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Thursday, February 6, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Psalm 147:1

The Psalmist tells us: "How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!"

Join me as we bow in prayer: Holy God, nature reminds us this week how blessed indeed we are here in South Carolina. It is difficult to remember that it is still winter-time with bright sunshine and warm temperatures outdoors suggesting it might well be spring. Yet our blessings in this State are far greater than simple mildness outdoors. After all, we are surrounded by resources which are spectacular and grand year round: our rivers and lakes, our woodlands, mountains, our coastal stretches -- how lovely they are. Yet even moreso our greatest treasures deserving praise are all of our citizens. So, dear Lord, whatever it may be they need to tackle, never fail to keep these Senators keenly aware of the gifts You have granted us all -- blessings beyond compare. We pray thankfully in Your loving name, O Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

Call of the Senate

Senator PEELER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey

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Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

Doctor of the Day

Senator REICHENBACH introduced Dr. Joseph Hoyle of Florence, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator RICE, at 11:06 A.M., Senator BLACKMON was granted a leave of absence for today.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator DEVINE, at 11:33 A.M., Senator TEDDER was granted a leave of absence for today.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 28	Sen. Cromer
S. 29	Sen. Cromer
S. 52	Sen. Kimbrell

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 321 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TRACIE ANDERSON SWILLEY OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON BEING NAMED 2025 NATIONAL PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

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S. 322 -- Senators Cash, Fernandez, Adams, Reichenbach, Leber, Rice, Garrett, Kennedy, Gambrell, Kimbrell, Verdin and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "FREE TO SPEAK ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FROM KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY ADDRESSING AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR WHO IS A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL WHERE THE EMPLOYEE IS EMPLOYED BY A PRONOUN OR TITLE THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE STUDENT'S SEX WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF A STUDENT'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN, AND TO PROTECT PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTION FOR DECLINING TO ADDRESS A STUDENT USING A PRONOUN THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE STUDENT'S SEX, FOR DECLINING TO IDENTIFY HIS PRONOUNS, AND FOR OTHER REASONS, AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADOPT POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THIS CODE SECTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FROM KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY ADDRESSING AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR WHO IS A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL WHERE THE EMPLOYEE IS EMPLOYED BY A PRONOUN OR TITLE THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE STUDENT'S SEX, AND TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTION FOR DECLINING TO ADDRESS A STUDENT USING A PRONOUN THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE STUDENT'S SEX, FOR DECLINING TO IDENTIFY HIS PRONOUNS, AND FOR OTHER REASONS, AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING TO ADOPT POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THIS CODE SECTION.

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Senator CASH spoke on the Bill.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. 323 -- Senator Cash: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS RELATED TO ABORTIONS, SO AS

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TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR ABORTIFACIENT, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR CONTRACEPTION, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CONTRACEPTIVE, TO DELETE THE DEFINITIONS OF FATAL FETAL ANOMALY AND FETAL HEARTBEAT, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR FERTILIZATION, TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF GESTATIONAL SAC, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR HUMAN EMBRYO, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF PREGNANT, TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR PREGNANT MINOR, AND TO DELETE THE DEFINITION OF RAPE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-620, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY AND INFORMED WRITTEN CONSENT REQUIRED FOR AN ABORTION, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-630, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN OBSTETRIC ULTRASOUND PRIOR TO AN ABORTION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AN ABORTION CANNOT BE PERFORMED IF A FETAL HEARTBEAT IS DETECTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-640, RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION ON ABORTIONS WHEN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY EXISTS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES RELATED TO NON-EMERGENCY PREMATURE DELIVERIES AFTER NINETEEN WEEKS OF PREGNANCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-650, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO PROHIBITION ON ABORTIONS FOR RAPE AND INCEST, SO AS TO DELETE THE RAPE AND INCEST EXCEPTIONS AND AMEND THE STATUTE TO PROVIDE FOR DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED OF DOCTORS WHO PERFORM A LEGAL MEDICAL PROCEDURE OR TREATMENT THAT RESULTS IN THE ACCIDENTAL OR UNINTENTIONAL DEATH OF AN UNBORN CHILD, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF THAT INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-660, RELATING TO THE EXCEPTION FROM ABORTION PROHIBITION FOR FATAL FETAL ANOMALY, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXCEPTION FOR FATAL FETAL ANOMALY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITORS HAVE THE CONCURRENT AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF CIVIL ACTION, TO

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PROVIDE FOR RELIEF AVAILABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS ON WHO MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-670, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF A PREGNANT WOMAN WHO GETS AN ABORTION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON PROSECUTION, AND TO AMEND THE STATUTE TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION FOR DOCTORS WHO VIOLATE THE PROHIBITION ON ABORTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-680, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS ARISING FROM ILLEGAL ABORTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE CIVIL ACTION PROVISIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH A RICO STATUTE RELATED TO PROHIBITED ABORTION ACTIVITIES, AND TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-690, RELATING TO A PHYSICIAN'S UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND REVOCATION OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO A PHYSICIAN'S UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND LICENSE REVOCATION, TO AMEND THE SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE LIABILITY OR CONDUCT PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION; BY AMENDING RESERVED SECTIONS 44-41-700 AND 44-41-710, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS ARTICLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO IMPOSE LIABILITY OR CONDUCT PROTECTED BY THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION OR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES IN A STATE COURT ACTION, AND BY AMENDING RESERVED SECTIONS 44-41-720, 44-41-730, AND 44-41-740, SO AS TO REPEAL THESE SECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 15-51-15 SO AS TO CREATE A WRONGFUL DEATH ACTION ON BEHALF OF AN ABORTED UNBORN CHILD, AND TO PLACE LIMITATIONS ON WHO MAY BRING THE ACTION; BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-30 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION ON HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT TAUGHT IN THE STATE'S SCHOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-37,

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RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF CONSENT REQUIREMENTS WHEN COUNSELING OR DISCUSSING ABORTION WITH A MINOR, SO AS TO DELETE THE AUTHORITY OF A PHYSICIAN OR COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS THE COURT BYPASS FOR ABORTION APPROVALS DUE TO THE REPEAL OF THE COURT BYPASS STATUTES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-90, RELATING TO STATE FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE COURT BYPASS FOR MINORS TO OBTAIN AN ABORTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-41-60, RELATING TO ABORTIONS THAT MUST BE REPORTED, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PHYSICIANS WHO FAIL TO PROPERLY REPORT ABORTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SECTIONS 44-41-32, 44-41-33, AND 44-41-34, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL BYPASS FOR MINORS OBTAINING AN ABORTION, ARE REPEALED.

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Senator CASH spoke on the Bill.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 324 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CONTINUING BENEFITS AND VALUE OF MEDITATION, INTEGRATIVE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SELF-CARE AND TO DECLARE APRIL 15, 2025, AS "PEACE, HARMONY, AND WELLNESS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 325 -- Senators Massey and Alexander: 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

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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.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 326 -- Senator Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY FUEL SUPPLY ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FUEL STATIONS TO HAVE PRE-WIRING FOR A BACKUP GENERATOR.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Appointment Reported

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

Statewide Appointment

Initial Appointment, Department of Transportation Commission, with the term to commence February 15, 2022, and to expire February 15, 2026

At-Large:

James Britt Blackwell, 1268 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732-2341 *VICE* James T. McLawhorn, Jr.

Received as information.

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THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.

HOUSE BILL RETURNED

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments:

H. 3727 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

**READ THE THIRD TIME
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

S. 167 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-975 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA WATERWAYS PROTECTION FUND AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUES IN THE FUND MAY BE EXPENDED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-3215 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A TAX NOTICE FOR WATERCRAFT MUST INCLUDE A WATERWAYS PROTECTION FEE OF THREE DOLLARS.

Recorded Vote

Senator CLIMER desired to be recorded as voting against the third reading of the Bill.

OBJECTION

S. 26 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-21-107 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT OF MORE THAN SEVENTY HORSEPOWER MUST CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE OF AT LEAST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF COVERAGE PER OCCURRENCE, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION OF FINES.

Senator HEMBREE objected to consideration of the Bill.

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POINT OF ORDER

S. 28 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 29 -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS

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AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 35 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms, Rice and Kimbrell: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW THE DUTIES OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12, ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO DISABILITY OF THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO REMOVE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL AS AN OFFICER WHO, ALONG WITH OTHER OFFICERS, MAY CAUSE THE GOVERNOR TO BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR PERFORM THE FORMER DUTIES OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

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Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Resolution had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 38 -- Senators Campsen and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO REQUIRE SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ONLY ON CERTAIN ENUMERATED DATES.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 74 -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 143 -- Senator Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC

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ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS “HOUSEHOLD MEMBER”; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF OF MINORS IN THE PERSON’S HOUSEHOLD.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 180 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE OR WERE DATING TO THE LIST OF PERSONS DEFINED AS “HOUSEHOLD MEMBER”; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 20-4-40, RELATING TO PETITIONS FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE A PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL COUNSEL, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ADULT AS A PERSON WHO CAN PETITION ON BEHALF MINORS IN THE PERSON’S HOUSEHOLD.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Bill had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

POINT OF ORDER

S. 271 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin and Hutto: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISION IN SECTION 58-3-20(C) THAT PROHIBITS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM HOLDING AN ELECTION UNTIL A FINAL DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE COURTS REGARDING ITS REVIEW OF

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS FOR THE 126TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Point of Order

Senator CORBIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 39 that the Resolution had not been on the desks of the members at least one day prior to second reading.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

ADOPTED

S. 312 -- Senator Nutt: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 3724 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, 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, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, 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, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE

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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA
WEEK, FEBRUARY 15-22, 2025.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senators HUTTO and OTT, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Thomas “Tom” Braxton Bryant III of Orangeburg, S.C. Tom was a former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He graduated from Orangeburg High School and Washington & Lee University and its school of law. Tom began practicing law in 1961 in Orangeburg. He was a member of the United States Army Reserve, a captain in JAG, a lifelong Baptist, Democrat and Detroit Tiger fan. Tom was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:38 A.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

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