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**THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026**  
**(STATEWIDE SESSION)**

**Thursday, May 7, 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 33:21: “For our heart rejoices in Yhwh-the Lord, because we trust in his holy name.”

Let us pray. Our most precious Lord and Father; may we be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous ones. And may all shout for joy, who are upright in heart. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. Therefore, my heart rejoices. For this is the day that the Lord has made! May we be glad and rejoice in You! Thank You, our Most High God. You appointed our leaders into political office. By Your eternal decree they rule and are placed into positions of authority. As Your Representatives may they administer Your designs and decrees for the benefit of the citizens of this State. May we all realize the seriousness of our calling, our stewardship and our accountability to You and You alone. The season of our appointment is not forever. Help each of us to number our days so that we may present to You a heart of wisdom. To hear from You well done good and faithful servant is our heart’s desire. May Your amazing grace accomplish these things in our lives for Your glory! Now to the One who does great and unsearchable things, wonders without number, beyond finding out, be praise, honor and glory. These things we ask in Your mighty, matchless and magnanimous name. Amen.

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

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Willie Eves Sr., which was agreed to.

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

H. 5664 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF PATTERSON MILL ROAD FROM SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 125 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 64 IN BARNWELL COUNTY "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 1157 -- Senator Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF CATES BAY HIGHWAY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 134 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 804 IN HORRY COUNTY "BOBBY LONG MARTIN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 688 -- Senators Massey and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-5, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR THE BENEFIT RATIO; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-45, RELATING TO DEBT STATUS ESTIMATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SOLVENCY TARGET FOR THE FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO THE TAX RATE WHEN A DELINQUENT REPORT IS RECEIVED, SO AS TO CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR AN OUTSTANDING LIEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-350, RELATING TO THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE PENALTY FOR

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FAILING TO FILE A REPORT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-370, RELATING TO INTEREST ON UNPAID CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 933 -- Senators Martin, Corbin, Williams, Jackson, Leber, Hutto, Devine, Graham, Zell and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-3-20, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION AND AN IN-DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SERVICE ALLOWANCE OF FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS' SALARY SHALL BE ADJUSTED EVERY TWO YEARS BY AN INFLATION FACTOR NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-9-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING BENEFITS IS LIMITED TO ONLY THE MEMBERS' SALARY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

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.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 70 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-710 SO AS TO ENHANCE LOCAL SCHOOL GOVERNANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-720 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-730 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT AND REVISE AS NECESSARY A MODEL CODE OF ETHICS FOR LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, AND REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL ADOPT A LOCAL CODE OF ETHICS AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING AND SUBMIT A COPY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ADOPTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-19-45, RELATING TO MANDATORY ORIENTATION FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS OF TRUSTEES AND COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT A MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM, WHICH MUST INCLUDE A LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5668 -- Reps. Rutherford, 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, 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 HONOR JACK C. MCDOWELL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH THIS SOUTH CAROLINA-RAISED TARHEEL A JOYOUS CELEBRATION OF HIS FOURTH OF JULY NATAL DAY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5669 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, 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 REMEMBER AND HONOR THE LIFE OF MR. CALVIN WRIGHT AND TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS UPON HIS PASSING.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5670 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF

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REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE OF ROCK HILL, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5671 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PSI ZETA PHI MILITARY SORORITY INC. FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S HIGH STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM, INTEGRITY, AND DEDICATION IN PROVIDING HOPE, FAITH, AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WOMEN ACROSS ALL BRANCHES OF MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING ACTIVE DUTY, RETIRED, AND VETERANS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5672 -- Reps. Rose, 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, 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 HONOR AND RECOGNIZE BRADISH "BRAD"

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J. WARING FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LEGAL CAREER AND DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF CHARLESTON AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5673 -- Reps. Scott, 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, 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 BOYKIN SPANIEL SOCIETY OF KERSHAW COUNTY FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION TO PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE BOYKIN SPANIEL BREED THROUGH RESPONSIBLE BREEDING, HEALTH INITIATIVES, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TO CONGRATULATE THE SOCIETY FOR ALMOST FIVE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE DOG.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5674 -- Reprs. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, 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, 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, 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 HONOR AND CONGRATULATE ALMA JOHNSON CHERRY OF AIKEN COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY AND TO EXTEND WARMEST WISHES FOR A JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND CONTINUED HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1181 -- Senator Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MELINDA POUNDER OF JENNIE MOORE ELEMENTARY IN MOUNT PLEASANT AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING CHOSEN AS AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR BY CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES.

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

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ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	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	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
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	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 Present--113**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCABE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MONTGOMERY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BAUER a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. LONG presented to the House the Boiling Springs High School AAAAA Female Strength State Champions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. LONG presented to the House the Boiling Springs High School AAAAA Male Strength State Champions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the River Bluff High School "Gators" Chess State Champions.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. C. MITCHELL presented to the House the North Central High School "Iron Knights" AA SCHSSCA Varsity Strength State Champions.

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**STATEMENT BY REP. POPE**

REP. POPE made a statement relative to Rep. WETMORE's service in the House.

**STATEMENT BY REP. STAVRINAKIS**

REP. STAVRINAKIS made a statement relative to Rep. WETMORE's service in the House.

**STATEMENT BY REP. WETMORE**

Rep. WETMORE made a statement relative to her service in the House.

**STATEMENT BY REP. POPE**

REP. POPE made a statement relative to Rep. TAYLOR's service in the House.

**STATEMENT BY REP. TAYLOR**

Rep. TAYLOR made a statement relative to his service in the House.

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**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. 3202  
Date: ADD:  
05/07/26 HENDERSON-MYERS and GRANT

***SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The *SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WOOTEN a temporary leave of absence.

**H. 5097--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND  
BILL ENROLLED**

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

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

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LOCAL AND STATE REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, AND TO  
DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HADDON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Martin	McCravy	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	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--98**

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.

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. W. NEWTON a temporary leave of absence.

**H. 4813--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND  
BILL ENROLLED**

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

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

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SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT FILINGS AND ALL OTHER CIVIL  
FILINGS.

Rep. POPE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

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Williams  
Yow

Willis

Wooten

**Total--100**

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.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

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

H. 5641 -- Reps. Jordan and Lowe: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 989 OF 1948 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE FLORENCE MEMORIAL STADIUM COMMISSION.

**H. 5653--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5653 -- Rep. Scott: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 843 OF 1952, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE METHOD BY WHICH PERSONS FILE TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD, THE MANNER IN WHICH BOARD ELECTIONS ARE CONDUCTED, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH VACANCIES ON THE BOARD ARE FILLED; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander  
Bailey

Anderson  
Bamberg

Atkinson  
Bannister

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Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCrary
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--105**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

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**H. 5653--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME  
TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. SCOTT, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5653 be read the third time tomorrow.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

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.

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.

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**RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS**

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

S. 238 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Massey and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, TO PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE ONE-HUNDRED-TWENTY-DAY PERIOD THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS TO REVIEW STATE REGULATIONS.

**S. 857--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 857 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LAW DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-69-220, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM OPERATION OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT

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OF INSURANCE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITIES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-44-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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

**S. 619--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 619 -- Senators Gambrell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

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

**S. 780--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 780 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-23-20, RELATING TO HIGH-COST AND CONSUMER HOME LOANS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE RATE MEANS THE AVERAGE PRIME OFFER RATE.

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

**S. 787--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 787 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-110 SO AS TO DEFINE BRIDGE LOANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION

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37-3-402, RELATING TO BALLOON PAYMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BRIDGE LOANS.

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

**S. 830--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 830 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-122, RELATING TO INSURERS AND AGENTS PROHIBITED FROM REFUSING TO ISSUE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES DUE TO CERTAIN FACTORS AND PROHIBITED FACTORS FOR PREMIUM RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS CAN LIMIT THE ISSUANCE OF INSURANCE TO MEMBERS OF PARTICULAR NON-PROFIT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

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

**H. 5638--RECOMMITTED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5638 -- Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RATES OF TUITION AND FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5443, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to recommit the Joint Resolution to the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, which was agreed to.

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**S. 832--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 832 -- Senators Sutton, Graham, Goldfinch and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-1-20, RELATING TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES EXEMPT FROM THE PROHIBITION ON SUNDAY PUBLIC SPORTS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO CAMPUS EVENTS AND LAND USE APPROVAL, TO PROVIDE THAT NO COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY PROHIBIT, RESTRICT, CONDITION, DELAY, OR REQUIRE LAND USE APPROVAL FOR EVENTS HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING BASED ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE SAFETY LAWS.

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

**S. 711--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 711 -- Senators Johnson, Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-60, RELATING TO SCHOOL GUARDS REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND CONTROL TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS NEAR SCHOOLS.

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

**S. 695--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 695 -- Senators Young, Graham, Devine, Walker and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT"; AND BY ADDING

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ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, SET GUIDELINES AND LIMITS FOR COMPENSATION, MEMORIALIZE TERMS, AND STATE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

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

**S. 868--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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

**S. 819--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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

**S. 894--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 894 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-74, RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION

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OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE FILED ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND OR A HOLIDAY.

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

**S. 453--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 453 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO TITLE 40, CHAPTER 15, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY IN THIS STATE, TO OUTLINE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO TELEDENTISTRY.

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

**S. 1062--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1062 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RATES OF TUITION AND FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5443, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

**S. 958--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 958 -- Senators Verdin and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT

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PATIENT BEDS MAY BE USED IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND OTHER MEANS OF EGRESS DURING A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE ON-SITE EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN; TO REQUIRE THAT HOSPITALS REMOVE ALL PATIENT BEDS IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS WHEN THERE IS NO JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS MUST MAINTAIN A CLEAR PATHWAY IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS IN A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER PATIENT BEDS ARE PRESENT.

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

**S. 858--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 858 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-700, RELATING TO THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN'S BOARD, SO AS TO CHANGE THE STANDARDS FOR SERVING ON THE BOARD AND THE PROCEDURE FOR TERMS OF OFFICE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR LOCAL REVIEW BOARDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-710, RELATING TO LOCAL BOARDS FOR REVIEW, SO AS TO GIVE THE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT OR REMOVE A MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-740, RELATING TO MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS AND STAFFING, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EACH LOCAL BOARD FOR MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-760, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-770, RELATING TO COOPERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

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

**S. 1038--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1038 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-340 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**S. 961--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 961 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1705, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE CATCH LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1710, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1700, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR THE CATCHING OF SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REQUIRE A NON-OFFSET, NON-STAINLESS STEEL CIRCLE HOOK WHEN USING A HANDHELD HOOK AND LINE AND A HOOK SIZE OF 4/0 OR LARGER.

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

**S. 765--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 765 -- Senator Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-83, RELATING TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO DEDUCT DUES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS'

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ASSOCIATION FROM THE COMPENSATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES.

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

**S. 436--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 436 -- Senators Grooms, Fernandez and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

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

**S. 1005--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1005 -- Senators Elliott, Stubbs, Walker, Blackmon and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-1-200, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARIES OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A REVISED SALARY SCHEDULE FOR JUDGES.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

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**S. 556--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 556 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TAX CREDIT FOR RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 420--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 420 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-5-10, RELATING TO AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SO AS TO ALLOW A QUALIFIED RETIREE POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT TRUST MAINTAINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION RETIREES TO INVEST IN CERTAIN CORPORATE DEBT ISSUED BY UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 829--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 829 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-50,

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RELATING TO APPLICATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-60, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-70, RELATING TO CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF JOINT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT WHEN A NEW MEMBER IS ADDED TO A JOINT SYSTEM; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-80, RELATING TO DISSOLUTION OF SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR JOINT SYSTEM RECONSTITUTION AND MEMBER WITHDRAWAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-110, RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR DEBT AND ISSUE BONDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR BOND ISSUANCE BY A COMMISSION APPOINTED ENTIRELY BY THE GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-128, RELATING TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN AUTHORITY AND JOINT SYSTEM; DURATION, SO AS TO PERMIT AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS COMMENSURATE WITH TERMS OF BONDS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 922--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 922 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Hutto, Campsen, Leber and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-210, RELATING TO FILLING VACANCIES WHEN THE SENATE IS NOT IN SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN THE GOVERNOR MAY MAKE AN INTERIM APPOINTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-3-10, RELATING TO THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTION

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COMMISSION SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-12 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CABINET MEMBERS WILL SERVE COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR THAT APPOINTS THEM; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-40, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN AFFAIRS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-15-10, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-19-30, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 13-1-370, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE DIVISION OF STATE DEVELOPMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 13-19-10, RELATING TO THE MIDLANDS AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 13-21-10, RELATING TO THE EDISTO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-20, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-89-160, RELATING TO THE DAY CARE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-20-40, RELATING TO THE PANEL FOR DIETETICS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-30-40, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING

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SECTION 40-35-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-11, RELATING TO THE MEDICAL DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-51-30, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-57-40, RELATING TO THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-59-10, RELATING TO THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-10, RELATING TO THE REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-63-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-67-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-81-50, RELATING TO THE STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-31-40, RELATING TO THE STATE AGENCY OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-43-1320, RELATING TO DONATE LIFE SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-830, RELATING TO THE DARE FUND, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-41-260, RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 46-50-40, RELATING TO THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY

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AMENDING SECTION 48-23-10, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF FORESTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2700, RELATING TO THE ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 51-13-1720, RELATING TO THE OLD JACKSONBOROUGH HISTORIC DISTRICT BOARD OF REGENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 54-17-30, RELATING TO THE MARITIME SECURITY COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 60-11-40, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 60-15-20, RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-700, RELATING TO THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 235--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 235 -- Senators Kimbrell, Leber and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-90, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT PROSTITUTION BY A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-100, RELATING TO PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO A PERSON WHO SOLICITS CUSTOMERS FOR A PROSTITUTED PERSON AND TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING

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SECTION 16-15-110, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS FOR PROSTITUTION, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM SOLICITING A PROTITUTED PERSON.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 399--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 399 -- Senators Elliott, Hembree, Reichenbach and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-635 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO, WITHOUT LEGAL CAUSE OR GOOD EXCUSE, ENTERS A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY, INCLUDING ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND ANY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, AFTER HAVING BEEN WARNED NOT TO DO SO BY THE TRANSIT DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR TRIABLE IN A MUNICIPAL OR MAGISTRATES COURT, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR A WRITTEN WARNING AND FOR APPEALING THE WARNING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION MUST BE CONSTRUED AS IN ADDITION TO, AND NOT AS SUPERSEDING, ANOTHER STATUTE RELATING TO TRESPASS OR UNLAWFUL ENTRY ON LANDS OF ANOTHER.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

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**S. 428--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 428 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST RECORDS OF PERSONS MADE AS A RESULT OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 845--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 996--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 996 -- Senators Young, Sutton, Reichenbach, Devine, Zell, Elliott and Tedder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-190, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A PERSON WHO HAS DIRECT UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL UNDERGO A STATE FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECK.

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 823--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 823 -- Senators Reichenbach, Hutto, Devine and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-7-2630 AND 63-9-765 SO AS TO REQUIRE FAMILY COURTS TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATENESS OF NO CONTACT ORDERS OR SUPERVISED-CONTACT ORDERS WHEN TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS OR FINALIZING ADOPTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THESE ORDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 751--POINT OF ORDER**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 751 -- Senators Sutton, Ott, Zell, Garrett and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-2510 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS TO INCLUDE NITROUS OXIDE AND NITROUS OXIDE PRODUCTS; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-2520 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF SELLING OR PROVIDING NITROUS OXIDE TO MINORS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A MINOR THAT MISREPRESENTS HIS AGE TO ATTEMPT TO OR TO PURCHASE NITROUS OXIDE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-2530 SO AS TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR RETAILERS THAT DISPLAY OR STORE NITROUS OXIDE IN A RETAIL LOCATION WHERE MINORS CAN ACCESS NITROUS OXIDE OR NITROUS OXIDE PRODUCTS; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-2540 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EXCEPTIONS TO THIS ARTICLE FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

**POINT OF ORDER**

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

**S. 222--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 222 -- Senators Ott and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE" AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THEM ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; BY

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AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

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

**S. 1011--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

On motion of Rep. HOSEY, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Ways and Means:

S. 1011 -- Senator Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY, OR THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN THE CITY OF BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO BARNWELL COUNTY.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3202 from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN objected.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS asked unanimous consent to recall H. 5507 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. EDGERTON objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. SESSIONS asked unanimous consent to recall S. 935 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. MCDANIEL objected.

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**H. 3768--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

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

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler, Sessions and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

**H. 3195--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

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

H. 3195 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Pedalino, Chumley, Taylor, Erickson, Bradley, Hixon, Ligon, Weeks, Oremus, Hartz, Williams, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND OUTDOOR RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-30, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITY DIRECTORS AND VOLUNTEERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY."

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

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**H. 5506--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

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

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.

Rep. HEWITT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

**S. 1133--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE**

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1133 -- Senators Hutto, Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Blackmon, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 78 FROM THE BAMBERG COUNTY LINE TO THE AIKEN COUNTY LINE THE "LONNIE HOSEY PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

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**H. 4737--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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

**H. 3197--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3197 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Martin, W. Newton, Grant, Robbins, Vaughan, Alexander, Govan, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Kirby, Gilliard, Rivers, Waters and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE WORKFORCE READINESS GOAL; BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE REMEDIATION IN COURSES IN LITERACY AND MATHEMATICS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEEKING POST-SECONDARY STUDIES BUT LACKING REQUISITE ACADEMIC PREPARATION, TO PROVIDE THIS COURSEWORK MAY BE USED TO MEET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID BEFORE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE BEGINNING WITH

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THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM EVALUATIONS AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO TRANSFER PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONDUCTING THESE EVALUATIONS AND PRODUCING THIS REPORT CARD TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE FREE ONLINE ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF COLLEGE MAJORS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

**H. 5057--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5057 -- Reps. Ballentine, Cobb-Hunter, Taylor, Gilliard, Rivers and Waters: 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.

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

**H. 5309--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5309 -- Reps. Erickson, Hartnett and Henderson-Myers: 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,

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AND TO ADOPT THE TERMS OF THE COMPACT IN ITS SUBSTANTIAL FORM.

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

**H. 3597--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3597 -- Reps. Robbins, T. Moore, Pope, W. Newton, C. Mitchell, Calhoon and Edgerton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.

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

**H. 5288--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5288 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Brittain, Yow, Guest, Haddon, Jordan, Robbins, Wickensimer, C. Mitchell, Calhoon, W. Newton, Erickson and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-13-136 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE CARGO THEFT OFFENSES, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

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

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**H. 5483--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5483 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, McGinnis, Hartnett, Teeple, Vaughan, Duncan, D. Mitchell, Lastinger and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "EDUCATOR SAFETY AND CLASSROOM AUTHORITY ACT OF 2026" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATOR SAFETY AND CLASSROOM AUTHORITY, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF EDUCATORS IN CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT REFERRAL, REMOVAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE, TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR EDUCATORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND STAFF, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ACTIONS BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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

**S. 416--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 416 -- Senators Hembree and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-210, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR WHICH TRUSTEES MAY EXPEL, SUSPEND, OR TRANSFER PUPILS; PETITIONS FOR READMISSION; AND EXPULSION, SUSPENSION, OR TRANSFER, SO AS TO PROHIBIT EXPELLED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS INCLUDING ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING A SCHOOL BUS, TO FURTHER PROHIBIT SUSPENDED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL GROUNDS EXCEPT FOR ATTENDING DAY OR NIGHT SCHOOL FUNCTIONS OR RIDING THE SCHOOL BUS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-235, RELATING TO THE EXPULSION OF A STUDENT DETERMINED TO HAVE BROUGHT A FIREARM TO SCHOOL, SO AS TO REQUIRE A STUDENT TO BE EXPELLED FOR NO LESS THAN ONE

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

**S. 11--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 11 -- Senators Jackson and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-150(A), RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE."

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

**S. 851--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 851 -- Senators Alexander, Young and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-900 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF AN ELIGIBLE ADULT AND TO OUTLINE A PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR AN ELIGIBLE ADULT TO PROTECT THE ELIGIBLE ADULT FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

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

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**S. 325--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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

**S. 853--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 853 -- Senators Davis, Hutto, Sutton, Graham, Turner, Stubbs, Matthews, Zell, Campsen, Kimbrell and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-120, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE EXISTENCE OF AN INCOME-PRODUCING USE PRIOR TO THE PERIOD OF ABANDONMENT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-130, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CREDIT, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN TIMING CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO

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THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REHABILITATE AN ABANDONED BUILDING AND TO CLARIFY THAT ABANDONED BUILDING TAX CREDITS MAY NOT SERVE AS COLLATERAL FOR ANY DEBT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-160, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF ABANDONED BUILDING SITES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS OF STATE-OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING SITES.

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

**S. 866--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 866 -- Senators Elliott and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MUNICIPAL TAX RELIEF ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 41 TO TITLE 5 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPOSE UP TO A ONE PERCENT SALES TAX TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED HOMES AND TO FINANCE CERTAIN PROJECTS, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE TAX MUST BE IMPOSED AND ADMINISTERED AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT IS CALCULATED.

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

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**S. 508--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 508 -- Senators Verdin, Goldfinch, Martin, Peeler, Bennett, Young, Blackmon, Kimbrell, Zell, Nutt, Fernandez, Alexander, Turner, Adams, Leber, Corbin, Grooms, Hembree, Rice, Massey, Garrett, Chaplin, Cromer, Johnson, Gambrell, Kennedy, Davis, Climer, Campsen, Reichenbach, Bright and Cash: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 10-1-165, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS

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AND MEMORIALS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE TYPE OF MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS THAT MAY NOT BE RELOCATED, REMOVED, OR DISTURBED, TO WITHHOLD DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND FOR ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT VIOLATES THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS BY CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS, TO PROVIDE STANDING TO CERTAIN PEOPLE OR ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION IN RESPONSE TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION OR TO PREVENT SUCH VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY UNDERNEATH A MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL OR THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN, ACCESS, OR VIEW A MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(E) and inserting:

(E)(1) It is not a violation of subsection (B) if a monument or memorial to a dedicated class of people whose names are inscribed on the monument or memorial is altered to include additional names of members of the class who were not known to be or had not qualified as a member of the class at the time that the monument or memorial was first erected.

(2) For a monument or memorial described in item (1), the permitted alteration may include the limited update of an existing plaque, marker, inscription, nameplate, anything that facilitates the transmission of messages through digital or electronic means, or other message or message delivery device or platform that is related to the monument or memorial and original to the monument or memorial. The update must be limited to identifying or providing information concerning the newly added members of the same dedicated class and must be made in substantially the same manner and format as the information provided for members of the class previously identified on or through the monument or memorial.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(F)(1) and inserting:

(F)(1) An affinity organization or monument preservation organization ~~shall have a right to~~ may bring a civil action, to prevent or

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redress a violation of this section, including an action for injunctive relief, or declaratory relief. If a monument or memorial has been damaged or destroyed, the affinity organization or monument preservation organization may bring an action for ~~and~~ the recovery of damages, ~~for the cost of restoration and repair of;~~ however, such damages are limited to only the reasonable amount necessary to restore, repair, or replace any damaged or destroyed monument or memorial; including. A prevailing plaintiff under any cause of action may recover reasonable attorney's fees and court costs.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, Section 10-1-165, by adding a subsection to read:

(K) This section must be construed and applied to protect the exercise of the right of freedom of speech and of the press, the right to assemble and petition, and the right of association, guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the South Carolina Constitution.

(L) It is not a violation of this section to make additions, inscriptions, or updates to a monument or memorial that is actively maintained and updated to reflect the names or service of members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard, reserve components, law enforcement, firefighters, or first responders who are killed in action or die in the line of duty, were prisoners of war, missing in action, or otherwise honored for service, provided that any additions, inscriptions, or updates are consistent with the original commemorative purpose of the monument or memorial and do not result in its relocation or removal.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0021H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(D) and inserting:

~~(B)(D) The provisions of this section may only be amended or repealed upon passage of an act which has received a two-thirds vote on the third reading of the bill in each branch of the General Assembly. In order to relocate, remove, disturb, or alter a monument or memorial or to rename or rededicate a street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, installation, nameplate or other public area of the State or any its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure, historic group of people, historic event, or commemorated event, the Department of Archives and History shall have the authority to direct the action to be taken. In order to relocate, remove, disturb, or alter a monument or memorial or to rename or rededicate a street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, installation, nameplate or other public area of the political subdivisions of the State, a duly authorized Historical Commission established by the political subdivision has the power to direct the action to be taken. In the event no such Commission has been established, the Department of Archives and History shall have the authority to direct such action.~~  
~~the General Assembly must enact a joint resolution directing the action to be taken.~~

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. WETMORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. T. MOORE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 74; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

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Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
McCravy	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--74**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	Stavrinakis
Waters	Wetmore	Williams

**Total--27**

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. MARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 19 to S. 508

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(LC-508.SA0030H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 10-1-165(H), by adding an item to read:

(3) The merger, consolidation, realignment, relocation, abandonment, modification, alteration, repair, or reconfiguration of a public road, street, highway, bridge, right-of-way, or other transportation facility as part of a bona fide transportation, infrastructure, public-safety, downtown revitalization, traffic-flow improvement project, or other similar project, and any resulting change in name, dedication, route designation, address designation, or use of a single name for the newly configured public road, street, highway, bridge, right-of-way, or transportation facility, does not constitute a renaming or rededication for purposes of subsection (B). A change contemplated by this item does not require approval pursuant to subsection (D) and is not subject to subsection (F), provided the action is incidental to the project and is not undertaken for the primary purpose of removing a name otherwise protected by this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MARTIN explained the amendment.

Rep. MARTIN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 20 to S. 508 (LC-508.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 10-1-165, by adding a subsection to read:

(M)(1) This section does not apply to:

(a) museums, archives, libraries, educational institutions, or accredited historical societies;

(b) temporary exhibitions, educational displays, curated interpretive installations, or scholarly presentations conducted for historical, artistic, instructional, or research purposes; or

(c) permanent interpretive, educational, or commemorative structures, displays, exhibits, plaques, markers, digital installations, or contextual materials located on the property of a museum, archive, library, educational institution, historic site, battlefield, or cultural campus and maintained for the purpose of historical interpretation,

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public education, or scholarly research.

(2) Nothing in this subsection may be construed to authorize the destruction of a monument or memorial otherwise protected under this section; however, the addition, modification, relocation, or removal of interpretive or educational materials covered by this subsection shall not constitute the disturbance, alteration, or removal of a monument or memorial under this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) “Memorial” means an object or structure designed to preserve the memory of a person, group, or historical event. “Memorial” does not include markers, displays, or nameplates.

(4) “Monument” means a structure, statue, or site created to honor a person, group, or event. “Monument” does not include markers, displays, or nameplates.

~~(3)~~(5) “Monument preservation organization” means a non-profit organization registered with the Secretary of State that was established solely, or in part, for the preservation, defense, or protection of monuments and memorials that has a clearly demonstrable record of these actions.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. FORD spoke upon the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 74; Nays 28

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

**Total--74**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Scott

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Stavrinakis  
Williams

Waters

Wetmore

**Total--28**

So, the amendment was tabled.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0016H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(B) and inserting:

(B) No colonial war, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, any armed conflict involving South Carolinians, Native American, or African-American History, or other historic monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. No street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, installation, nameplate, or other public area of the State or any of its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure, ~~or historic group of people,~~ historic event, or commemorated event may be renamed or rededicated. No person may prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(G) and inserting:

(G) If the real property upon which a monument or memorial is erected is sold or transferred to a private entity, then as soon as practicable after the sale or transfer is completed the monument or memorial shall be relocated only to an area on public property of equal or greater prominence and visibility ~~within the same political subdivision.~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(H)(1) and inserting:

(H)(1) If necessary for public utility-related infrastructure improvements, the construction of a new government structure, or the

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expansion or renovation of an existing government structure, then a monument or memorial may be relocated only to an area on public property of equal or greater prominence ~~and visibility within the same political subdivision~~ or removed temporarily during the construction project and relocated to its original location as soon as practicable after the project's completion.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(I) and inserting:

(I) The provisions of this section do not apply ~~to a governmental entity when it temporarily relocates~~relocating or ~~removes~~removing a monument or memorial, including road dedication signs pursuant to Section 57-3-610, if the current location of the monument or memorial conflicts with a highway, bridge, roadway maintenance, or construction project. However, as soon as practicable after the project's completion, the monument or memorial shall be returned to its original location or placed in a location in close proximity to its original location.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WATERS explained the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 74; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing

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

**Total--74**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Scott
Stavrinakis	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

**Total--28**

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0019H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(B) and inserting:

(B) No colonial war, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, any armed conflict involving South Carolinians, Native American, or African-American History, or other historic monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions may be

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relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered except as provided for in this section and upon approval of the legislative delegation representing the county in which the monument or memorial is located. No street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, ~~installation, nameplate,~~ or other public area of the State or any of its political subdivisions dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure, ~~or historic group of people, historic event, or commemorated event~~ may be renamed or rededicated except as provided for in this section and upon approval of the legislative delegation representing the county in which the monument or memorial is located. No person may prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 10-1-165(G) and inserting:

(G) If the real property upon which a monument or memorial is erected is sold or transferred to a private entity, then as soon as practicable after the sale or transfer is completed the monument or memorial shall be relocated only to an area on public property of equal or greater prominence and visibility within the same political subdivision and upon approval of the legislative delegation representing the county in which the monument is located.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, Section 10-1-165(L), by adding a subsection to read:

(M) For purposes of this section “legislative delegation” means the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate representing any portion of the county in which the monument or memorial is located. The delegation may establish procedures for notice, public input, and voting; however, approval pursuant to this section requires a recorded majority weighted vote of the delegation members representing that county.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WATERS explained the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 70; Nays 26

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Frank	Gagnon
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	McCrary	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--70**

Those who voted in the negative are:

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

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So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WETMORE proposed the following Amendment No. 17 to S. 508 (LC-508.SA0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 10-1-165(F), by adding an item to read:

(3) Before an affinity organization may bring a civil action, it must give notice and the opportunity to cure the damaged or destroyed monument or memorial. Notice must be given at least ninety days before a civil action is filed.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. KING spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McGinnis

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C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--74**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Grant
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
J. Moore	Reese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Scott
Stavrinakis	Waters	Wetmore
Williams		

**Total--28**

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 S. 508. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Phillip Bowers

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 508. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Thomas Gilreath

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**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**H. 5126--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED**

The following was received from the Senate:

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 6

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 H. 5126:

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

Very respectfully,  
President

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

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BANNISTER, HIOTT and HAYES to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5675 -- Reps. Bernstein, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, 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,

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Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STEPHEN COLBERT, A NATIVE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE FINAL EPISODE OF THE LATE SHOW WITH STEPHEN COLBERT, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN TELEVISION, COMEDY, AND PUBLIC DISCOURSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5676 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, 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 CONGRATULATE KAMILLE WHALEY UPON HER GRADUATION FROM CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY AND TO

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WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5677 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. 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, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FIRE CHIEF JASON STEPHEN PERZAN, OF HORRY COUNTY, FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CONWAY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED FIRE CHIEF OF THE CONWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5678 -- Reps. Luck, Williams, C. Mitchell, 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,

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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, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, 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, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HARTSVILLE'S GOSPEL IN THE PARK SERIES ON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH ITS STAFF AND SPONSORS MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5679 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, 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, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BISHOP JOSEPH

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PARKS SR. FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN GOSPEL MINISTRY; TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO HIS CHURCH, THE COMMUNITY, AND OUR STATE; AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1182 -- Senator Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRANTLEY LOMBR OF SANDHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SWANSEA AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING CHOSEN AS AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR BY CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES.

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. 5680 -- Reps. Willis, Vaughan, Erickson, Pedalino and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-20-45, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS AGAINST OCCUPANTS OF SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF PUBLISHING AN ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PUBLIC SALE OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF AN OCCUPANT WHO IS IN DEFAULT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5681 -- Reps. J. Moore and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 ENTITLED "SOUTH CAROLINA-BELIZE TRADE COMMISSION" SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA-BELIZE TRADE COMMISSION AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

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H. 5682 -- Reps. Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-119-40, RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO TERMINATE THE TERMS OF THE SEVEN LIFE TRUSTEES ON JULY 1, 2027, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF A SEVENTH TRUSTEE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 355 -- Senators Bennett, Climer, Leber, Turner, Davis, Johnson, Adams, Fernandez, Tedder, Sutton, Ott and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1140, RELATING TO TASTINGS AND RETAIL SALES ON LICENSED PREMISES, SO AS TO MODIFY THE TIME DURING WHICH TASTINGS AND RETAIL SALES CAN OCCUR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1150, RELATING TO TASTINGS AND RETAIL SALES, SO AS TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF LIQUOR THAT CAN BE SOLD TO A CONSUMER DURING ONE BUSINESS DAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1001 -- Senators Hembree, Rankin, Tedder and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-400 SO AS TO DEFINE "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", "ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK", "CATERER", "PRIVATE EVENT", AND "COMMERCIAL KITCHEN"; BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-410 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE A RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CATERER LICENSE AND PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; AND WHICH LICENSE WOULD ALLOW THE LICENSEE TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, PURCHASE BEER AND WINE DIRECTLY FROM A WHOLESALER, AND PURCHASE ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR DIRECTLY FROM A LIQUOR STORE; AND WHICH LICENSE WOULD ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FROM THE WHOLESALER TO THE CATERER AND FROM THE CATERER TO THE LOCATION OF THE PRIVATE EVENT, AND WOULD ALLOW A WHOLESALER AND RETAIL LIQUOR STORE WITH A WHOLESALER'S PERMIT TO TAKE LIQUOR AND OFFER A REFUND OR CREDIT; AND TO

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PROVIDE FOR OTHER REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-420 SO AS TO ALLOW THE HOLDER OF A VALID RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CATERER LICENSE OR BUSINESS LIQUOR-BY-THE-DRINK LICENSE TO CONTRACT WITH AN EVENT HOST TO PROVIDE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, AND THE EVENT HOST IS ALLOWED TO CHARGE AN ENTRY FEE TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE EVENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-160, RELATING TO DISCOUNT PRICING FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ALLOW A BIENNIAL PERMIT HOLDER FOR THE SALE OF BEER OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION TO SPONSOR TWELVE FUNCTIONS PER YEAR WHERE BEVERAGES ARE FREE DURING A FUND-RAISING ACTIVITY, PRIVATE FUNCTION ON PREMISES FOR WHICH A BIENNIAL PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED, OR TO A CUSTOMER ATTENDING A FUNCTION SPONSORED BY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A BIENNIAL PERMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2000, RELATING TO TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, SO AS TO ALLOW ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS TO BE ISSUED TO A CATERER WITH A VALID CATERER LICENSE, A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT SERVICE, OR A NONPROFIT, AND THE PERMIT HOLDER MAY SELL TICKETS TO THE EVENT; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO COMPLETE THE NOTIFICATION PROVISION IN THE APPLICATION FORM, AND TO INCLUDE THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL NOTIFY THE DIVISION THAT ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS WILL BE SERVED AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL EVENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-550, RELATING TO SPECIAL PERMITS FOR USE AT FAIRS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1151 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-500 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LAKE CONESTEE DAM AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-510 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY; AND BY ADDING

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SECTION 49-11-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 1162 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SIX MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN-MEMBER GOVERNING BODY MUST BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS.

On motion of Rep. GILREATH, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

**S. 857--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 857 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LAW DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-69-220, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM OPERATION OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITIES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-44-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--105**

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Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 857--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 857 be read the third time tomorrow.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**S. 619--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 619 -- Senators Gambrell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
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Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--102**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 619--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 619 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 780--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 780 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37-23-20, RELATING TO HIGH-COST AND CONSUMER HOME LOANS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGE RATE MEANS THE AVERAGE PRIME OFFER RATE.

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Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
McCrary	McDaniel	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

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Wickensimer  
Wooten

Williams  
Yow

Willis

**Total--98**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 780--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 780 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 787--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 787 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-3-110 SO AS TO DEFINE BRIDGE LOANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37-3-402, RELATING TO BALLOON PAYMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO BRIDGE LOANS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 787 (LC-787.SA0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 37-3-110 and inserting:

Section 37-3-110. "Bridge loan" means a consumer loan with a maturity of less than ~~eighteen~~twelve months ~~connected with~~to facilitate the acquisition or construction of residential real property intended to be occupied by the borrower. All bridge loans shall be offered under the following terms and conditions:

(1) the loan may be prepaid by the borrower at any time, without penalty; and

(2) the balloon payment, upon coming due, is allowed to be extended one time at the borrower's request for a period of three months, provided that the borrower continues to make monthly installments set forth in the original loan agreement.

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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 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
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G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--102**

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 S. 787. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Sylleste Davis

**S. 787--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 787 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 830--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 830 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-122, RELATING TO INSURERS AND AGENTS PROHIBITED FROM REFUSING TO ISSUE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES DUE TO CERTAIN FACTORS AND PROHIBITED FACTORS FOR PREMIUM RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS CAN LIMIT THE ISSUANCE OF INSURANCE TO MEMBERS OF PARTICULAR NON-PROFIT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.

Rep. GAGNON explained the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

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Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 830--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. GAGNON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 830 be read the third time tomorrow.

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**S. 832--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 832 -- Senators Sutton, Graham, Goldfinch and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-1-20, RELATING TO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES EXEMPT FROM THE PROHIBITION ON SUNDAY PUBLIC SPORTS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO CAMPUS EVENTS AND LAND USE APPROVAL, TO PROVIDE THAT NO COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY PROHIBIT, RESTRICT, CONDITION, DELAY, OR REQUIRE LAND USE APPROVAL FOR EVENTS HELD ON THE CAMPUS OF A STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING BASED ON ZONING ORDINANCES OR LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, AND TO CLARIFY THE APPLICATION OF GENERALLY APPLICABLE SAFETY LAWS.

Reps. HARTNETT and ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 832 (LC-832.WAB0006H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 53-1-20, by adding a subsection to read:

(E)(1) Any event sponsored in an outdoor venue within one thousand feet of a residential neighborhood must provide public notice of the proposed event and must notify any impacted neighborhood association recognized by the applicable municipality at least thirty days before the scheduled vote for approval by the governing board of the institution where the event is proposed to be held pursuant to subsection (C). The affected public and neighborhood associations must be given

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an opportunity to appear before the governing board of the institution prior to approval of the event.

(2) This subsection applies only to athletic events, to events featuring speakers reasonably expected to attract one thousand or more attendees, and to outdoor musical concerts.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARTNETT explained the amendment.

Reps. GILLIARD, MCDANIEL, KING, GARVIN, HOSEY, RIVERS, WATERS, REESE, WILLIAMS and LUCK requested debate on the Bill.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

#### S. 711--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 711 -- Senators Johnson, Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-60, RELATING TO SCHOOL GUARDS REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTHORITY TO DIRECT AND CONTROL TRAFFIC ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS NEAR SCHOOLS.

Rep. HARTNETT explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton

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Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--102**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 711--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. HARTNETT, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 711 be read the third time tomorrow.

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**S. 695--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 695 -- Senators Young, Graham, Devine, Walker and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, SET GUIDELINES AND LIMITS FOR COMPENSATION, MEMORIALIZE TERMS, AND STATE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 695 (LC-695.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 25-11-820(D) and (E) and inserting:

~~—(D) No person shall receive excessive or unreasonable fees as compensation for preparing, advising, presenting, or prosecuting a claim for any veterans' benefits matter. The factors that shall govern determinations of whether a fee is excessive or unreasonable include:~~

- ~~— (1) the extent and type of services the representative performed;~~
- ~~— (2) the complexity of the case;~~
- ~~— (3) the level of skill and competence required of the representative in giving the services;~~
- ~~— (4) the amount of time that the representative spent on the case;~~
- ~~— (5) the results that the representative achieved, including the amount of any benefits recovered;~~
- ~~— (6) the level of review to which the claim was taken and the level of the review at which the representative was retained;~~
- ~~— (7) rates charged by other representatives for similar services;~~
- ~~— (8) whether, and to what extent, the payment of fees is contingent upon the results achieved; and~~
- ~~— (9) if the representative was terminated, then the reasons for the termination and when the termination occurred in the claims process.~~

(D) No person may charge an upfront fee or non-refundable fee. A person seeking to receive compensation for advising, assisting, or consulting with any veterans' benefits matter, before rendering any services, shall memorialize the specific terms that specify that the amount to be paid must be determined in a written agreement signed by both parties. Compensation must be capped at a one-time fee that is

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contingent upon an increase in benefits awarded and shall not exceed five times the amount of the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim or nine thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is the lesser amount. Any installment payment plan agreed upon by the parties must be interest free, not to exceed twelve months.

(E) No person may receive any compensation for any services rendered in connection with any claim filed within the one year presumptive period of active-duty release, unless the veteran acknowledges by signing a waiver that he is within this period and choosing to deny free services available to him.

(F) Any person advising, assisting, or consulting on veterans' benefits matters for compensation must provide the following disclosure at the outset of the business relationship:

"This business is not sponsored by, or affiliated with, the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs, or any other federally chartered veterans' service organization. Other organizations including, but not limited to, the South Carolina Department of Veterans' Affairs, a local veterans' service organization, a County Veterans Affairs Officer, and other federally chartered veterans' service organizations may be able to provide you with this service free of charge. Products or services offered by this business are not necessarily endorsed by any of these organizations. You may qualify for other veterans' benefits beyond the benefits for which you are receiving services here."

(G) The written disclosure must appear in at least twelve point font in an easily identifiable place in the person's agreement with the individual seeking services. The individual must sign the document in which the written disclosure appears to represent understanding of these provisions. The person offering services must retain a copy of the written disclosure while providing veterans' benefits services for compensation to the individual and for at least one year after the date on which the service relations terminate.

(H) Businesses advising, assisting, or consulting on veterans' benefits matters for a fee must abide by the following:

(1) must not use a veteran's personal log-in, username, or password information to access that veteran's medical, financial, or government benefits information;

(2) must not employ a medical provider to conduct a medical examination;

(3) must ensure that any individual who has access to veterans' medical or financial information undergoes a background check prior to

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having access to that information. The background check must be conducted by a reputable source and include identity verification and a criminal records check.

~~(E)~~(I) This article does not apply to:

(1) Any licensed attorney representing an individual regarding the payment and resolution of any liens for medical care provided to the individual by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

(2) An accredited representative of a recognized organization or an accredited agent or attorney under Section 14.629 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and any successor regulations.

(3) An employee of a South Carolina Veterans' Home who, when assisting the veteran with veterans' benefits, is acting within that employee's capacity as an employee of a South Carolina Veterans' Home.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 25-11-830 from the bill.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COX explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. COX proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 695 (LC-695.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 25-11-820(D) and inserting:

(D) No person may charge an upfront fee or non-refundable fee. A person seeking to receive compensation for advising, assisting, or consulting with any veterans' benefits matter, before rendering any services, shall memorialize the specific terms that specify that the amount to be paid must be determined in a written agreement signed by both parties. Compensation must be capped at a one-time fee that is contingent upon an increase in benefits awarded and shall not exceed five times the amount of the monthly increase in benefits awarded based on the claim or ~~nine~~twelve thousand five hundred dollars, whichever is the lesser amount. Any installment payment plan agreed upon by the parties must be interest free, not to exceed twelve months.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COX explained the amendment.

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The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
McCrary	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Waters	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

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Williams  
Yow

Willis

Wooten

**Total--100**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 695--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. COX, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 695 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 868--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

Rep. DAVIS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson

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Ford	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--98**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 868--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. DAVIS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 868 be read the third time tomorrow.

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**S. 819--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

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

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

**S. 894--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 894 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-63-74, RELATING TO THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DEATH CERTIFICATE TO BE FILED ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY FOLLOWING THE WEEKEND OR A HOLIDAY.

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

**S. 453--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 453 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO TITLE 40, CHAPTER 15, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEDENTISTRY IN THIS STATE, TO OUTLINE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO TELEDENTISTRY.

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

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**S. 1062--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1062 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO DETERMINATION OF RATES OF TUITION AND FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5443, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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

**Total--103**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 1062--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME  
TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 1062 be read the third time tomorrow.

**S. 958--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 958 -- Senators Verdin and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT PATIENT BEDS MAY BE USED IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND OTHER MEANS OF EGRESS DURING A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE ON-SITE EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN; TO REQUIRE THAT HOSPITALS REMOVE ALL PATIENT BEDS IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS WHEN THERE IS NO JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS MUST

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MAINTAIN A CLEAR PATHWAY IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS IN A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER PATIENT BEDS ARE PRESENT.

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

**S. 858--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 858 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-700, RELATING TO THE DIVISION FOR REVIEW OF THE FOSTER CARE OF CHILDREN'S BOARD, SO AS TO CHANGE THE STANDARDS FOR SERVING ON THE BOARD AND THE PROCEDURE FOR TERMS OF OFFICE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR LOCAL REVIEW BOARDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-710, RELATING TO LOCAL BOARDS FOR REVIEW, SO AS TO GIVE THE DIRECTOR AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT OR REMOVE A MEMBER OF A LOCAL BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-740, RELATING TO MEETINGS OF LOCAL BOARDS AND STAFFING, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EACH LOCAL BOARD FOR MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-760, RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-770, RELATING TO COOPERATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.

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

**S. 1038--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1038 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-340 SO

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AS TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**S. 961--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 961 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1705, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE CATCH LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1710, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1700, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR THE CATCHING OF SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REQUIRE A NON-OFFSET, NON-STAINLESS STEEL CIRCLE HOOK WHEN USING A HANDHELD HOOK AND LINE AND A HOOK SIZE OF 4/0 OR LARGER.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 961 (LC-961.PH0002H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X.A. Section 50-9-650(B)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2)(a) With the purchase of a South Carolina hunting license and a big game permit, a resident shall be issued ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> individual antlerless deer tags and ~~three~~<sup>two</sup> unrestricted individual antlered deer tags. Persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees may receive these tags upon request to the department. Residents, including persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime, and gratis licensees also may purchase:

(i) two antler restriction individual antlered deer tags valid for deer with a minimum of four points on one antler or a minimum twelve-inch inside antler spread for five dollars per tag; and

(ii) additional individual antlerless deer tags for five dollars per tag.

(b) Fees for nonresident deer tags are as follows:

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(i) fifty dollars for the first antlered deer tag and twenty dollars for each additional antlered deer tag up to a maximum of four tags; two of which must be an antler restriction individual antlered deer tag valid only for deer with a minimum of four points on one antler or a minimum twelve-inch inside antler spread; and

(ii) ten dollars per individual antlerless deer tag.

B. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

SECTION 4. ~~This~~ Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act takes effect on July 1, 2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST 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 98; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Bamberg
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Harris
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long

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Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--98**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilreath	Guffey	Hager
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**Total--3**

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 S. 961. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Thomas Hartnett Jr.

**S. 961--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW**

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 961 be read the third time tomorrow.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bill and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5683 -- Reps. Rankin, Pace, C. Mitchell, Cromer, Gilreath, Bustos, Magnuson, Edgerton, Burns, Oremus, Bailey, Guest, Brittain, Chumley, J. E. Johnson, Haddon, Jordan, Lawson, Lowe, McGinnis, B. Newton, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, White and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-19-35 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-19-45 RELATING TO ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WERE FORMERLY ELECTED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5684 -- Reps. Rankin, Pace, Huff, Martin, Bailey, Edgerton, Yow, Pedalino, Ligon, Long, B. Newton, Hiott, Oremus, Chapman, Kilmartin, Burns, Duncan, T. Moore, D. Mitchell, Frank, Morgan, Caskey, Magnuson, Cromer, Gilreath, Hartz, Lastinger, McCravy, Harris, Whitmire, Gibson, Chumley, Hewitt, Forrest, Hixon, Pope, Sanders, G. M. Smith, White and Wooten: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR 2026 ONLY THE DATE ON WHICH A SPECIAL PRIMARY MUST BE HELD FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS WELL AS MODIFIED DATES FOR CANDIDATE FILING AND THE CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES OR NOMINEES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF VOTES CAST FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE JUNE 9, 2026, STATEWIDE PRIMARY AND IN THE SPECIAL PRIMARY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:55 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Willie Eves Sr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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