betterment of this state. We are needy creatures. For we remember that we are men of clay feet, born of dust and one day we shall return to dust. Father You are our Rock, Your work is perfect; all Your ways are just. A God of faithfulness without injustice, You are righteous and upright in all your ways. Amen.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Freddie L. Woolfork, which was agreed to.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 25, 2026

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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. HIXON the invitation was accepted.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. CLYBURN, from the Aiken Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 694 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-40, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DETERMINES THAT A PRECINCT CONTAINS NO SUITABLE LOCATION FOR A POLLING PLACE, THE BOARD, UPON APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, MAY LOCATE THE POLLING PLACE INSIDE THE COUNTY AND WITHIN FIVE MILES OF THE PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. GAGNON, from the Abbeville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5284 -- Rep. Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-10, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF A REGISTER OF DEEDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ABBEVILLE COUNTY AMONG THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-12, RELATING TO COUNTIES WHERE THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ABBEVILLE COUNTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 449 -- Senators Verdin and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-43-245 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS AND PHYSICIANS TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PHYSICIANS AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-205 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS TO ENTER INTO COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS; AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY AND THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS AND TO PROVIDE THAT COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THE REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 146 -- Senators Nutt, Corbin, Cromer, Matthews, Martin, Zell, Alexander, Walker and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-81-40, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS MAY DESIGNATE ONE PERSON WHO IS PERMITTED TO VISIT THE RESIDENT IN THE EVENT THAT ACCESS TO THE FACILITY IS LIMITED OR PROHIBITED DUE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM A DISASTER OR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5164 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-255 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FIRE AND BUILDING CODE EXCEPTIONS FOR PLACEMENT OF HOSPITAL BEDS IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, OR OTHER MEANS OF EGRESS DURING JUSTIFIED EMERGENCIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4042 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath, Cromer, Guffey, Harris, Hager, McCravy, Edgerton, Terribile, Magnuson, Lastinger, D. Mitchell, Sessions, Chapman, Brewer, Lawson, Oremus, Hartz, Vaughan, Pedalino, Teeple, Landing, Rankin, Schuessler, Ligon, Long, Sanders, Ford and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-150 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OVER-THE-COUNTER SALE OF IVERMECTIN TABLETS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4799 -- Reps. Lawson, Cox, C. Mitchell, Pope, Govan and Lastinger: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT VETERANS HOMES OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS DO NOT REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF NEED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4688 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-90,

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RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT GOLF CART PASSENGERS UNDER TWELVE YEARS OLD ARE EXEMPT FROM WEARING SAFETY BELTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5131 -- Rep. Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-780, RELATING TO PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AND FEES FOR VEHICLES OF STATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO CREATE A PERMANENT LICENSE PLATE FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4736 -- Reps. McGinnis and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-12 SO AS TO CREATE A MANDATORY ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, TO REQUIRE THE CREATION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4737 -- Reps. McGinnis and Grant: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-35 SO AS TO CREATE A MANDATORY ORIENTATION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC

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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD SECRETARY OF EACH INSTITUTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4738 -- Reps. Erickson and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATOR TRAINING, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE GOVERNOR'S TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP LOAN PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO REVISE DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-40, RELATING TO COLLEGE PARALLEL COURSES AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REMOVE RELATED BUDGETARY REVIEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-40, RELATING TO THE CONVERSION FROM THE QUARTER CALENDAR SYSTEM TO THE SEMESTER CALENDAR SYSTEM BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-380, RELATING TO THE GRIEVANCE AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION; BY REPEALING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-230 RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE WITH ASSISTANCE BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-54-20 RELATING TO THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-340

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RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR A CERTAIN INVESTMENT INITIATIVE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-360 RELATING TO CERTAIN REVENUE FROM TAX ON CATALOG SALES CREDITABLE TO MAIL ORDER SALES TAX FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-50 RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF PRIVATE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-120 RELATING TO THE ACCREDITATION AND CHARTERING OF CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-162 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-210 RELATING TO THE COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-230 RELATING TO THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-410 RELATING TO THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-420 RELATING TO CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND USES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-430 RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS FOR THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND TO BE MADE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-440 RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-105-60 RELATING TO THE MODEL SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY CREATED BY THE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-111-75 RELATING TO THE COLLEGE LOAN PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-121-15 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITADEL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-127-75 RELATING TO THE FELTON-LABORATORY SCHOOL AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-150-380 RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL LOTTERY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5402 -- Reps. Hixon, Oremus, Taylor, Clyburn and Hartz: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5403 -- Reps. Hixon, Oremus, Hartz, Taylor and Clyburn: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL YELLOW JACKETS VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THESE FINE ATHLETES FOR WINNING THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5404 -- Reps. Wooten, 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, J. Moore, T. Moore,

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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 and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND RECOGNIZE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5405 -- Reps. Wooten, 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, 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 and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY SOFTBALL TEAM ON ITS STELLAR SEASON AND TO SALUTE ITS MEMBERS FOR CAPTURING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5406 -- Reps. Moss, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BROOME HIGH SCHOOL MALE STRENGTH TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5407 -- Reps. Howard, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon,

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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, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE C.A. JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2026 CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FINE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5408 -- Reps. Scott, Pedalino, 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, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY JUNIOR VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, THEIR COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH

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CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5409 -- Reps. Scott, Pedalino, 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, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITION CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5411 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard,

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Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5412 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, 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, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White,

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Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE'S TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, ECONOMY, INNOVATION, AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5413 -- Reps. McCabe, 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, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE MEMBERS OF THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM ON A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THESE FINE ATHLETES FOR THEIR MASTERFUL PERFORMANCE AT THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5414 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CAMBRIDGE ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5415 -- Reps. Jordan, 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, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WEST FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL LADIES TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5416 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, 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 2026 AS "KIDNEY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026, AS "APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS OF THE PALMETTO STATE TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AND THOSE WITH WESTERN OR CENTRAL AFRICAN ANCESTRY TO CONSIDER GENETIC TESTING.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5417 -- Reps. Hixon, Clyburn, Hartz, Oremus and Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF DALE JOHNSON MOORE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5418 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, 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 DR. JAMES EDWARD "JIM" HARVEY OF ORANGEBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5421 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan,

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Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RANDY CARTEE OF PICKENS COUNTY FOR HIS EXTRAORDINARY FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS A FIREFIGHTER AND TO CELEBRATE HIS ENDURING LEGACY IN HIS COMMUNITY AND THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5410 -- Reps. Moss, Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Sessions and Terrible: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 322 IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY "SHERIFF JOE MITCHELL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5419 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Bamberg, Burns, McDaniel, Williams, Gilliard, King, Rivers, Bradley, Beach, Cromer, Holman, Ford, Scott, Bustos, Hayes, Anderson, Teeple, Clyburn, Gatch, Hardee, Oremus, Atkinson, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Vaughan, Luck, Cox, Guffey, Martin, Gilreath, Hager, Magnuson, Edgerton, McCravy, Chapman, Duncan, Grant, Lastinger, Landing, Moss, Rutherford and Sanders: A

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JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE IMPOSITION OF THE USER FEE ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE ROAD TAX FOR THIRTY DAYS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5420 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS PARTICIPATION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE BY WHICH A PARTY TO A CIVIL ACTION BASED ON THAT PARTY'S EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF FREE SPEECH, RIGHT TO PETITION, OR RIGHT OF ASSOCIATION MAY SEEK TO HAVE THE ACTION DISMISSED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

### **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
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

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

**Total Present--119**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MONTGOMERY a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the River Bluff High School "Gators" AAAAA Swim Team State Champions.

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**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Lady Cavaliers" AAAAA Girls Volleyball State Champions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" AAAAA Boys Volleyball State Champions.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Wesley Frierson of Lexington County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove 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. 3013  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 C. MITCHELL

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3173  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HARDEE

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3321  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 GILLIAM

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3480  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HARDEE

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3580  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HARDEE

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4071  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 WATERS, RIVERS, HERBKERSMAN, KING and  
SCHUESSLER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4161  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 BEACH

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4292  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 C. MITCHELL and YOW

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4591  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4611  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HEWITT

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4641  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4670  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HENDERSON-MYERS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4679  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 WICKENSIMER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4703  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 BURNS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4764  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4799  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4804  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER, C. MITCHELL, YOW and GUFFEY

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5058  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 C. MITCHELL and YOW

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5111  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5114  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 WHITE

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5419  
Date: ADD:  
03/25/26 HIXON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 4464  
Date: REMOVE:  
03/25/26 JONES

***SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE IN CHAIR***

**R. 112, H. 4902--ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL**

The SPEAKER ordered the following Veto printed in the Journal:

March 11, 2026  
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State House, Second Floor  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-112, H. 4902, which seeks to exempt from public disclosure the amount and recipient of any revenue-sharing payment made by a public college or university. It also seeks to exempt the aggregate or total amounts of revenue-sharing payments made to all student-athletes as a group in each sports program, without any recipient identified. The individual exemption has merit; the group exemption does not. I therefore cannot sign H. 4902 into law.

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This legislation presents a conflict between serious concerns and a clear principle. On the one hand are privacy rights of student-athletes and the competitive interests of our State's collegiate athletic teams. On the other hand is the right of the People to know how public funds are being spent. Both sides offer compelling considerations.

How we got into this mess in college athletics is a familiar but sad story. For decades, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) failed to respond to emerging legal challenges and lead, and it now lacks the credibility to do so. As members of the General Assembly noted during the debates on this legislation, college athletics is in "shambles" and is the "Wild West." Money drives decisions more than ever before, and the rules change so often that they hardly mean anything at all. One day the main difference between college and professional sports may be only the age of the players.

How do we ever-if we can-get out of this situation? Although I much prefer that the States solve problems, the current predicaments that college athletics faces likely cannot be resolved at the state level. Given the NCAA's lack of moral authority, the federal government may be necessary to help resolve this crisis. President Trump is already hosting discussions at the White House to find solutions, and Congress may be called upon to create a viable legal framework.

This legislation, H. 4902, goes too far in shielding information from public view because it precludes disclosure of any and all records related to revenue-sharing. It shields each individual's records, but it also shields the anonymous aggregate records of each sports program. As our Supreme Court explained, FOIA serves "the important governmental interests of providing transparency in governmental decision-making, preventing fraud and corruption, and fostering trust in government." *Disabato v. S.C. Ass 'n of Sch. Adm'rs*, 404 S.C. 433,450, 746 S.E.2d 329, 338 (2013). Exemptions, of course, exist for "certain sensitive records," *id.* at 453, 746 S.E.2d at 340, but exemptions must be the exception. The default is that government information must be publicly disclosed at a citizen's request.

Despite this FOIA default, both state and federal law rightfully protect privacy interests under certain circumstances. One such law is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), enacted in 1974.

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Under that law, a college student's records and information cannot be publicly released by his school without the student's consent. 20 U.S.C. § 1232g(b)(1). This law protects the student's privacy. FERPA uses broad language to define what constitutes a protected "education record." Specifically, such a record includes any "records, files, documents, and other materials" that "contain information directly related to a student; and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a person acting for such agency or institution." *Id.* § 1232g(a)(4)(A). Thus, the plain text of this definition would apply to any document concerning a revenue-sharing agreement with a student. In my view, for colleges or universities accepting federal funds, as ours have done for years, Congress's valid exercise of its power under the Spending Clause in FERPA applies, and these records should not be released, regardless of what our FOIA says or does not say. See *Antrican v. Odom*, 290 F.3d 178, 188 (4th Cir. 2002). In fact, Louisiana State University recently prevailed in court on the argument that FERPA precluded it from disclosing any name, image, and likeness contracts. For these reasons, I believe that H. 4902's exemption as to individual student-athletes is reasonable.

The aggregate funds spent by a college on each team is a different story. FERPA applies and shields only an individual student's records and information. It does not apply to de-identified, aggregated information. This is where South Carolina should draw the line, too. Although there are legitimate privacy and competitive-disadvantage reasons to keep private the amount of revenue-sharing funds that a particular student-athlete is being paid, taxpayers should be able to know how much a university is spending on each of its various teams as an aggregate number. In other words, publication would likely invade an individual student-athlete's privacy without justification, but the people's right to know extends to every dollar that their colleges and universities choose to spend on the various sports programs. That is reasonable.

This balance-protecting an individual student's information while requiring aggregate disclosure-is not new. For instance, colleges and universities are not allowed to disclose how much any individual student receives in financial aid, but the schools must provide aggregate data about its total of financial aid to students.

If the General Assembly sends me legislation that strikes this balance of protecting both the individual student-athletes' privacy and the people's

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right to know how colleges and universities spend public funds, I will sign it immediately. Because H. 4902 fails to balance these considerations effectively, I am respectfully vetoing this legislation and returning it without my signature.

Yours very truly,  
Henry Dargan McMaster

**R. 112, H. 4902--GOVERNOR'S VETO OVERRIDDEN**

The Veto on the following Act was taken up:

(R. 112, H. 4902) -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Rutherford, Brittain, Guest, Stavrinakis, Erickson, Caskey, Pope, Collins, B. Newton, Davis, Herbkersman, Hixon, Willis, Reese and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO AN EXEMPTION OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE AN EXCEPTION TO THE EXEMPTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT RECORDS OF AGGREGATE REVENUE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS REVENUE-SHARING PROGRAMS BY A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EACH FISCAL YEAR ARE SUBJECT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT SUBJECT TO EXCEPTIONS FROM SUCH DISCLOSURE FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE PAYMENTS, SPORT-SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS, AND NEGOTIATION RECORDS. - RATIFIED TITLE

Rep. HIOTT explained the Veto.

The question was put, shall the Act become a part of the law, the Veto of his Excellency, the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, the yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein

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Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Davis
Duncan	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	T. Moore	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--88**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Calhoon
Chumley	Crawford	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gatch
Gilreath	Harris	Kilmartin
Lastinger	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	D. Mitchell	Moss

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Oremus  
White

Pace

Terrible

**Total--22**

So, the Veto of the Governor was overridden and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4902. If I had been present, I would have voted to override the Governor's Veto.

Rep. Keishan M. Scott

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4902. If I had been present, I would have voted to override the Governor's Veto.

Rep. Chandra Dillard

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4902. If I had been present, I would have voted to override the Governor's Veto.

Rep. JA Moore

**H. 3530--RECOMMENDED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Robbins, T. Moore, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS

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TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.

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

**H. 3874--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3874 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-15-90, RELATING TO FEES OF ATTORNEYS AND PHYSICIANS AND HOSPITAL CHARGES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL FEE SCHEDULES AND RELATED SYSTEMS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3874 (LC-3874.PH0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 42-15-90(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(1) The commission may adopt criteria to establish a new fee

schedule or adjust an existing fee schedule to establish maximum allowable payments for medical services provided by medical practitioners exclusive of hospital inpatient services and hospital outpatient services and ambulatory surgery centers, ~~based in whole or in part on the requirements of a federally funded program, but if it adopts adjustments to an existing fee schedule, it must adopt these adjustments on an annual basis and the adjustments may not exceed the percentage change indicated by the federally funded program. The commission shall conduct an evidentiary hearing to review a proposed adjustment to increase or reduce these fees by more than ten percent annually to determine whether to:~~

~~—— (a) increase or reduce the proposed adjustment as the commission considers appropriate; or~~

~~—— (b) accept the proposed adjustment.~~ The commission, in consultation with the cost containment committee must establish a medical fee schedule and a related system that includes, but is not limited to, procedures for a review of charges and enforcement and implementation procedures. In establishing the fee schedule, the commission must strive to assure the delivery of quality medical care in workers' compensation cases and access by injured workers to primary and specialist care while controlling prices and system costs. The commission may consider multiple reimbursement systems and methodologies in developing the fee schedule including, but not limited to, applying multiple conversion factors to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) system.

~~(2)(a) A decision of the commission to increase or reduce a fee schedule to establish maximum allowable payments for medical services provided by medical practitioners exclusive of hospital inpatient services and hospital outpatient services and ambulatory surgery centers by more than ten percent is reviewable by expedited appeal to the Administrative Law Court pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.~~

~~—— (b) On appeal, the court may:~~

~~—— (i) accept the increase or decrease;~~

~~—— (ii) impose a lesser increase or decrease;~~

~~—— (iii) revert the fee schedule as it was immediately prior to the annual adjustment;~~

~~—— (iv) adjust the appropriate conversion factors as necessary;~~

~~or~~

~~—— (v) make other adjustments the court considers reasonable.~~

~~—— (c) The court shall issue a decision within ninety days after it~~

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receives the appeal.

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) During the pendency of this appeal, the portion of the fee schedule under review must remain the same as it was immediately prior to the proposed changes, but all other portions of the fee schedule or conversion factors are effective and remain unchanged. The commission must retain experts to assist in the development of the fee schedule and related systems.~~

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) The commission, in consultation with the cost containment committee, must review the fee schedules adopted pursuant to this section on an annual basis and, when appropriate, the commission shall revise the fee schedules as necessary. The annual review must consider among other factors, the medical consumer price index and the workers' compensation fee schedules of other states in the region.

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) The commission must hold a public hearing to receive comments from stakeholders and shall consider comments received in consultation with the cost containment committee prior to finalizing the annual fee schedule update.

\_\_\_\_\_ (5) The cost containment committee must be comprised of seven voting members appointed by the commission. Two members representing the medical provider industry; two members representing the workers' compensation insurance industry; two members representing the employer community; and the final member will be the chairperson of the commission or his appointee.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

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Caskey	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	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--111**

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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**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3874. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**H. 4662--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4662 -- Reps. Wooten, Wetmore, Pope and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-50, RELATING TO ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION PROVISIONS, SO AS TO REGULATE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SOLICIT, COLLECT, EARN, OR RECEIVE MORE THAN A STATED AMOUNT IN A FISCAL YEAR THAT REGISTER WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE BY INCREASING REPORT REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-70, RELATING TO CONTRACTS WITH PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN CONTRACTS BETWEEN A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING COUNSEL, PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR, OR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURER TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-90, RELATING TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY ENTITY THAT IS SOLICITING FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO DISCLOSE THE LEGAL NAME AND PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY FOR WHICH THEY ARE SOLICITING; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS, FUNDRAISING COUNSELS, OR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-120, RELATING TO MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL CO-VENTURERS FROM USING REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS AN ENDORSEMENT BY THE STATE.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	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
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
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

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Wickensimer  
Wooten

Williams  
Yow

Willis

**Total--113**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4662. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**H. 5113--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5113 -- Reps. Brewer, M. M. Smith, Guffey, B. Newton, Lawson, Sessions, Robbins, Gatch, Neese, Kirby, Waters, C. Mitchell, Yow, Atkinson, Forrest, Gagnon, Guest, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hiott, J. L. Johnson, Wooten, Chapman and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-735 SO AS TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM PREVENTING THE CONTINUANCE OF LAWFUL NONCONFORMING USE OF PROPERTY WHEN A PREEXISTING MANUFACTURED HOME OR MOBILE HOME IS REPLACED WITH A NEW MANUFACTURED HOME OR MOBILE HOME, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-43-85, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PLACEMENT OF MODULAR HOMES; DISPLAY MODELS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION APPLIES TO ON-FRAME MODULAR HOMES AND TO REMOVE A FIVE-YEAR RESTRICTION ON DISPLAY MODELS BEING USED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

Rep. LIGON proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5113 (LC-5113.DG0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section

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6-29-735(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) “Manufactured home” ~~or “mobile home”~~ means a structure, not including a modular home, designed for temporary or permanent habitation and constructed to permit its transport on wheels, temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, from its place of construction or sale to a location where it is intended to be ~~a housing unit or a storage unit~~ installed. The term includes a ‘manufactured home’ as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 5402(6) as amended.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-29-735(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) “Single-family dwelling” means a manufactured home ~~or mobile home~~ used as a single-family residence.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-29-735(B) and inserting:

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-29-730 or another provision of law, when there is a replacement of a preexisting manufactured home ~~or mobile home~~ with a new home-manufactured home not more than five years old within a manufactured home community ~~or mobile home park~~, or on any other residential land, a local government may not adopt or enforce any zoning decision or zoning ordinance, or any other regulation or restriction, or impose any conditions on the new home, the property upon which the home sits, or the owner’s property that were not required of the preexisting home, home site, or property, that would prevent the continuance of the property owner’s lawful nonconforming use that had existed relating to the preexisting home, the property upon which the home sat, or the owner’s property.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5113 (LC-5113.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-29-735(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) “Manufactured home” ~~or “mobile home”~~ means a structure, not including a modular home, designed for temporary or permanent habitation and constructed to permit its transport on wheels, temporarily or permanently attached to its frame, from its place of construction or

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sale to a location where it is intended to be ~~a housing unit or a storage unit~~ installed. The term includes a ‘manufactured home’ as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 5402(6) as amended.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-29-735(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) “Single-family dwelling” means a manufactured home ~~or mobile home~~ used as a single-family residence.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-29-735(B) and inserting:

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6-29-730 or another provision of law, when there is a replacement of a preexisting manufactured home ~~or mobile home~~ with a ~~new home~~ manufactured home not more than five years old within a manufactured home community ~~or mobile home park~~, or on any other residential land, a local government may not adopt or enforce any zoning decision or zoning ordinance, or any other regulation or restriction, or impose any conditions on the new home, the property upon which the home sits, or the owner’s property that were not required of the preexisting home, home site, or property, that would prevent the continuance of the property owner’s lawful nonconforming use that had existed relating to the preexisting home, the property upon which the home sat, or the owner’s property.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LIGON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 117; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins

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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	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--117**

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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**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5113. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**H. 4544--RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15,  
AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4544 -- Reps. Jordan, W. Newton, M. M. Smith, Cox and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-32-220, RELATING TO NONECONOMIC DAMAGES LIMIT AND EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR INTENT TO HARM, FELONY CONVICTIONS, AND INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TORT CLAIMS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANING OF "OCCURRENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 15-78-120, RELATING TO LIMITATION ON LIABILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE LIMITATIONS MUST BE INCREASED OR DECREASED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-180, RELATING TO LIMITED LIABILITY OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. BEACH 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.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

REP. B. NEWTON moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

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

Yeas 94; Nays 19

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Martin	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--94**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Edgerton	Frank
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	McCabe

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McCrary  
Reese  
Willis

D. Mitchell  
Terrible

Pace  
White

**Total--19**

So, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4544 (LC-4544.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 15-32-220(E)(1) and (2) and inserting:

~~(+) The limitations for noneconomic damages rendered against any health care health care provider or health care health care institution do not apply if the jury or court determines by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant was grossly negligent, wilful, wanton, or reckless, and such conduct was the proximate cause of the claimant's noneconomic damages, or if the defendant has engaged in fraud or misrepresentation related to the claim, or if the defendant altered or destroyed medical records with the purpose of avoiding a claim or liability to the claimant.:~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a)(1) acted in a grossly negligent, wilful, wanton, or reckless manner;~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b)(2) has pled guilty to or been convicted of a felony arising out of the same course of conduct complained of by the plaintiff, and that the act or course of conduct is a proximate cause of the plaintiff's damages; or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c)(3) acted or failed to act while under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the degree that his judgment was materially and appreciably impaired; or~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (4) the defendant has engaged in fraud or misrepresentation related to the claim.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ (2) If the limitations for noneconomic damages are found to be inapplicable pursuant to the jury or court finding that the defendant's conduct fell within one of the exceptions herein, then the maximum limit of civil liability for the defendant, regardless of the number of claims or causes of action, shall not exceed eight times the current limitations on noneconomic damages, as adjusted pursuant to subsection (F).~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 15-78-120(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) and inserting:

(1) Except as provided in Section 15-78-120(a)(3), no person shall recover in any action or claim brought hereunder a sum exceeding

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~~three-six~~ hundred thousand dollars because of loss arising from a single occurrence regardless of the number of agencies or political subdivisions involved.

(2) Except as provided in Section 15-78-120(a)(4), the total sum recovered hereunder arising out of a single occurrence shall not exceed ~~six hundred~~ one million two hundred thousand dollars regardless of the number of agencies or political subdivisions or claims or actions involved.

(3) No person may recover in any action or claim brought hereunder against any governmental entity and caused by the tort of any licensed physician or dentist, employed by a governmental entity and acting within the scope of his profession, a sum exceeding ~~one-two~~ million ~~two~~ four hundred thousand dollars because of loss arising from a single occurrence regardless of the number of agencies or political subdivisions involved.

(4) The total sum recovered hereunder arising out of a single occurrence of liability of any governmental entity for any tort caused by any licensed physician or dentist, employed by a governmental entity and acting within the scope of his profession, may not exceed ~~one-two~~ million ~~two~~ four hundred thousand dollars regardless of the number of agencies or political subdivisions or claims or actions involved.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by deleting Section 15-78-120(D) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 33-56-180(A)(1), (2), and (3) and inserting:

\_\_\_\_\_ (1) acted in a ~~grossly negligent~~, reckless, wilful, or wanton ~~grossly negligent~~ manner;

\_\_\_\_\_ (2) has pled guilty to or been convicted of a felony arising out of the same act or course of conduct complained of by the plaintiff and that the act or course of conduct is a proximate cause of the plaintiff's damages; ~~or~~

\_\_\_\_\_ (3) acted or failed to act while under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the degree that his judgment was materially or appreciably impaired; ~~or~~

\_\_\_\_\_ (4) the employee has engaged in fraud or misrepresentation related to the claim.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 33-56-180(B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

(B) ~~and the~~ The employee must be joined properly as a party defendant. A judgment against an employee of a charitable organization may not be returned unless a specific finding is made that the conduct of

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~~the employee acted in a reckless, wilful, or grossly negligent manner falls within one or more of the three~~four categories set forth above. If the charitable organization for which the employee was acting cannot be determined at the time the action is instituted, the plaintiff may name as a party defendant the employee, and the entity for which the employee was acting must be added or substituted as party defendant when it reasonably can be determined.

~~—(C) If the limitations for noneconomic damages are found to be inapplicable pursuant to the jury or court finding that the defendant's conduct fell within one of the exceptions herein, then the maximum limit of civil liability for the defendant, regardless of the number of claims or causes of action, shall not exceed eight times the current limitations on noneconomic damages, as adjusted pursuant to Section 15-32-220(F).~~

~~—(B)(D)~~ (C) If the actual damages from the injury or death giving rise to the action arose from the use or operation of a motor vehicle and exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, this section does not prevent the injured person from recovering benefits pursuant to Section 38-77-160 but in an amount not to exceed the limits of the uninsured or underinsured coverage.

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

SECTION X. The amendment to Section 15-32-220(E) which eliminated the “gross negligence” exception to the limitation on medical malpractice damages creates consistency with the Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act damage limitation exceptions and avoids duplicative exceptions where the misconduct in question is covered by another exception.

Amend the bill further by striking SECTION 5 and inserting:

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor, and applies only to causes of action or claims arising or accruing thereafter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	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	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	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

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Wickensimer  
Wooten

Williams  
Yow

Willis

**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.

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4544. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4544. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Nathan Ballentine

**H. 4670--RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15,  
AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4670 -- Reps. W. Newton, C. Mitchell and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-350 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR DEMANDS FOR PERSONAL INJURY, BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Rep. BEACH 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.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order.

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REP. B. NEWTON moved to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

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

Yeas 97; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire

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Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--97**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Lastinger	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	D. Mitchell	Pace
Terribile	White	

**Total--17**

So, Rule 5.10 was waived, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4670 (LC-4670.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 15 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 15-1-350. (A) In the event of a time-limited demand for settlement of a claim, loss, or damage, made by or on behalf of a claimant, to a tortfeasor with a liability insurance policy, any such demand must be made in good faith, be reasonable in its terms, provide the insurer with sufficient information to evaluate the claim, and provide the insurer a reasonable time not less than thirty days from receipt of the demand in which to provide a response.

(B) Nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or affect the doctrine established in *Tyger River Pine Co. v. Maryland Casualty Co.*, 163 S.C. 229, 161 S.E. 491 (1931).

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	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	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
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	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White

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Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--114**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4670. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4670. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Nathan Ballentine

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. PACE asked unanimous consent to recall H. 5398 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. KIRBY objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. EDGERTON asked unanimous consent to recall H. 5183 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. HART objected.

**H. 3629--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND  
BILL ENROLLED**

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

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-

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120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO PERMIT ACQUISITION OF TIMBERLANDS AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS, TO PROVIDE FOR USES OF THOSE LANDS AND PROHIBIT ACQUISITION OF LAND AT A PRICE EXCEEDING ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

Rep. HIXON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
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

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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	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--116**

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.

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**H. 3831--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND  
BILL ENROLLED**

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

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 117; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
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

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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	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--117**

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.

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**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. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House recede until 1:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

**THE HOUSE RESUMES**

At 1:00 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.

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**H. 4767--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

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. YOW moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

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

Yeas 29; Nays 56

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bradley	Caskey
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Erickson	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Hardee	Herbkersman
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	King
Kirby	Lowe	Luck
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
J. Moore	Moss	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--29**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Collins

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Cox	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilreath	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Hiott	Holman
Huff	Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rankin	Robbins
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	

**Total--56**

So, the House refused to recommit the Bill.

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the Bill.

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.

Rep. YOW proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4767 (LC-4767.PH0001H), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 41-9-150. The noncompete provisions of this chapter only apply to hospitals owned and operated by this State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. YOW explained the amendment.

Rep. SESSIONS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 53; Nays 53

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Chumley	Collins	Cox
Cromer	Davis	Edgerton
Forrest	Frank	Gilreath
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartz	Hewitt
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	D. Mitchell
T. Moore	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Robbins	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	

**Total--53**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Bowers	Brittain	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Crawford	Dillard
Ford	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	J. Moore

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Moss	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Waters	Weeks	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--53**

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Yeas 48; Nays 62

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bradley
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Dillard	Erickson	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	Moss	Reese
Rivers	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Waters	Weeks
Williams	Wooten	Yow

**Total--48**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bowers	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Chumley
Collins	Cox	Cromer

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Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gatch	Gibson	Gilreath
Guffey	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hixon	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	

**Total--62**

So, the amendment was rejected.

Rep. GUEST moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. SESSIONS moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 49

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Chumley	Collins
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gatch	Gibson
Gilreath	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hart	Hartnett

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Hartz	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis		

**Total--64**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bradley	Brittain
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Dillard	Erickson	Ford
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	Lowe
Luck	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	J. Moore	Moss
Reese	Rivers	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Waters
Weeks	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--49**

So, the motion to commit the Bill was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 65; Nays 50

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Cox
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Forrest	Frank
Gatch	Gilreath	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Neese
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	

**Total--65**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bradley	Brittain
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Crawford	Dillard	Erickson
Ford	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Lowe	Luck

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McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
J. Moore	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Reese	Rivers
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Waters	Weeks	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--50**

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

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

March 25, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 4767 amending 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, out of an abundance of caution.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and/or a family member may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,

Representative Daniel Gibson  
House District Number 12

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

March 25, 2026

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

Dear Speaker Smith,

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I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and/or a family member may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,  
Representative Craig Gagnon  
House District Number 11

**ABSTENTION FROM VOTING**

March 25, 2026  
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith Jr.  
506 Blatt Building  
Columbia, SC 29201

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Sincerely,  
Representative Leon Stavrinakis  
House District Number 119

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House do now adjourn, pending ratification of Acts, which was agreed to.

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**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 114, H. 3629) -- Rep. T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO PERMIT ACQUISITION OF TIMBERLANDS AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS, TO PROVIDE FOR USES OF THOSE LANDS AND PROHIBIT ACQUISITION OF LAND AT A PRICE EXCEEDING ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

(R. 115, H. 3831) -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M.M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING

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SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

(R. 116, H. 3858) -- Reps. Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, C. Mitchell, M.M. Smith, B.J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B.L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J.L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terribile, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J.E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest, Oremus, Kirby, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS ON WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 42.8571 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-425, RELATING TO THE DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-23-430, 50-23-440, 50-23-450, 50-23-460, 50-23-470, AND 50-23-480 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 50-23-350 AND 50-23-380 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER BY AGENTS AND THE TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, RESPECTIVELY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-320, RELATING TO THE NUMBERING OF

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VESSEL EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR A VESSEL COVERED BY A FEDERALLY APPROVED NUMBERING SYSTEM OF ANOTHER STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-21-10, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “OUTBOARD MOTOR”; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT AND MOTORS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE MOTORS FROM THE EXEMPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-714, RELATING TO BOATS WITH SITUS IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO BOAT MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3200, RELATING TO THE TAX YEAR FOR BOATS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO BOAT MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR BOATS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RETURNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3230, RELATING TO THE ASSESSED VALUE OF BOATS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF BOATS AND WATERCRAFT AND ANY AFFIXED OUTBOARD MOTORS AS A SINGLE UNIT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3240, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM BOAT AND WATERCRAFT TAX, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO BOAT MOTORS.

(R. 117, H. 4216) -- Reps. Bannister, Pope, G.M. Smith, B. Newton, Hiott, Murphy, Moss, Crawford, Bradley, Hager, M.M. Smith, Bustos, Landing, Lowe, Lawson, B.J. Cox, Jordan, Brittain, Forrest, Neese, Vaughan, Long, Montgomery, Davis, Sessions, C. Mitchell, Gatch, Herbkersman, Schuessler, Caskey, T. Moore, Hewitt, Erickson, Bowers, Gilliam, Teeple, Guest, Bailey, Guffey, Holman, Yow, Ballentine, Martin, Calhoon, Taylor, Hartnett, Robbins, Willis, B.L. Cox, Ligon, Brewer, Gagnon, Hartz, Hixon and Pedalino: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE TO 5.21 PERCENT, TO CREATE ANOTHER INCOME TAX BRACKET TO WHICH A 1.99 PERCENT RATE APPLIES, AND TO SET FORTH STANDARDS FOR ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO NOT ADOPT THE FEDERAL STANDARD DEDUCTION AND

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ITEMIZED DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME ADJUSTED DEDUCTION (SCIAD); BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-4910, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE A TAX RETURN, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE TO THE CALCULATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1720, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAXABLE INCOME OF NONRESIDENT INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3632, RELATING TO THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT.

(R. 118, H. 5182) -- Reps. Hager, Erickson and W. Newton: AN ACT 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:15 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Freddie L. Woolfork, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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