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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026  
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

**Thursday, April 2, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 117:1-2: “Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!”

Let us pray. Our God and Our Father; you have chosen all peoples, tribes and nations to Praise You. You alone are holy and worthy of all praise. Your global invitation extends to everyone in its worldwide redemptive purpose. This is seen in its grand explanation. Your lovingkindness and faithfulness provided it. You have been kind and gracious to all humanity, extending your grand purposes to all kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all judges of the earth, young men and maidens, old and young together. Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. As those whom you have elected and appointed as your representatives, we are accountable to You for our stewardship. Help and guide us so that we may be pleasing to you in all that we do. Thank you to all who labor among us in this chamber. For all gifted staff. For all talented support administrators. For security personnel. Assistant administrators who provide counsel to each of us in this Assembly. You are our Great God. And no one can compare to you. You are our Magnanimous God, providing redemption through your Son! Amen.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. ROBBINS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Fred Edwards, which was agreed to.

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**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5433

Agency: Clemson University

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 56-21-10, 59-119-150, and 59-119-320

Parking and Traffic Regulations - Golf Carts

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 13, 2026

Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 3, 2026

Revised: May 5, 2026

**S. 477--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED**

The following was received from the Senate:

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurrs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 477:

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

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DISPENSED OR ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN  
WRITTEN JOINT PROTOCOLS.

Very respectfully,  
President

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, the House insisted upon its  
amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. GUEST, CALHOON and  
BERNSTEIN to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House  
and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs  
in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 694:

(R. 121, S. 694) -- Senator Young: AN ACT 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; AND  
BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-60, RELATING TO  
MUNICIPALITIES ADOPTING METHODS OF NOMINATING  
CANDIDATES FOR AND DETERMINING RESULTS OF  
NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY  
MUNICIPALITY WHICH ELECTS TO HOLD PARTISAN  
MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS MUST PAY ALL COSTS AND  
EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONDUCT OF A  
MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION. - RATIFIED TITLE

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

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Very respectfully,  
President  
Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 146:

(R. 119, S. 146) -- Senators Nutt, Corbin, Cromer, Matthews, Martin, Zell, Alexander, Walker and Kimbrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SENATOR ROGER A. NUTT ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 44-81-40, RELATING TO RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS MAY DESIGNATE UP TO THREE PEOPLE WHO ARE 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. - RATIFIED TITLE

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,  
President  
Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

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Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the Veto by the Governor on R. 112, H. 4902 by a vote of 30 to 12.

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(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

Very respectfully,  
President  
Received as information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

H. 4679 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, Cox, M. M. Smith, Wooten, Chapman, W. Newton, Herbkersman, Wickensimer, Guest and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DRONE REGULATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 55-1-110 SO AS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR DRONE OPERATIONS, AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRONE USE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4706 -- Reps. Rutherford, Neese, Chumley and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN RACING FACILITIES, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, FROM BEING SUBJECT TO NUISANCE AND TAKING CAUSES OF ACTION FROM A SURROUNDING LANDOWNER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson, Hixon, Pope, Hewitt, Cobb-Hunter, Forrest and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE HAVE A LABEL NOTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE SHRIMP.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5069 -- Reps. T. Moore, Bradley, Wooten, Brittain, Bernstein, Holman, Ford, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, B. Newton, Rivers, Anderson, Kirby, McDaniel, Caskey, Erickson, Reese, Chapman, Govan, Yow, Bustos, Martin, Sessions, Gatch, M. M. Smith, D. Mitchell, Guest, Neese, Pedalino, Bauer, W. Newton, Gilreath, Gilliam, Luck, Pope, Ligon, Cox, J. L. Johnson, Guffey, Bowers, Jordan, Collins, Duncan, Teeple, Lawson, Sanders, Montgomery, Ballentine, Brewer, Gagnon, Haddon, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Jones, Lowe, Robbins, Cromer and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 61 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROTECTED LANDS AND CONSERVATION COORDINATION ACT"; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO RECOGNIZE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS AN IMPORTANT STATE INTEREST; TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PROTECTED LAND BENCHMARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATION OF

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LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS AND ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5111 -- Reps. Forrest, Lastinger and Hartz: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 5-31-60 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DRILL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE WATER WELLS ON AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM MANDATING CONNECTION TO MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS ABSENT A DOCUMENTED PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT; TO ESTABLISH PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE; TO PREEMPT CONFLICTING LOCAL ORDINANCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5473 -- Rep. Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 15 TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FISHING ON THE J. FOSTER JEFFORDS CAUSEWAY IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 463 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-21-125, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON SWIMMING NEAR PUBLIC LANDINGS ON LAKES OR RESERVOIRS OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY AN INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON SWIMMING NEAR PUBLIC BOATING LANDINGS ON LAKES OR RESERVOIRS OWNED OR MAINTAINED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 32 -- Senators Grooms, Leber, Rice, Reichenbach, Climer, Garrett, Jackson and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "PREGNANCY RESOURCE ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3383 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO A PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER OR CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE CREDIT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4611 -- Reps. T. Moore, Collins, C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Pope, Clyburn, Spann-Wilder, Martin, Teeple, Schuessler, Hewitt, Willis, M. M. Smith, Erickson and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-151, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PAID PARENTAL LEAVE APPLIES TO STILLBIRTHS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5018 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-1210, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-160, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND SALARY INCREASES FOR AGENCY HEADS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO

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REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY EVERY FOUR YEARS TO RECOMMEND SALARY RANGES FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-165, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5173 -- Reps. Hewitt, Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTHCARE FACILITY DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF HOSPITAL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 831 -- Senators Grooms, Jackson, Kimbrell, Sutton and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY AND DEFINE ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-360, RELATING TO THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR, SO AS TO CLARIFY QUALIFICATIONS AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-370, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, SO AS TO MANDATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE PLAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-20, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES; BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-205 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-615, RELATING TO HIGHWAY TOLLS AND USAGE, SO AS TO

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ALLOW THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-790 SO AS TO WAIVE THE STATE'S IMMUNITY; BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-800 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS TO ENFORCE TOLL VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-820, RELATING TO THE CONSENT OF A MUNICIPALITY TO WORK ON STATE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF PROJECTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-830, RELATING TO THE ASSENT OF MUNICIPALITY TO PLANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COSTS CAUSED BY AN UNREASONABLE DELAY ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-105 SO AS TO IDENTIFY AND TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF NON-ESSENTIAL ROADS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1085 SO AS TO IMPOSE FEES ON NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE STATE IN ORDER TO MITIGATE CONGESTION CAUSED BY ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1320, RELATING TO TURNPIKE PROJECT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE NONTAX REVENUES OR OTHER LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS AS A SOURCE FOR FUNDING TURNPIKE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1330, RELATING TO GENERAL POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN DESIGNATING, ESTABLISHING, PLANNING, ABANDONING, FINANCING, IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, AND REGULATING TURNPIKE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1335, RELATING TO THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPLETE A FEASIBILITY STUDY PRIOR TO A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION QUALIFYING AS TURNPIKE FACILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1340, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1350, RELATING TO A REQUEST FOR AN ISSUANCE OF TURNPIKE BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1360, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY UPON RECEIPT OF REQUEST,

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SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANY PROPOSED TURNPIKE BONDS MAY NOT BE ADOPTED UNLESS THE STATE BOARD CONDUCTS A HEARING BEFORE APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1380, RELATING TO TURNPIKE REVENUE PLEDGED FOR PAYMENT OF BONDS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT TURNPIKE BONDS ISSUED BY THIS ARTICLE DO NOT CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1390, RELATING TO BOND INTEREST, MATURITY, AND REDEMPTION, SO AS TO UPDATE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1400, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BONDS AND EXPENSES INCIDENT TO SALE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1410, RELATING TO THE EXECUTION OF BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1420, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF BOND PROCEEDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF TURNPIKE BONDS MUST BE APPLIED ONLY TO THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE AND PROVIDED IN THE BOND RESOLUTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1430, RELATING TO DENOMINATIONS OF TURNPIKE BONDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TURNPIKE BONDS MUST EACH BE IN THE DENOMINATION OF ONE THOUSAND OR FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR SOME MULTIPLE THEREOF OR SUCH LARGER DENOMINATIONS AS MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE AUTHORITY IN THE BOND RESOLUTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1440, RELATING TO THE FORM OF BONDS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT TURNPIKE BONDS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE MAY BE IN THE FORM OF NEGOTIABLE COUPON BONDS, PAYABLE TO BEARER; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1450, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION TO ISSUE BONDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AUTHORITY MAY RELY ON THE WORK PRODUCT OF THIRD-PARTY PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL, FEASIBILITY, OR PRACTICABILITY STUDIES RELATED TO THE TURNPIKE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1460, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE STATE TREASURER UPON RECEIPT OF THE BOND RESOLUTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1480, RELATING TO THE PROVISION THAT IT IS

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LAWFUL FOR FIDUCIARIES AND SINKING FUND COMMISSIONS TO INVEST IN TURNPIKE BONDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1490, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY TOLLS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1495, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF TOLLS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM" AND ADD THAT A CERTIFICATE THAT A TOLL VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED BASED UPON ELECTRONIC MEANS IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF THE VIOLATION; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1710 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE PHASED DESIGN-BUILD AS A PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD AND PROSCRIBE THE PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A PHASED DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1720 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS USING A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO STATE HIGHWAY BONDS, SO AS TO DEFINE "ALTERNATIVE FUEL FEES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-645, RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL FEES FOR VEHICLES POWERED BY ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, AND FUELS OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, SO AS TO INCREASE FEES, PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF THE FEES, AND TO CREDIT THE FEES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR THE PURCHASE AND MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-28-315 SO AS TO PRESCRIBE A USER FEE ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMED WHEN USING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2740, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF A GASOLINE USER FEE AMONG COUNTIES, REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES, SO AS TO

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PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES AND PROCEDURES FOR USING "C" FUNDS REVENUES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2920, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF TOLL ROADS, SO AS TO DEFINE HOW FUNDS DERIVED FROM TOLLS MAY BE USED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5071 -- Reps. Erickson, Crawford, G. M. Smith, Willis, Kirby, Garvin, Hixon, Montgomery, Martin, Brewer, Teeple, Bradley, Gilliam, Robbins, Hiott, B. Newton, Rankin, Hager, Sessions, Hewitt, Landing, Bowers, Wooten, Whitmire, Guffey, Taylor, Hartz, Oremus, Forrest, Guest, Vaughan, Davis, J. E. Johnson, Bannister, W. Newton, Pope, Jordan, Haddon, Herbkersman, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Ligon, Gagnon, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, Moss, Pedalino, Stavrinakis and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT PART OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-105, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AS A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-10,

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57-1-40, 57-1-370, AND 57-1-430, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEMIZED PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ENACT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT" FOR THE TERM "COMMISSION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVING AS AN AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ROADS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-13-10, 57-13-20, 57-13-40, AND 57-13-50, ALL RELATING TO BRIDGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-25-140, 57-25-150, 57-25-170, 57-25-200, AND 57-25-210, ALL RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-310 AND 57-1-330, BOTH RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO REMOVE AT-LARGE MEMBERS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 57,

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RELATING TO TURNPIKE PROJECTS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN DESIGNATIONS OF TURNPIKE FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT TURNPIKE BONDS ARE SPECIAL LIMITED OBLIGATIONS OF THE STATE AS SPECIFIED IN THE BOND RESOLUTION, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY AND TO SET FORTH ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP; BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-105 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN NONESSENTIAL ROADS, TO ESTABLISH THE SYSTEM REALIGNMENT FUND TO AID IN THE TRANSFER, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES TO COUNTIES IN WHICH ALL SUCH NONESSENTIAL ROADS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-360, RELATING TO THE CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR AND A CERTIFIED FRAUD EXAMINER TO HOLD THE POSITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-20, RELATING TO THE DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO DESIGNATE SUCH OFFICIALS AS DEPUTY SECRETARIES AND TO ESTABLISH THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PLANNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION EXEMPTIONS TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE THE EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-5-1710 AND 57-5-1720 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PHASED DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTORS AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTORS; BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-790 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THE STATE WAIVES ITS IMMUNITY UNDER THE ELEVENTH AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-5-820 AND 57-5-830, BOTH RELATING TO MUNICIPALITIES AND ROADWORK, SO AS TO SPECIFY PROCEDURES WHEN A MUNICIPALITY OBJECTS TO CERTAIN ROADWORK; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-615, RELATING TO HIGHWAY TOLLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A TOLL MAY BE IMPOSED ON A STATE HIGHWAY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240 AND 57-3-250 SO AS TO

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AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO SPECIFY CONDITIONS OF SUCH AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2740, RELATING TO "C" FUNDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FUNDS, TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES, TO PROVIDE FOR BONDING OF "C" FUNDS, TO DELETE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CRIME REGARDING UNDUE INFLUENCE ON CERTAIN OFFICIALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-28-2920, RELATING TO TOLLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY WHEN TOLL REVENUES MAY BE EXPENDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-645, RELATING TO A ROAD USE FEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATE FUEL FEE AND CREDIT THE REVENUE TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 12-28-360 SO AS TO IMPOSE A TAX ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMED WHEN USING CERTAIN PUBLIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF STATE HIGHWAY BONDS, SO AS TO DEFINE "ALTERNATIVE FUEL FEES".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4382 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-398, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MANUFACTURERS OF THESE PRODUCTS PAY MONTHLY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH DATA COLLECTION AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3771 -- Reps. Hartnett, Erickson, M. M. Smith, Wetmore, Bradley, Stavrinakis, Hewitt, Hager, Lawson, Teeple, Brewer, Herbkersman, Landing, Bustos, Spann-Wilder and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS ANCHORED IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN MARINE RECOVERY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4103 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, B. Newton, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bauer, Collins, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Herbkersman, Holman, Hosey, Howard, J. E. Johnson, Kilmartin, Kirby, Lawson, Magnuson, McCabe, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Oremus, Rivers, Rose, Sanders, M. M. Smith, Taylor, White, Wooten, Bailey, Gilliam, Spann-Wilder, Calhoon, Wetmore, Bowers, Landing, Weeks, Hixon, Bernstein,

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Beach, Erickson, Vaughan, Chapman, Yow, Caskey, Bustos, Ligon, Wickensimer, McDaniel, Rankin, Waters, Lastinger, Grant and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-37-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY MAY ISSUE RESTRICTED VOLUNTEER MEMBER LICENSES TO OPTOMETRISTS FROM OTHER STATES WHO MEET CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPERVISION, DURATION, AND REGULATION OF SUCH LICENSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-10, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-30, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-40, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL REQUIRE LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS TO MEET EDUCATIONAL AND COMPETENCE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-245, RELATING TO EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT, SO AS TO ALLOW EXAMINATION EQUIVALENTS AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-290, RELATING TO THE PURCHASING, PRESCRIBING, AND ADMINISTERING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS BY OPTOMETRISTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT THE PERMISSIBLE USE OF SUCH MEDICATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-310, RELATING TO REFERRALS FOR TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF GLAUCOMA AND PROVISION OF SURGERY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-330, RELATING TO USE OF OPTOMETRISTS' SERVICES AUTHORIZED FOR AGENCY AND SCHOOL-REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OPTOMETRISTS MAY PROVIDE VISION OR EYE CARE SERVICES AT A SCHOOL IF APPROVED BY THE

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-420, RELATING TO PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN LICENSEES, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS LICENSED AS OPTOMETRISTS IN THIS STATE MAY CONTINUE PRACTICING UNDER CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT THAT SUCH PERSONS LICENSED BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, MUST FULFILL CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM CERTAIN TREATMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-79-30, RELATING TO PROVISIONS LIMITING LIABILITY FOR VOLUNTEER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS UNDER MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE LAWS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS TO PATIENTS, AND TO INCLUDE OPTOMETRISTS AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS INCLUDED IN THESE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-30-310, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR FREE HEALTHCARE SERVICES, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOLUNTEER OPTOMETRISTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-37-300 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING PHARMACIES OR SELLING PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS, AND DISPENSING CONTACT LENSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5489 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein,

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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, 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 CONGRATULATE MOTHER JENNIE D. MIXON ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5490 -- Reps. Montgomery, Lawson, 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, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, 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,

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M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SPARTANBURG WATER'S LANDRUM DRINKING WATER TREATMENT PLANT ON RECEIVING THE "BEST TASTING WATER" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AWARD AND TO COMMEND SPARTANBURG WATER FOR THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE, AND, INDEED, EXCEPTIONAL WATER TO ITS CUSTOMERS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5491 -- Rep. Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE W. WYMAN KING ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 8-MAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5492 -- Reps. B. Newton, 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, 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,

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Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE COOLEY GROUP FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO SUSTAINABLY MEET THE NEEDS OF CUSTOMERS WORLDWIDE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5493 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, Bradley, Hager, M. M. Smith, W. Newton, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SEVENTIETH BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD JULY 17-26, 2026; TO THANK DUSTY VICKERS FOR SERVING AS COMMODORE FOR THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL; AND TO HONOR THOSE WHO ORGANIZE, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER FOR, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5494 -- Reprs. Erickson, Herbkersman, Bradley, W. Newton, M. M. Smith, Hager, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Laster, 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, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. 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 DR. RICHARD J. GOUGH UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FOLLOWING TWELVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5495 -- Reprs. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

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King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2026 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND SOTERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN ASSISTING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS TO REENTER SOCIETY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5496 -- Reprs. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, 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 YOM HASHOAH (HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY) AS A DAY OF SOLEMN REMEMBRANCE FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF THE HOLOCAUST BEGINNING AT SUNDOWN ON APRIL 13 AND CONTINUING THROUGH APRIL 14, 2026.

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The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5497 -- Reprs. McCravy, 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, 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 COMMEND AND THANK THE MT. ARIEL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE GREENWOOD COUNTY COALITION AMERICA 250 FOR THEIR JOINT LABORS IN ERECTING A HISTORICAL MONUMENT HONORING THE TOWN OF HODGES.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5498 -- Reprs. Terribile, Martin, 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,

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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, 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, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5502 -- Reps. Garvin, Scott, Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, 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, 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, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL

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CITIZENS TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. FOR ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN ITS COMMITMENT OF MAKING OUR COMMUNITIES STRONGER AND BETTER AND TO DECLARE APRIL 14, 2026, AS "ALPHA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL."

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5499 -- Rep. Hart: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION OF RIGHT DIRECTION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL OF COLUMBIA FOR THREE DECADES OF MINISTRY AND SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5500 -- Reps. Teeple, 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,

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Stavrinakis, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE, HISTORY, AND ENDURING CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAMBODIAN AMERICANS AND TO DECLARE APRIL 2026 CAMBODIAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5501 -- Reps. Frank, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Yow, McCravy, Willis, Long, Oremus, Bowers, J. E. Johnson and Jordan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REJECT THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES OBERGEFELL DECISION AND TO CALL ON THE SUPREME COURT TO REVERSE OBERGEFELL AND RESTORE THE NATURAL LAW DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE, A UNION OF ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN AND TO INSIST ON RESTORING THE ISSUE OF MARRIAGE AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL LAWS PERTAINING TO MARRIAGE BACK TO THE SEVERAL STATES AND THE PEOPLE.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1053 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 321 IN ESTILL FROM THE SOUTHERN TOWN LIMIT BOUNDARY TO THE NORTHERN TOWN LIMIT BOUNDARY IN HAMPTON COUNTY "LOUISE G. HOPKINS HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1055 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 3 IN ESTILL FROM US 321 TO ORANGEBURG ROAD IN HAMPTON COUNTY "THE HONORABLE ANDERSON TAYLOR HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1063 -- Senator Elliott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND SPONSORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL HOSPITALITY DAY LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON AND TO RECOGNIZE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026, AS "HOSPITALITY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1066 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF WHITMIRE THAT CROSSES THE CSX RAILROAD TRACK ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 72 "CAROL THOMAS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1089 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HAMM HARDWARE OF PROSPERITY UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, TO COMMEND THE HAMM FAMILY FOR A CENTURY OF SERVICE, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5503 -- Reps. Frank, M. M. Smith, Holman, Harris, Huff, Pace, Cromer, Kilmartin, Magnuson, Edgerton, Bailey, Gilliam, Hartnett, Oremus and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 61-2-145 RELATING TO REQUIRED LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5504 -- Reps. Crawford and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FOREIGN INFLUENCE OPERATIONS OUT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-425 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM SOLICITING OR ACCEPTING CERTAIN GIFTS OR TRAVEL FROM FOREIGN ADVERSARY NATIONS, FOREIGN PRINCIPALS, OR FOREIGN TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS, TO RESTRICT FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON HIRING, CURRICULUM, AND CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS, AND TO REQUIRE DISCLOSURE OF GIFTS AND CONTRACTS FROM FOREIGN

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COUNTRIES AND FOREIGN PRINCIPALS TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE TREASURER.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 97 -- Senator Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-45-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 98 -- Senator Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-39-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS TO BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 682 -- Senators Young, Kimbrell, Corbin, Gambrell, Massey, Rice, Verdin, Campsen, Kennedy, Garrett, Elliott, Stubbs, Ott, Nutt and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A TIMBER CASUALTY LOSS IN A FEDERALLY DECLARED DISASTER AREA RESULTING FROM HURRICANE HELENE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR PAYMENTS RECEIVED FROM CERTAIN DISASTER RELIEF AGENCIES RESULTING FROM HURRICANE HELENE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 812 -- Senators Rankin and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-970, RELATING TO THE TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL LEGEND, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE TO STOP FULLY AT A RED LIGHT BUT TO ALLOW THE PERSON TO PROCEED WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3530 SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

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S. 862 -- Senators Tedder, Elliott, Devine and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-17-412 SO AS TO ALLOW PARENTS TO MAKE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE DECISIONS FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IF THE CHILD QUALIFIES AS A DEPENDENT ON AND IS COVERED BY THE PARENTS' HEALTH INSURANCE.

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

S. 863 -- Senators Grooms, Cromer, Martin, Bennett, Rankin, Tedder, Sutton and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO THE STATE'S MISSION AND GOALS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE FROM INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE STATE TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-103-15, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CERTAIN DEGREES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLIED BACCALAUREATE IN CULINARY ARTS MANAGEMENT DEGREE PROGRAMS ARE ONLY ALLOWED IF STATE FUNDS ARE NOT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE PROGRAMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 893 -- Senators Verdin and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE STATE UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE BANK ACT OF 1988, SO AS TO DEFINE A PIPELINE FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 601; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-40, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ACCOUNT AND SUPERB FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR SITE REHABILITATION BY THE FUND AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-60, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FEE, SO AS TO SET CERTAIN YEARS FOR THE RENEWAL FEE TO BE ADJUSTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-130, RELATING TO

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COMPENSATION FROM THE SUPERB ACCOUNT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-150, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 1048 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY MUST BE BUILT ON FIVE ACRE TRACTS, TO PROVIDE THAT MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS BUILT IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY MUST BE BUILT ON A TRACT OF LAND THAT IS EQUAL TO FIVE ACRES OF LAND FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

### 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
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	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

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

**Total Present--116**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. REESE a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. G. M. SMITH a leave of absence for the day.

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. BREWER a leave of absence for the day.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. LANDING presented to the House the Oceanside Collegiate Academy 3-A Football Championship Team.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. PACE presented to the House the Northwood Academy 2025 SCISA 4-A State Football Champions

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3197  
Date: ADD:  
04/02/26 KIRBY

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5069  
Date: ADD:  
04/02/26 CROMER and OREMUS

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5282  
Date: ADD:  
04/02/26 SCOTT

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5288  
Date: ADD:  
04/02/26 ROBBINS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5444  
Date: ADD:  
04/02/26 BALLENTINE

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

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

H. 5168 -- Reps. C. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-687 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "CAROLINA UNTIL I DIE" BY PATRICK DAVIS AS AN OFFICIAL STATE SONG.

H. 4805 -- Reps. W. Newton, C. Mitchell, B. Newton, Pope, White, Robbins and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT THREE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE FIRST, THIRD, AND EIGHTH CIRCUITS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, SO AS TO CONVERT FOUR AT-LARGE FAMILY COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE FIFTH, TENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

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**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

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

Rep. ERICKSON objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. GILLIARD asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3039 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. CROMER objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. KILMARTIN asked unanimous consent to recall S. 1020 from the Committee on Lexington Delegation.

Rep. GOVAN objected.

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4817 -- Reps. Brewer, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Gatch, Gagnon, Guffey, Hager, Hixon, J. L. Johnson, Kirby, Oremus, Schuessler, C. Mitchell, Pope, M. M. Smith, Ligon, Sessions, White, Williams, Gibson, J. E. Johnson and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "INSURANCE RATE REDUCTION AND POLICYHOLDER PROTECTION ACT;" BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-110, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO EXPAND THOSE DUTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-55-172 SO AS TO PROHIBIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF OWNERS OR POSSESSORS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE ON INSURANCE CLAIMS IN CONNECTION WITH ROOFING SYSTEM REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENTS TO PROHIBIT RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS AND REGISTERED RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS FROM ADVERTISING OR PROMISING TO PAY OR REBATE AN INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE AS AN INDUCEMENT TO THE SALE OF GOODS OR SERVICES, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY INVESTIGATE

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CLAIMS OF FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF GOODS OR SERVICES FOR A ROOFING SYSTEM PURSUANT TO A WRITTEN CONTRACT AND REFER CERTAIN FINDINGS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-520, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-530, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "AUTHORIZED AGENCY" AND "FALSE STATEMENT OR MISREPRESENTATIONS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-550, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PRESCRIBE DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-560, RELATING TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND TO PROVIDE THE DUTIES FOR THE DIVISION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS AND ABILITY TO SHARE INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION TO PROSECUTE CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 38 AND ANY OTHER CRIMES RELATED TO INSURANCE, AS WELL AS DIVISION STAFF REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-590, RELATING TO ANNUAL REPORTS BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-73-1095, RELATING TO ESSENTIAL PROPERTY INSURANCE AND RATING PLAN FACTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY INSURER REQUIRED TO SUBMIT RATES AND RATING PLANS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE RELATED TO ADJUSTMENTS TO REDUCE PREMIUMS AND FOR OWNERS OF INSURABLE PROPERTY CLAIMING A CREDIT OR DISCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-75-470, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INSURANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE MITIGATION OF PROPERTY LOSSES DUE TO WILDFIRE AMONG THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED AND TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF

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SERVICE FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-75-480, RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN GRANTS MAY BE GIVEN TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-75-485, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM, SO AS ESTABLISH THE "SC SAFE HOME PROGRAM" AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-122, RELATING TO PROHIBITED FACTORS FOR ISSUING AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES OR PREMIUM RATES, SO AS TO ADD UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST CLAIMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-123, RELATING TO PROHIBITED FACTORS FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY RENEWALS OR CANCELLATIONS, SO AS TO ADD UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED MOTORIST CLAIMS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-145 SO AS TO PROHIBIT NONECONOMIC DAMAGES FOR PERSONS OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE KNOWINGLY NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-280, RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE COLLISION AND COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE, SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO OFFER A ZERO DOLLAR DEDUCTIBLE FOR AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS AND TO PROHIBIT INSURERS FROM CONSIDERING UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED MOTORISTS CLAIMS FOR CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICY DECISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1620, RELATED TO CATASTROPHE SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN APPROVED RETROFITS TO PRIMARY RESIDENCES FOR HURRICANE OR WIND DAMAGE RESILIENCE, AND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3660, RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR HURRICANE RESISTANT RETROFITS TO RESIDENCES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TAX CREDIT OPTION FROM ONE THOUSAND TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3662 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A "DISASTER PREPAREDNESS SALES TAX HOLIDAY" AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3670, RELATED TO TAX CREDITS FOR EXCESS PAID FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE

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CREDIT AMOUNT TO THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-9-440, RELATING TO SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-11-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE HAS THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ANY VIOLATIONS RELATED TO INSURANCE OR INSURANCE FRAUD ARISING FROM ROOFING SYSTEMS CONTRACTS OR THE DELIVERY OF GOODS OR SERVICES RELATED TO ROOFING SYSTEMS INVOLVING LICENSEES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRACTOR'S LICENSING BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-25, RELATING TO ROOFING CONTRACT CANCELLATIONS FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE DENIALS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-27 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AS THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE ANY VIOLATIONS RELATED TO INSURANCE OR INSURANCE FRAUD ARISING FROM ROOFING SYSTEMS CONTRACTS OR THE DELIVERY OF GOODS OR SERVICES RELATED TO ROOFING SYSTEMS INVOLVING LICENSEES AND REGISTRANTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE IMPACT ON INSURANCE RATES AND REQUIRE ANNUAL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE BANKING AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING OR TECHNICAL CHANGES.

**H. 3034--SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3034 -- Reps. Collins, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Yow, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Cox, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, Moss, Lawson, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, Forrest, Gilliam, Willis, Erickson, Schuessler, Vaughan, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Robbins, T. Moore, Brewer, Guffey, Martin, J. L. Johnson, Haddon,

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Wickensimer, Brittain, Kilmartin, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Bowers, Landing, White, W. Newton, J. E. Johnson and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FARGO'S, HYCO'S, RICO'S, COBA'S, WICK'S, AND MIKKA'S LAW" BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke upon the Bill.

Rep. GILLIARD spoke upon the Bill.

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

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

**H. 4764--SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4764 -- Reps. T. Moore, C. Mitchell, Ballentine, Bradley, Brewer, Caskey, Chapman, Crawford, Davis, Duncan, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gilliam, Guest, Hardee, Hartz, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, J. E. Johnson, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Martin, McCravy, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Robbins, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Teeple, Vaughan, Wickensimer, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, Yow, Bowers, Bailey, Cromer, Lastinger, White and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OPERATING CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES SHALL ENTER INTO WRITTEN AGREEMENTS OR MEMORANDUMS OF AGREEMENT WITH FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS THAT AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-80, RELATING TO THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL PROVIDE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LAW

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**ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THAT ENFORCE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

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

Yeas 84; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

**Total--84**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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

**Total--26**

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

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5505 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Schuessler, Brittain, Luck, Hewitt, Guest, Sessions and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-125 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN ANIMAL, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5506 -- Reps. Jordan, Williams, Atkinson, Kirby and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-11-620, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, ITS MEMBERS, THEIR TERMS, AUTHORITY, VACANCIES, AND COMPENSATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERS OF THE PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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H. 5507 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, McDaniel, Wetmore, Dillard, Waters, Jones, Hosey, Clyburn and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-158 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WITH CERTAIN PAID LEAVE EACH MONTH.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**HOUSE TO MEET AT 12:00 NOON, TUESDAY, APRIL 14**

Rep. FORREST moved that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet in Local Session on Friday, April 3, and to next meet in statewide session at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, April 14, which was agreed to.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:28 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROBBINS, adjourned in memory of Fred Edwards, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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