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Thursday, April 23, 2026
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 10:00 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:

Isaiah 40:1

We read that the prophet Isaiah writes: "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God."

Let us pray: O loving Lord, as these Senators and their aides are so very aware that time for the completion of work is drawing close. Issues which need attention this Session really do need attention. Difficult decisions really do need to be made. We understand all of that, of course. Yet there is one reality that simply can't be taken lightly or casually. And that is the responsibility this Body has to the people of South Carolina. After all, it is our citizens' well-being and their needs that are always the highest priority. Or they should be. We pray that this Senate never loses sight of that fact. Also, dear God, we of course continue to pray for all of our brave women and men in uniform wherever they serve. And let peace prevail. We pray all of this in Your loving name, dear 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	Blackmon	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Martin	Massey	Matthews

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Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young
Zell		

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

Recorded Presence

Senators LEBER and KIMBRELL recorded their presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

Doctor of the Day

Senator OTT introduced Dr. Thomas Wallace of Lexington, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator KENNEDY, at 4:26 P.M., Senator LEBER was granted a leave of absence until 4:50 P.M.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator OTT, at 5:39 P.M., Senator SUTTON was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

RECALLED

H. 5456 -- Reprs. Luck, Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Britain, 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, 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, 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,

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Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026, AS “MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN DAY,” ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS, EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO CELEBRATE HER LEGACY THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE, THROUGH WELLNESS AND MINDFULNESS PRACTICES, AND THROUGH EFFORTS THAT ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL CHILDREN.

Senator YOUNG asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

S. 1142 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WAHALLA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1143 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA BOYS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1144 -- Senator Elliott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND

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TO COMMEND THE SYNAGOGUE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GREENVILLE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

S. 1145 -- Senator Sabb: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JACK MERRITT EDWARDS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 5585 -- Reprs. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE MT. HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF WEST COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 225TH ANNIVERSARY AND EXTEND HEARTFELT BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND SERVICE IN THE FUTURE.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

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ACTING PRESIDENT PRESIDES

Senator MARTIN assumed the Chair.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF
H. 5126, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL.**

**AMENDED, READ THE THIRD TIME
RETURNED TO THE HOUSE**

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.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the third reading of the Bill.

Senator ALEXANDER asked unanimous consent to proceed to Amendment No. 71.

Amendment No. 71

Senators ALEXANDER, PEELER, MASSEY, and HUTTO proposed the following amendment (AM BUILDING LEASES V2), which was adopted (#29):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (GP: Building Leases) The Department of Administration is authorized and directed to determine with the Retirement System Investment Commission (RSIC) the feasibility of construction and development of up to two commercial buildings and associated facilities that may include as tenants Constitutional officers and state agencies. Any building developed or constructed shall be considered an exercise of RSIC's exclusive authority to invest and manage the Retirement System's Assets and any interest in any structure utilized to develop, construct and hold the asset would be treated as an asset of the Retirement System Group Trust. The RSIC decision to facilitate any development or construction is subject to all applicable requirements and to RSIC's fiduciary obligation to retirement system beneficiaries. The department shall provide, at a minimum, quarterly updates on the progress of the

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implementation of this proviso to JBRC for review and comment. Up to \$5,000,000 for this purpose shall be paid from excess debt service appropriations, and the State Treasurer shall transfer the funds as requested by the Department for these purposes. Any unexpended funds for planning and implementation may be carried forward and used for the same purposes.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator ALEXANDER explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Recorded Vote

Senators CORBIN, MARTIN, CLIMER, BRIGHT and FERNANDEZ desired to be recorded as voting against the adoption of the amendment.

On motion of Senator GRAHAM, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 15 was withdrawn.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MATTHEWS, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 44 that was adopted Wednesday, April 22, 2026, was amended.

There was no objection.

PRESIDENT PRESIDES

At 10:33 A.M., the PRESIDENT assumed the Chair.

Senator SABB asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 18 and proceed to Amendment No. 38.

Amendment No. 38

Senators SABB, STUBBS and ZELL proposed the following amendment (DG PANIC V.2), which was adopted (#30):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 312, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (SDE: Panic button) (A) From the funds appropriated to the department, each public school district and charter school in the State:

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(1) shall, under the direction of the department, acquire and implement in each school a mobile panic alert system that:

(a) connects disparate emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between local and state law enforcement and first responder agencies;

(b) integrates with existing technology found in each local public safety answering-point infrastructure, as defined in Section 23-47-10, to transmit 911 calls and mobile activations; and

(c) provides initial training to all public resource officers and public school personnel, who work in the districts where the systems are utilized, on the proper use of the panic button alert system;

(2) ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responder agencies in the event of a school security emergency; and

(3) shall utilize the school mapping data program provided by the State to implement a mobile panic alert system required by this section. School mapping data must be made available to any vendor that meets the requirements of subsection (A)(1).

(B) The department, in consultation with the State Law Enforcement Division and the Department of Public Safety, shall identify vendors of systems that satisfy the requirements of subsection (A)(1) for use by school districts and shall make this list of vendors available to schools no later than the end of the current fiscal year.

(C) This proviso does not apply to any district or school that has already implemented a mobile panic alert system with capabilities that meet the requirements of subsection (A)(1). /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator SABB explained the amendment.

Point of Order

Senator MARTIN raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

Senator STUBBS spoke on the Point of Order.

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Senator STUBBS spoke on the Point of Order.

The PRESIDENT overruled the Point of Order.

Senator SABB continued speaking on the amendment.

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Senator BRIGHT spoke on the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 24; Nays 18

AYES

Adams	Allen	Chaplin
Climer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Matthews	Ott
Rankin	Sabb	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Walker	Williams	Zell

Total--24

NAYS

Alexander	Bennett	Blackmon
Bright	Campsen	Cash
Corbin	Cromer	Fernandez
Garrett	Johnson	Leber
Martin	Massey	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Young

Total--18

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 45

Senator OTT proposed the following amendment (5126R013.CM.RO.DOCX), which was adopted (#31):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1A, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 343, after line 8, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/1A. (SDE-EIA:Assessment) The department is authorized to carry forward into the current fiscal year prior year state assessment funds for the same purpose. Districts shall be reimbursed for the assessments offered pursuant to Section 59-18-340./

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

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Senator OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator CLIMER asked unanimous consent withdraw Amendment No. 60 and proceed to Amendment No. 73

Amendment No. 73

Senators CLIMER, PEELER, OTT, JOHNSON, STUBBS, KIMBRELL, WILLIAMS and ALEXANDER proposed the following amendment (AM FARM AID), which was adopted (#32):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 44, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, page 408, after line 18, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (AGRI: Farm Accountability and Resilience Measures Program) (A) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Agriculture for the Farm Accountability and Resilience Measures Program, \$30 million shall be allocated for staple row crop assistance and \$5,000,000 shall be allocated for specialty crop assistance. The department is authorized to reallocate any unexpended or unobligated funds between these categories as necessary to maximize distribution to eligible producers; however, the agency shall prioritize full utilization within each category before reallocating funds. The program shall be administered in coordination with the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (USDA FSA). The department shall utilize existing federal data and frameworks to the maximum extent practicable to ensure efficient and timely distribution of funds.

(B) To be eligible for assistance under this proviso, a producer must: (1) be actively engaged in farming in South Carolina; (2) have planted acres or production data certified with USDA FSA or other verifiable records acceptable to the administering agency; (3) assume financial risk in the production of an eligible agricultural commodity; and (4) comply with conservation and eligibility requirements consistent with USDA FSA program standards.

(C) Payments shall be made on a per-acre basis using FSA-certified planted acreage data. The program shall utilize a flat statewide per-acre payment rate across eligible row crop commodities, modeled on the federal Farm Bridge Assistance Program. Double crop acres, including all initial and subsequently planted crops, are eligible. Prevent plant acres are not eligible. The per-acre rate shall reflect approximately fifty

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percent of documented economic losses, subject to available funding and legislative proration.

(D) A portion of the funds shall be allocated to establish a Specialty Crop Assistance component to provide payments to producers of fruits, vegetables, and other specialty crops grown in South Carolina. Payments for specialty crops shall be structured to mirror the federal Assistance for Specialty Crop Farmers framework, utilizing either a per-acre payment rate or a production-based or sales-based payment methodology, as determined by the administering agencies based on available and verifiable data. Where USDA FSA acreage data is not available, the agencies may rely on other verifiable records, including crop insurance data, state or federal program participation records, or certified producer documentation.

(E) If total eligible requests exceed available funds, payments shall be prorated proportionally across all eligible applicants.

(F) Total payments to any individual or legal entity shall not exceed one hundred thirty-five thousand dollars. Payment attribution, entity structuring, and actively engaged determinations shall be consistent with USDA FSA payment limitation rules.

(G) Eligible commodities shall include, but are not limited to row crops, such as corn, cotton, soybeans, wheat, and peanuts; and specialty crops, including fruits, vegetables, as defined by the department consistent with federal program definitions.

(H) Acreage, production, or revenue data shall be verified using USDA FSA records or other reliable data sources to minimize administrative burden and reduce fraud. The department may enter into data-sharing agreements as necessary to implement this proviso.

(I) Administrative costs shall be minimized by leveraging existing state and federal resources. No new full-time equivalent positions (FTEs) shall be created to administer this program.

(J) The department shall provide a report to the Chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee no later than March 1, 2027, detailing total funds distributed; the number of recipients; distribution by commodity type, including specialty crops; the geographic distribution of funds; and any recommendations for future agricultural risk mitigation programs.

(K) If the department determines that a person who received assistance provided inaccurate information, then the person shall refund the entire amount of the assistance. If the person does not refund the appropriate amount, the Department of Revenue shall utilize the

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provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act to collect the money from the person. /

(L) From the funds under the control of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, the Department of Commerce shall transfer \$35 million to the Department of Agriculture by July 17 for this purpose. The funds shall be deposited in a separate and distinct fund from the general fund of the State and all other funds. Interest earnings on this fund must be credited to it and any balance in this fund shall be carried forward and utilized for the same purposes. Revenues credited to this fund in the current fiscal year must be used to support the Farm Accountability and Resilience Measures Program./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Recorded Vote

Senator CHAPLIN desired to be recorded as abstaining on the adoption of the amendment.

Statement by Senator OTT

I co-sponsored Amendment No. 73 which provides financial relief for our state's farmers in light of the current financial hardships facing the agriculture industry. I am a farmer and, as such, a member of the class of potential recipients. Out of an abundance of caution, I abstained from voting on the amendment even though I believe that voting on the amendment would not be a violation of the state's ethics laws because any benefit that I may receive is no different than the benefit that other farmers would receive falling within the large class exemption.

Senator STUBBS asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 17.

Amendment No. 74A

Senator STUBBS proposed the following amendment (SM SEPARATE ACCOUNTING AND IMPROPER USE PROHIBITION), which was adopted (#33):

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Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 45, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PSA, page 409, after line 26, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/(CU-PSA: Separate Accounting and Improper Use Prohibition) Funds appropriated in this act to Clemson University Public Service Activities (PSA) for agricultural research, extension, regulatory, and related public service programs shall be maintained, budgeted, and accounted for in a separate and distinct fund from all funds appropriated to Clemson University Education & General (E&G). No funds, including state appropriations, federal pass-throughs, indirect cost recoveries, or any other revenues, shall be transferred, loaned, or otherwise moved between the PSA Fund and the E&G fund (or any auxiliary, restricted, or other funds under the administrative control of the greater University), except when provided as a fee-for-service or a standard cost allocation methodology, without the approval of the majority of the Clemson University Board of Trustees. Any fees-for-services or allocation of costs must be reported to the Clemson University Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator STUBBS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 68

Senators BRIGHT and KIMBRELL proposed the following amendment (AM WELCOME CENTER PRIVATIZATON), which was adopted (#34):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 49, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 417, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:
/(PRT: Welcome Center Privatization Study) (A) The South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) shall conduct a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility, costs, benefits, and potential savings of privatizing the operation, management, and maintenance of the state's Welcome Centers.

(B) No later than March 15, 2027, PRT shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor.

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Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 70

Senators DAVIS and YOUNG proposed the following amendment (SM NUCLEAR ADVISORY), which was adopted (#35):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, Proviso 50.27, page 421, lines 22-24, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (CMRC: Nuclear Advisory Council Operating Expenses) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Commerce in this act, the department shall provide, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Commerce, an amount not to exceed one million dollars to pay expenses reasonably incurred by the Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities imposed on the council pursuant to the South Carolina Energy Security Act, Act 41 of 2025. Allowable expenses include, but are not limited to, costs associated with conducting studies and analyses, retaining technical and professional consultants, convening meetings, and carrying out any other activities necessary or appropriate to fulfill the council's statutory obligations. Funds provided pursuant to this provision shall be subject to the same accountability and reporting requirements applicable to other appropriated funds administered by the Department of Commerce. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Recorded Vote

Senator BRIGHT desired to be recorded as abstaining on the adoption of the amendment.

Senator SUTTON asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment Nos. 17 and 32 and proceed to Amendment No. 49.

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Amendment No. 49

Senators SUTTON, CAMPSSEN, CORBIN, BLACKMON, CLIMER, MARTIN, CASH and BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (DG COMMCENTER), which was adopted (#36):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 422, after line 2, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (CMRC: Incentive prohibition) (A) No funds appropriated or authorized for use by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, including but not limited to the Closing Fund, or appropriated or authorized the department for any other purpose, may be used to recruit, locate, expand, or construct a data center in this State. This proviso applies to any project for which an incentive agreement was not in place at the beginning of the current fiscal year.

(B) The Department of Commerce shall provide a report to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027, identifying any data center projects that applied for or received incentives in any previous fiscal year and summarizing the total value of such incentives.

(C) For purposes of this proviso, "data center" means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of electronically interconnected facilities under a single electric supply agreement in this State used by an entity or other business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain a computer, group of computers, or other organized assembly of hardware and software for the primary purpose of storing, retrieving, or transmitting data that has a peak demand of fifty megawatts or greater, and that executes an electric service agreement with an electric service provider after December 31, 2026. For purposes of calculating peak demand under this definition, peak demand shall be determined according to the agreement between the energy user and the electric service provider, and the possibility or occurrence of energy usage which temporarily exceeds fifty megawatts shall not cause a data center to fall under this definition where contractual peak demand is less than fifty megawatts. The term "data center" does not include any computing or data infrastructure that is incidental or ancillary to the primary business operations of any facility whose primary services are not data storage, management, processing, or transmission, any facility owned or operated by a telecommunications company as defined in S.C. Code Section 58-9-2200, or any facility that primarily support telecommunications service or network operations. ___/

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

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Senator SUTTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 43

Senators MARTIN, CORBIN, BLACKMON and BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (5126R012.CM.SM.DOCX), which was carried over:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 427, proviso 24, line 31, by amending the proviso to read:

/ 55.24. (DES: Permitting Timeframes) Except for Energy Infrastructure Projects, which are defined as the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure, the Department of Environmental Services will issue a decision on a completed application for a permit no later than ninety days after the date the application is received by the department. The department may require a preapplication meeting with the applicant to establish milestones within the review period prior to commencing the ninety-day review period. The department and applicant may mutually agree in writing to extend the ninety-day review period. Such agreement shall be in writing and state a specific date on when the extension will end. The department shall not stop, stay, or otherwise alter the review period without such written agreement with the applicant. During the current fiscal year, an approved applicant may not be considered by the Department for expanded capacity at the approved location of the initial application. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator MARTIN explained the amendment.

On motion of Senator MARTIN, the amendment was carried over.

Amendment No. 30

Senators BLACKMON, CHAPLIN, CAMPSER, CLIMER, SUTTON, KIMBRELL, GARRETT and DAVIS proposed the following

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amendment (AM DATA CENTER WATER USE), which was adopted (#37):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 428, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (DES: Commercial Data Center Water Use Reporting) (A) With funds appropriated in the current fiscal year to the Department of Environmental Services for Water Management, the department shall require a commercial data center to report to the department, by January thirty-first, the source and monthly volume of surface water, groundwater, or other water utilized during the prior calendar year and the anticipated volume of water to be utilized during the current fiscal year.

(B) The department shall make these reports publicly available and may audit the reports and any supporting data; provided, however, the department gives at least thirty days' notice prior to commencing an audit. The department may assess a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars for each day after January thirty-first that a required report is not filed and may assess a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars for any inaccurate, misleading, or false information contained in a report.

(C) For purposes of the proviso, "data center" is defined as a facility, campus of facilities, or array of interconnected facilities in this State used by a business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain computers or related systems for the primary purpose of storing, retrieving, or transmitting data, that consumes three million or more gallons of water per month. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BLACKMON explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 66

Senators KIMBRELL and SUTTON proposed the following amendment (AM MARTIME ACTION PLAN), which was carried over and subsequently adopted (#44):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 445, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

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/ (SLED: Maritime Action Plan) From the funds appropriated to or authorized for the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the Division shall coordinate with the United States Department of Homeland Security to implement the security-related portions of America's Maritime Action Plan, with a particular focus on enhancing the security and resilience of South Carolina's ports, critical maritime infrastructure, and related supply chains. SLED shall prioritize collaboration on port security, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence sharing through the South Carolina Fusion Center, and any other applicable elements of the Plan's national security, economic security, and industrial resilience components. SLED shall provide a report on its coordination efforts, including any identified resource needs or federal funding opportunities, to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 15 of the current fiscal year. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator KIMBRELL explained the amendment.

On motion of Senator KIMBRELL, the amendment was carried over.

Amendment No. 62

Senators MARTIN and HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SM CORRECTIONS CARRY FORWARD), which was adopted (#38):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 65, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, page 452, after line 9, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (CORR: Carry Forward Authorization) The Department of Corrections may carry forward any unexpended general fund balance into the current fiscal year and expend those funds for security and operating expenses as needed. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator MARTIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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Amendment No. 46

Senators BENNETT, PEELER and ALEXANDER proposed the following amendment (SA\5126C005.CC.SA26.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 506, after line 31, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/(PEBA: PORS Employer Contribution) An employer, as defined in Section 9-11-10 of the S.C. Code, shall contribute an additional 0.76% of employer contributions into the Police Officers Retirement System for the current fiscal year. This additional employer contribution must be remitted to the system in accordance with the guidelines established for remitting retirement contributions to this system./

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BENNETT explained the amendment.

Point of Order

Senator MATTHEWS raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

Senator BENNETT spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator MATTHEWS spoke on the Point of Order.

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

The amendment was ruled out of order.

Amendment No. 76

Senators CAMPSER, DAVIS, BLACKMON and MATTHEWS proposed the following amendment (5126R017.KMM.GEC.DOCX), which was adopted (#39):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 109, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, page 509, after line 10, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/(DOR:) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Revenue, the department must provide a report to the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee providing the following information:

(1) the total amount of the exemption claimed pursuant to Section 12-36-2120(79)(A)(1) and (2) of the S.C. Code and;

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(2) the number of entities claiming an exemption pursuant to Section 12-36-2120(79)(A)(1) and (2) of the S.C. Code. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator CAMPSSEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 54

Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (SM OFFSHORE OIL), which was not adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, pages 555-556, proviso 117.129, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

Senator CAMPSSEN explained the amendment.

The question then was the adoption of the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 6; Nays 37

AYES

Bright	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Fernandez	Martin

Total--6

NAYS

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Ott

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Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the amendment was not adopted.

On motion of Senator YOUNG, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 35 was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator KENNEDY, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 57 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 56A

Senator DAVIS proposed the following amendment (SM SCOUT MOTORS), which was carried over:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, pages 581-582, line, by amending the proviso to read:
/ (GP: Scout Motor Site Cost Review) (A) With the funds appropriated in this act, the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) shall review cost overruns associated with the Scout Motors manufacturing site in Blythewood, Richland County, for which the Department of Commerce has requested a \$150 million general fund appropriation.

(B) The review shall address: (1) the accuracy of the \$150 million figure and the risk of further cost growth;(2) whether the acquisition and development costs associated with the Scout Motors Site in Blythewood were greater than they would have been had the Department of Commerce selected a tract that is flatter and more open and whether such a tract was available; (3) the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's original environmental due diligence and consultant qualifications; (4) when the Department of Commerce or its agents received notice that the original mitigation package was inadequate, and what action was taken; (5) the prudence of commencing upland construction before the federal wetlands permit issued, including the decision to retain rather than demobilize heavy equipment during the five-month permit suspension; (6) the itemized basis for the road overruns, distinguishing scheduling disruption from estimation error;(7)

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all phases of construction, subcontracts, Gantt charts, pay applications, change orders and payments; (8) whether the incentive contract or any professional liability remedy provides a basis to recover overrun costs from responsible parties; and (9) what systemic reforms to the Department of Commerce's project management, environmental due diligence, and legislative reporting practices are needed to prevent recurrence.

(C) The LAC shall also determine: (1) a complete payment schedule identifying each payee, the legal basis, amount, and deadline for each obligation; (2) the amount owed to South Carolina Department of Transportation and whether that interagency obligation warrants the same urgency as payments to private parties; (3) the amount attributable to future environmental remediation, its projected payment schedule, and whether a phased appropriation would satisfy all contractual obligations; (4) whether any portion of the \$150 million reflects contingent or unincurred costs; and (5) whether any obligations are in default or at imminent risk of default and the amount required to cure or prevent that default.

(D) All state agencies shall cooperate fully and produce requested records within fifteen days. The LAC shall have access to all contracts, invoices, correspondence, consultant reports, and permitting and communications records related to the project.

(E) Where evidence of potential legal liability is found, the LAC shall make appropriate referrals to the Office of the Inspector General and notify the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means within ten days.

(F) A joint written report shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means, the Governor, and the Attorney General within 120 days of the effective date of this act. No funds shall be expended to satisfy the \$150 million request until the report has been delivered and the General Assembly has enacted specific authorizing legislation approving the expenditure of such funds outside of the annual Appropriations Act. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the amendment was carried over.

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Amendment No. 10A

Senator SUTTON proposed the following amendment (DG DCCONT), which was withdrawn:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (GP: Permit prohibition) (A) In the current fiscal year, no funds appropriated or authorized in this act may be expended to approve, permit, or otherwise authorize the operation of a data center with an electrical demand of ten megawatts or greater unless the owner or operator of the data center submits a report of its water usage to the Department of Environmental Services. The report must include, at a minimum, total water withdrawn, total water consumed, sources of water, and any reuse or recycling practices, and must be submitted by October 1, 2026. The Department of Environmental Services may expend funds to ensure that such reports are publicly available on its website and to provide a summary of the submitted data to the General Assembly by January 15, 2027.

(B) For purposes of this proviso:

(1) "Data center" means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of electronically interconnected facilities under a single electric supply agreement in this State used by an entity or other business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain a computer, group of computers, or other organized assembly of hardware and software for the primary purpose of storing, retrieving, or transmitting data, other than facilities owned or operated by a telecommunications company as defined in Section 58-9-2200 of the S.C. Code or facilities that primarily support telecommunications service or network operations, that has a peak demand of fifty megawatts or greater, and that becomes a customer of an electric service provider after December 31, 2026. For purposes of calculating peak demand under this definition, peak demand shall be determined according to the contract between the energy user and the electric service provider, and the possibility or occurrence of energy usage which temporarily exceeds fifty megawatts shall not cause a commercial data center to fall under this definition where contractual peak demand is less than fifty megawatts.

(2) "Electrical demand" means the maximum load in megawatts required to operate the facility./

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

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On motion of Senator SUTTON, with unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Senator BRIGHT asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 34 and proceed to Amendment No. 59.

Amendment No. 59

Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (AM ADMIN OF VACANT POS V.2), which was adopted (#40):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (GP: Administration of Vacant Positions) (A) Any full-time equivalent (FTE) position in an agency that has been vacant for more than twelve months as of October 31 of the current fiscal year must be deleted by the Department of Administration upon approval by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority. Positions that have been posted and/or in the hiring process shall not be deleted. This proviso does not supersede proviso 57.15 or proviso 91.23.

(B) State agencies may retain vacant FTE positions when the agency determines that the position is necessary to meet operational, programmatic, or strategic needs, including but not limited to:

(1) positions requiring extended or specialized recruitment efforts;

(2) positions supported in whole or in part by federal funds, grants, contracts, or other non-general fund revenue sources;

(3) organizational restructuring, reclassification, or realignment of duties; or

(4) delays in hiring due to budgetary uncertainty, program changes, or workforce availability.

(C) Each agency shall maintain documentation supporting the retention of any FTE vacant for more than twelve months as of October 31 of the current fiscal year and shall provide a report to the State Office of Human Resources detailing:

(1) the number of such positions;

(2) the associated funding sources; and

(3) the justification for the FTE retention. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

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The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator ZELL, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 36 was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator SUTTON, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 48 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 61B

Senator CLIMER proposed the following amendment (5126R015.CM.WC.DOCX), which was not adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/117. (GP: MUSC Study Committee)(A) There is created a joint legislative and executive committee to study the feasibility of separating the educational components of the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and the various components that provide healthcare services to the public for a fee.

(B) The committee membership shall be composed of thirteen members as follows:

(1) Four Senators appointed by the President of the Senate.

(2) Four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) A physician, not affiliated with MUSC or any related entity, appointed by the Governor in consultation with the South Carolina Medical Association.

(4) A healthcare administrator, not affiliated with MUSC or any related entity, appointed by the Governor in consultation with the South Carolina Hospital Association.

(5) Three members with administrative, legal or medical experience appointed by the Governor.

(6) MUSC may appoint a non-voting ex officio member to the committee.

(C) This committee shall specifically address the following:

(1) identifying and delineating the various business and organizational components commonly known as the Medical University of South Carolina;

(2) which of these components would better serve the public interest as a publicly supported educational institution and which would serve the public interest as a not-for-profit, private healthcare system;

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(3) what assets and liabilities exist in each of these entities and how best to divide those among any newly created not-for-profit, private healthcare system;

(4) what staff of the current combination of entities would best serve the public interest in a not-for-profit, private healthcare system;

(5) the appropriate legal, contractual, financial, and legislative steps that would be taken to successfully and effectively take existing components of MUSC and place them in a newly created not-for-profit, private healthcare system; and

(6) all other matters the committee deems necessary to fully inform the General Assembly on its findings and recommendations.

(D) The Medical University of South Carolina shall comply with all requests from information from the Committee, pursuant to all applicable confidentiality requirements related to patient data. MUSC shall provide the committee with all financial information related to its various business entities, private or public. Any information received from MUSC marked confidential shall remain the property of MUSC. Any request for public disclosure under the FOIA shall be processed by MUSC according to Chapter 4, Title 30.

(E) The Committee costs shall be supported by public funds appropriated to MUSC by the 2026-2027 General Appropriations Act. Members of the Committee shall be entitled to mileage and per diem payments.

(F) The Committee will be staffed, as necessary by the appropriate staff from the Senate and House, as well as any necessary staff from the Department of Administration as requested

(G) The committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Senate Medical Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the House Medical, Military, Municipal and Medical Affairs Committee no later than January 15, 2027. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

Senator HUTTO moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

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Ayes 17; Nays 26

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Campsen
Cromer	Devine	Gambrell
Graham	Hutto	Jackson
Kennedy	Ott	Rankin
Sabb	Sutton	Tedder
Verdin	Williams	

Total--17

NAYS

Adams	Bennett	Blackmon
Bright	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Davis
Elliott	Fernandez	Garrett
Goldfinch	Hembree	Johnson
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Peeler	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Turner
Young	Zell	

Total--26

The Senate refused to lay the amendment on the table.

Senator HUTTO spoke on the amendment.

The question then was the adoption of the amendment.

Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the amendment was not adopted.

Amendment No. 64

Senator TEDDER proposed the following amendment (5126R014.CM.DT.DOCX), which was not adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 27, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

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/117. (GP: Hate Crime Law Study Committee) (A) There is created the Hate Crime Law Study Committee to examine and analyze hate crime laws across the nation and application of similar laws within South Carolina.

(B) The study committee shall be comprised of six members as follows: three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and three members appointed by the President of the Senate. The Speaker and the President of the Senate shall each designate one of their appointees to serve as co-chairs of the committee. Members of the committee shall have a background in criminal justice, law, or other relevant experience.

(C) The General Assembly shall provide staffing and administrative support to the committee. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation but may receive per diem and mileage as provided by law for members of boards, commissions, and committees.

(D) The Attorney General's Office, the Prosecution Coordination Commission, Solicitor's Offices, and other agencies as necessary shall provide documentation and data as requested by the study committee.

(E) The committee's work shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) a review of current hate crime laws nationally, including conviction rates, sentencing data, effectiveness in reduction of crime, and enforcement;

(2) an analysis of hate crime laws from similarly situated southeastern states and how they would apply in South Carolina if adopted within the South Carolina criminal justice system;

(3) a comparison of hate crime laws in other states and any best practices or model legislation that could be adapted for South Carolina; and

(4) specific legislative, regulatory, or policy recommendations as to whether a hate crime law should be adopted by South Carolina.

(F) The committee shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of Judiciary, and the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee no later than January 15, 2027. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator TEDDER explained the amendment.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 17; Nays 25

AYES

Adams	Allen	Chaplin
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Graham	Hutto	Jackson
Matthews	Ott	Sabb
Sutton	Tedder	Walker
Williams	Zell	

Total--17

NAYS

Alexander	Bennett	Blackmon
Bright	Campsen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Hembree	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Martin	Massey
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Stubbs	Turner	Verdin
Young		

Total--25

Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the amendment was not adopted.

Amendment No. 65

Senators CLIMER, CHAPLIN, KENNEDY, LEBER, MARTIN and STUBBS proposed the following amendment (5126R001.KMM.WC.DOCX), which was adopted (#41):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 585, after line 28, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/117. . (GP: Legislator Transparency) (A) Members of the General Assembly are prohibited from receiving funds appropriated pursuant to this act except for:

(1) compensation for their legislative service, in-district legislative expense allowance, reimbursements, and per diem payments provided

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for in Part IA, Section 91 and the corresponding provisos in Part IB, Section 91;

(2) salary, benefits, and appropriate reimbursements commensurate with his employment by a government agency, department, board, or commission;

(3) contracts with the State or its political subdivisions in compliance with Sections 8-13-700(A), 8-13-745(C), and 8-13-775. Prior to receiving initial payment from funds appropriated pursuant to this act for a contract with the State or a political subdivision, a member shall request a formal advisory opinion from the member's ethics committee as to the member's compliance with Sections 8-13-700(A), 8-13-745(C), and 8-13-775. The committee shall issue a formal advisory opinion that must be made available to the public and published on the committee's website. If the committee's opinion is that the member is not in compliance, the member is prohibited from receiving payment from funds appropriated pursuant to this act for the contract;

(4) paid legal representation of the State or its political subdivisions without a contract in compliance with Section 8-13-700(A). Prior to receiving initial payment from funds appropriated pursuant to this act for the legal representation of the State or a political subdivision without a contract, a member shall request a formal advisory opinion from the member's ethics committee as to the member's compliance with Section 8-13-700(A). The committee shall issue a formal advisory opinion that must be made available to the public and published on the committee's website. If the committee's opinion is that the member is not in compliance, the member is prohibited from receiving payment from funds appropriated pursuant to this act for the legal representation; or

(5) awards, grants, or scholarships in compliance with Sections 8-13-700(A) and 8-13-795. Prior to receiving an award, grant, or scholarship from funds appropriated pursuant to this act, a member shall request a formal advisory opinion from the member's ethics committee as to the member's compliance with Sections 8-13-700(A) and 8-13-795. The committee shall issue a formal advisory opinion that must be made available to the public and published on the committee's website. If the committee's opinion is that the member is not in compliance, the member is prohibited from receiving the award, grant, or scholarship.

(B) A member of the General Assembly who receives funds in violation of this proviso must return the funds received or is guilty of common law misconduct in office and must be punished as provided by law and must reimburse the state for the funds received. /

Renumber sections to conform.

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Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

Point of Order

Senator MATTHEWS raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator MATTHEWS spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator TEDDER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator MATTHEWS spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

The PRESIDENT overruled the Point of Order.

Senator CLIMER continued speaking on the amendment.

The question then was the adoption of the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 32; Nays 9

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Bright	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Leber	Martin
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Stubbs	Turner	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--32

NAYS

Blackmon	Campsen	Cromer
Hembree	Hutto	Matthews

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Sabb

Tedder

Walker

Total--9

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator STUBBS, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 72 was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 75

Senator OTT proposed the following amendment (AM AGRIBUSINESS), which was adopted (#42):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 606, after line 33, by adding a new item to read:

/ () The funds appropriated in item (40)(a) shall be deposited in a separate and distinct fund from the general fund of the State and all other funds. Interest earnings on this fund must be credited to it and any balance in this fund shall be carried forward and utilized for the same purposes. Revenues credited to this fund in the current fiscal year must be used to support the Growing Agribusiness Fund./

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator HUTTO, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 40A was withdrawn.

Amendment No. 40B

Senators GRAHAM and ZELL proposed the following amendment (AM WELCOME CENTERS), which was adopted (#43):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 607, proviso 118.21, after line 21, by inserting a new item to read:

/ (44.1) The funds appropriated in item (44)(d) shall be divided between the Blacksburg Welcome Center, the Fair Play Welcome Center, the North Augusta Welcome Center, the Landrum Welcome Center, and the Little River Welcome Center to be used for rebuilding

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the centers. The department is directed to develop a plan and budget for the construction of the welcome center in Santee or develop a plan for a new center in view of the anticipated I-95 Lake Marion bridge construction and provide the plan to the General Assembly no later than January 10, 2027.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator GRAHAM explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 63

Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (AM WELCOME CENTER FUNDS), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 607, proviso 118.21, by striking line 17 in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 609, proviso 118.21, line 29, by striking /\$200,000,000/ and inserting /\$206,000,000/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

Senator PEELER moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Point of Order

Senator CLIMER raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that Proviso 1.123 of Part 1B was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

1.123. (SDE: Education Scholarship Trust Fund Assessment) (A) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Education for the administration of the Education Scholarship Trust Fund Assessment (ESTF) program, \$250,000 must be allocated to the Education Oversight Committee (EOC) for collection and reporting of data from education service providers and parents of students participating in the ESTF program. Approved education service providers who provide full-time

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academic instruction shall provide assessment results directly to the EOC. The EOC shall:

(1) ensure compliance with all student privacy laws;

(2) collect all test results;

(3) provide the test results, associated learning gains, and graduation rates at a state level to the public via a state website after the third year of test- and graduation-related data collection. The findings shall be aggregated by the students' grade level, gender, family income level, number of years of participation in the scholarship program, and race;

(4) provide rates for on-time high school graduation, college attendance the fall after high school graduation, persistence, and college graduation for participating students to the public via a State website after the third year of test and test-related data collection; and

(5) administer an annual parental satisfaction survey that shall ask parents of students receiving education savings accounts to express:

(a) their satisfaction with the program; and

(b) their opinions on other topics, items, or issues that the State finds would elicit information about the effectiveness of ESTF and the number of years their child has participated in the program.

(B) As a condition of participating in the ESTF program, students in grades three through eight must be administered annually the SC READY assessments for mathematics and English Language Arts or take a nationally norm-referenced summative assessment annually or a formative assessment at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the first semester, and at the end of the school year. The assessment must be aligned with state standards, include a linking study procured by the EOC, and be approved by the EOC before it can be used as an approved assessment for the ESTF program.

(C) Scholarship students in grades nine through twelve must take the State-approved End-of-Course Program (EOCEP) in English/language arts or mathematics or a nationally norm-referenced assessment, formative assessment, or assessment approved by the EOC that demonstrates the student's college or career readiness as is verified to meet state standards via a linking study procured by the EOC. Students with disabilities for whom standardized testing is not appropriate are exempt from this requirement.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator HEMBREE spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator MASSEY spoke on the Point of Order.

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The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

The proviso was ruled out of order.

Point of Order

Senator CLIMER raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that Proviso 1.124 of Part 1B was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

1.124. (SDE: ESTF Unbundlers) (A) For the current fiscal year, Sections 59-8-110(14)(n) and 59-8-115(H) are suspended.

(B) The department shall suspend any award of additional scholarships to those they have previously identified as “unbundlers”. The 958 “unbundlers” who received a scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic school year may, if otherwise qualified under the program, continue to receive a scholarship in the 2026-2027 academic school year; provided, that they have completed all assessments by the end of the current academic school year. If an existing “unbundler” ceases to qualify, is removed from the scholarship program, or does not apply for the scholarship in the 2026-2027 school year, the department may not fill the scholarship slot with a new “unbundler” scholarship student to include a sibling. The department shall provide a list of the 2025-2026 “unbundler” students and addresses and a list of the returning 2026-2027 “unbundler” students and addresses within 15 days of the passage of the General Appropriations Act to the Education Oversight Committee (EOC). The EOC shall have access to the department’s source data systems to ensure compliance with this proviso.

(C) To adequately provide for the current “unbundlers”, the department shall assume the role and responsibilities a school district would incur in Section 59-65-40, excluding subsection (A)(1)(5), (B), and (E). A parent who fails to cooperate or comply with the department in this regard shall be immediately terminated from the program.

(D) The department shall provide all previously required assessments as provided in this act to the EOC within 30 days of passage of the General Appropriations Act.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator HEMBREE spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator CLIMER spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator MASSEY spoke on the Point of Order.

Senator ELLIOTT spoke on the Point of Order.

The PRESIDENT overruled the Point of Order.

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Amendment No. 69

Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (AM SPORTS MARKETING), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 607, proviso 118.21, by striking line 20 in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 609, proviso 118.21, line 29, by striking /\$200,000,000/ and inserting /\$201,000,000/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

Senator PEELER moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The amendment was laid on the table.

Amendment No. 39

Senator BRIGHT proposed the following amendment (AM CTC ACCELERATION), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, pages 610-616, proviso 118.21, by striking items (78) through (96) in their entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 607, proviso 118.21, by striking line 18.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 610, proviso 118.21, by striking line 11.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 609, proviso 118.21, by striking line 21.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 609, proviso 118.21, by striking line 21.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 608, proviso 118.21, by striking line 22.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 603, proviso 118.21, by striking line 17.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 606, proviso 118.21, by striking line 10.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 609, proviso 118.21, line 29, by striking /\$200,000,000/ and inserting /\$345,259,298/

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Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 23, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 63, line 10, by striking opposite:

	COLUMN 7	COLUMN 8
Midlands Graduate Medical Education	/2,000,000	2,000,000/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 86, COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS, page 215, line 3, by:

	COLUMN 7	COLUMN 8
/ STRIKING:	30,000,000	
and		
INSERTING:	32,000,000	/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BRIGHT explained the amendment.

Senator PEELER moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 38; Nays 5

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Martin
Matthews	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--38

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Leber
Massey	Ott	

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Total--5

The amendment was tabled.

On motion of Senator CAMPSER, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 41 was withdrawn.

On motion of Senator ADAMS, with unanimous consent, Amendment No. 77 was withdrawn.

Senator MARTIN asked unanimous consent to withdraw Amendment No. 43 and proceed to Amendment No. 43A.

Amendment No. 43A

Senators MARTIN, CORBIN, BRIGHT and BLACKMON proposed the following amendment (5126R012.CM.SM.DOCX), which was not adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 427, proviso 24, line 31, by amending the proviso to read:

/ 55.24. (DES: Permitting Timeframes) Except for Energy Infrastructure Projects, which are defined as the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure, the Department of Environmental Services will issue a decision on a completed application for a permit no later than ninety days after the date the application is received by the department. The department may require a preapplication meeting with the applicant to establish milestones within the review period prior to commencing the ninety-day review period. The department and applicant may mutually agree in writing to extend the ninety-day review period. Such agreement shall be in writing and state a specific date on when the extension will end. The department shall not stop, stay, or otherwise alter the review period without such written agreement with the applicant. During the current fiscal year, an approved data center applicant may not be considered by the Department for expanded capacity at the approved location of the initial application. For purposes of this proviso, "data center" means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of electronically interconnected facilities under a single electric supply agreement in this State used by

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an entity or other business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain a computer, group of computers, or other organized assembly of hardware and software for the primary purpose of storing, retrieving, or transmitting data that has a peak demand of fifty megawatts or greater, and that executes an electric service agreement with an electric service provider after December 31, 2026. For purposes of calculating peak demand under this definition, peak demand shall be determined according to the agreement between the energy user and the electric service provider, and the possibility or occurrence of energy usage which temporarily exceeds fifty megawatts shall not cause a data center to fall under this definition where contractual peak demand is less than fifty megawatts. The term "data center" does not include any computing or data infrastructure that is incidental or ancillary to the primary business operations of any facility whose primary services are not data storage, management, processing, or transmission, any facility owned or operated by a telecommunications company as defined in S.C. Code Section 58-9-2200, or any facility that primarily support telecommunications service or network operations.. /

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator MARTIN explained the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 19; Nays 23

AYES

Blackmon	Bright	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Garrett	Goldfinch
Jackson	Kennedy	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Young		

Total--19

NAYS

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Chaplin	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez

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Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Johnson	Kimbrell	Rankin
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Zell	

Total--23

Having failed to receive the necessary vote, the amendment was not adopted.

Amendment No. 66

Senators KIMBRELL and SUTTON proposed the following amendment (AM MARTIME ACTION PLAN), which was adopted (#44):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 445, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/ (SLED: Maritime Action Plan) From the funds appropriated to or authorized for the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the Division shall coordinate with the United States Department of Homeland Security to implement the security-related portions of America's Maritime Action Plan, with a particular focus on enhancing the security and resilience of South Carolina's ports, critical maritime infrastructure, and related supply chains. SLED shall prioritize collaboration on port security, critical infrastructure protection, intelligence sharing through the South Carolina Fusion Center, and any other applicable elements of the Plan's national security, economic security, and industrial resilience components. SLED shall provide a report on its coordination efforts, including any identified resource needs or federal funding opportunities, to the Governor, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee no later than January 15 of the current fiscal year. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator KIMBRELL explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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Amendment No. 56B

Senator DAVIS proposed the following amendment (SM SCOUT MOTORSV2), which was adopted (#45):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, pages 581-582, line, by amending the proviso to read:

/ (GP: Scout Motor Site Cost Review) (A) With the funds appropriated in this act, the Legislative Audit Council (LAC) shall review cost overruns associated with the Scout Motors manufacturing site in Blythewood, Richland County, for which the Department of Commerce has requested a \$150 million general fund appropriation, and utilizing these funds shall be authorized to retain third-party professionals, defined in item (G), to the extent it deems necessary to assist in the review.

(B) The review shall address: (1) the accuracy of the \$150 million figure and the risk of further cost growth; (2) whether the acquisition and development costs associated with the Scout Motors Site in Blythewood were greater than they would have been had the Department of Commerce selected a tract that is flatter and more open and whether such a tract was available; (3) the adequacy of the Department of Commerce's original environmental due diligence and consultant qualifications; (4) when the Department of Commerce or its agents received notice that the original mitigation package was inadequate, and what action was taken; (5) the prudence of commencing upland construction before the federal wetlands permit issued, including the decision to retain rather than demobilize heavy equipment during the five-month permit suspension; (6) the itemized basis for the road overruns, distinguishing scheduling disruption from estimation error; (7) all phases of construction, subcontracts, Gantt charts, pay applications, change orders and payments; (8) whether the incentive contract or any professional liability remedy provides a basis to recover overrun costs from responsible parties; and (9) what systemic reforms to the Department of Commerce's project management, environmental due diligence, and legislative reporting practices are needed to prevent recurrence.

(C) The LAC shall also determine: (1) a complete payment schedule identifying each payee, the legal basis, amount, and deadline for each obligation; (2) the amount owed to South Carolina Department of Transportation and whether that interagency obligation warrants the same urgency as payments to private parties; (3) the amount attributable to future environmental remediation, its projected payment schedule, and whether a phased appropriation would satisfy all contractual

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obligations; (4) whether any portion of the \$150 million reflects contingent or unincurred costs; and (5) whether any obligations are in default or at imminent risk of default and the amount required to cure or prevent that default.

(D) All state agencies shall cooperate fully and produce requested records within fifteen days. The LAC shall have access to all contracts, invoices, correspondence, consultant reports, and permitting and communications records related to the project.

(E) Where evidence of potential legal liability is found, the LAC shall make appropriate referrals to the Office of the Inspector General and notify the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means within ten days.

(F) A joint written report shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairmen of Senate Finance and House Ways and Means, the Governor, and the Attorney General within 120 days of the effective date of this act. No funds shall be expended to satisfy the \$150 million request until the report has been delivered and the General Assembly has enacted specific authorizing legislation approving the expenditure of such funds outside of the annual Appropriations Act.

(G) Any third-party professionals selected to assist in the review shall have expertise in large commercial development projects including site acquisition, environmental permitting, construction management, and cost-estimation to the extent the LAC determines such assistance is necessary or advisable to conduct the review and make the determination required under the provision. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Amendment No. 78

Senator BLACKMON proposed the following amendment (5126R018.CM.AB.DOCX), which was adopted (#46):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 428, after line 24, by adding an appropriately numbered new proviso to read:

/(DES: Commercial Data Center Water Use Reporting) (A) With funds appropriated in the current fiscal year to the Department of

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Environmental Services for Water Management, the department shall require a commercial data center that consumes three million or more gallons of water per month to report to the department, by January thirty-first, the source and monthly volume of surface water, groundwater, or other water utilized during the prior calendar year and the anticipated volume of water to be utilized during the current fiscal year.

(B) The department shall make these reports publicly available and may audit the reports and any supporting data; provided, however, the department gives at least thirty days' notice prior to commencing an audit. The department may assess a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars for each day after January thirty-first that a required report is not filed and may assess a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars for any inaccurate, misleading, or false information contained in a report.

(C) For purposes of the proviso, "data center" means a facility, campus of facilities, or array of electronically interconnected facilities under a single electric supply agreement in this State used by an entity or other business enterprise to operate, manage, or maintain a computer, group of computers, or other organized assembly of hardware and software for the primary purpose of storing, retrieving, or transmitting data that has a peak demand of fifty megawatts or greater, and that executes an electric service agreement with an electric service provider after December 31, 2026. For purposes of calculating peak demand under this definition, peak demand shall be determined according to the agreement between the energy user and the electric service provider, and the possibility or occurrence of energy usage which temporarily exceeds fifty megawatts shall not cause a data center to fall under this definition where contractual peak demand is less than fifty megawatts. The term "data center" does not include any computing or data infrastructure that is incidental or ancillary to the primary business operations of any facility whose primary services are not data storage, management, processing, or transmission, any facility owned or operated by a telecommunications company as defined in S.C. Code Section 58-9-2200, or any facility that primarily support telecommunications service or network operations. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend sections, totals and title to conform.

Senator BLACKMON explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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There being no further amendments, in accordance with Rule 16, the Senate proceeded to vote on each section of the Bill.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 1, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Education.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright

Total--1

Section 1, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 1A, Part 1B, Department of Education-EIA.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright

Total--1

Section 1A, Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 2, Part 1A, Office of First Steps

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

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Ayes 41; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Fernandez	Leber
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Bright

Total--1

Section 2, Part 1A was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 3, Part 1A and Part 1B, Lottery Expenditure Account.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

Alexander	Allen	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash

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Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Adams	Bright	Kimbrell
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Total--3

Section 3, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 4, Part 1A, Education Oversight Committee.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 4

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin

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Walker Williams Young
Zell

Total--40

NAYS

Bright Fernandez Kimbrell
Martin

Total--4

Section 4, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 5, Part 1A and Part 1B, Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

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Total--1

Section 5, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 6, Part 1A and Part 1B, School for the Deaf and Blind.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 6, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 7, Part 1A and Part 1B, John de la Howe School.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 7, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 8, Part 1A and Part 1B, Education Television Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell

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Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright

Total--1

Section 8, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 9, Part 1A and Part 1B, Governor's School for Arts and Humanities.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 4

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kimbrell	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach

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Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--40

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kennedy
Leber		

Total--4

Section 9, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 10, Part 1A and Part 1B, Governor's School for Science and Mathematics.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 10, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 11, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Commission on Higher Education.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 11, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 12, Part 1A, Higher Education
Tuition Grants.**

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 12, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 13, Part 1A, The Citadel.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto

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Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 13, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 14, Part 1A and Part 1B, Clemson University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 1; Abstain 2

AYES

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

Total--41

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NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright

Kennedy

Total--2

Section 14, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 15, Part 1A, Charleston University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

Section 15, Part 1A, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 16, Part 1A, Coastal Carolina University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 16, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 17, Part 1A, Francis Marion University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 17, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 18, Part 1A, Lander University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

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Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

Section 18, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 19, Part 1A and Part 1B, S.C. State University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright

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Total--1

Section 19, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 20A-H, Part 1A and Part 1B,
University of South Carolina.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 1; Abstain 2

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Fernandez

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Bright Kennedy

Total--2

Section 20A-H, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 21, Part 1A, Winthrop University.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Stubbs

Total--1

Section 21, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 23, Part 1A and Part 1B, Medical University of South Carolina.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Martin
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Total--2

Section 23, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 24, Part 1A, Area Health Education Consortium.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch

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Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Kimbrell	Leber
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Total--3

Section 24, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 25, Part 1A and Part 1B, Technical and Comprehensive Education Board.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

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Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 25, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 26, Part 1A and Part 1B, Archives and History.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

Section 26, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 27, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Library.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 38; Nays 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	

Total--38

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Zell

Total--6

Section 27, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 28, Part 1A and Part 1B, Arts Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer

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Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Martin	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

NAYS

Bright	Corbin	Fernandez
Garrett	Kennedy	Leber
Massey		

Total--7

Section 28, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 29, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Museum Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder

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Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 29, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 30, Part 1A and Part 1B, Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Walker
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Total--3

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Section 30, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 31, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Public Health.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 3; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright	Leber	Martin
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Total--3

ABSTAIN

Davis

Total--1

Section 31, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 32, Part 1A and Part 1B, Vocational Rehabilitation.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 32, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 33, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Health and Human Services.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 31; Nays 10; Abstain 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Chaplin
Cromer	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto

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Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--31

NAYS

Bright	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Fernandez	Leber
Martin	Massey	Reichenbach
Rice		

Total--10

ABSTAIN

Campsen	Davis	Kennedy
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Total--3

Section 33, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 34, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin

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Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Davis

Total--1

Section 34, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 38, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Social Services.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 36; Nays 2; Abstain 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Jackson
Johnson	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--36

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NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

ABSTAIN

Allen

Elliott

Hutto

Kennedy

Tedder

Walker

Total--6

Section 38, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 39, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Commission for the Blind.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

Adams

Alexander

Allen

Bennett

Blackmon

Campsen

Cash

Chaplin

Climer

Corbin

Cromer

Davis

Devine

Elliott

Gambrell

Garrett

Goldfinch

Graham

Hembree

Hutto

Jackson

Johnson

Kennedy

Kimbrell

Leber

Martin

Massey

Matthews

Ott

Peeler

Rankin

Reichenbach

Rice

Sabb

Stubbs

Tedder

Turner

Verdin

Walker

Williams

Young

Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

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Section 39, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 40, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department on Aging.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 40, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 41, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Children's Advocacy.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 41, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 42, Part 1A and Part 1B, Housing Finance and Development.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 38; Nays 4; Abstain 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner

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Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--38

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kennedy
Leber		

Total--4

ABSTAIN

Davis	Devine
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Total--2

Section 42, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 43, Part 1A and Part 1B, Forestry Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 40; Nays 1; Abstain 3

AYES

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

Total--40

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NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Campsen

Hutto

Stubbs

Total--3

Section 43, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 44, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Agriculture.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 39; Nays 1; Abstain 4

AYES

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

Total--39

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

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Chaplin Hutto Ott
Stubbs

Total--4

Section 44, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 45, Part 1A and Part 1B, Clemson University - PSA.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 45, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 46, Part 1A, S. C. State University-PSA.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 46, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 47, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Natural Resources.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 1; Abstain 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen

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Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Kennedy Stubbs

Total--2

Section 47, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 48, Part 1A and Part 1B, Sea Grants Consortium.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson

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Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 48, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 49, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

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NAYS

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

Section 49, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 50, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Commerce.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 31; Nays 12; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--31

NAYS

Blackmon	Bright	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Fernandez
Kennedy	Leber	Martin
Massey	Reichenbach	Rice

Total--12

ABSTAIN

Davis

Total--1

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Section 50, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 51, Part 1A, Jobs-Economic Development Authority (JEDA).

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 39; Nays 4; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--39

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kennedy
Leber		

Total--4

ABSTAIN

Climer

Total--1

Section 51, Part 1A, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 52, Part 1A and Part 1B, Patriots Point Development Authority.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 40; Nays 3; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kennedy
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Total--3

ABSTAIN

Campsen

Total--1

Section 52, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 53, Part 1A and Part 1B, S.C. Conservation Bank.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 39; Nays 3; Abstain 2

AYES

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

Total--39

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Leber
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Total--3

ABSTAIN

Campsen	Stubbs
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Total--2

Section 53, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 54, Part 1A and Part 1B, Rural Infrastructure Authority.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Davis

Total--1

Section 54, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 55, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Environmental Services.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 2; Abstain 5

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Graham	Hembree	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell

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Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

NAYS

Bright	Leber
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Davis	Garrett	Goldfinch
Hutto	Stubbs	

Total--5

Section 55, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 57, Part 1A and Part 1B, Judicial Department.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 36; Nays 1; Abstain 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

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Total--36

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen
Hembree
Tedder

Campsen
Matthews

Devine
Stubbs

Total--7

Section 57, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 58, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Administrative Law Court.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 28; Nays 1; Abstain 15

AYES

Adams
Blackmon
Climer
Davis
Gambrell
Johnson
Martin
Peeler
Turner
Zell

Alexander
Cash
Corbin
Devine
Graham
Kimbrell
Massey
Reichenbach
Verdin

Bennett
Chaplin
Cromer
Fernandez
Jackson
Leber
Ott
Rice
Williams

Total--28

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

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ABSTAIN

Allen	Campsen	Elliott
Garrett	Goldfinch	Hembree
Hutto	Kennedy	Matthews
Rankin	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Walker	Young

Total--15

Section 58, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 59, Part 1A and Part 1B, Attorney General's Office.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 35; Nays 1; Abstain 8

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Blackmon
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Graham	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--35

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Bennett	Goldfinch
Hembree	Hutto	Sabb

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Stubbs

Tedder

Total--8

Section 59, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 60, Part 1A and Part 1B, Prosecution Coordination.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 1; Abstain 3

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen

Hembree

Sabb

Total--3

Section 60, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 61, Part 1A and Part 1B, Indigent Defense.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 36; Nays 1; Abstain 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--36

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Devine	Garrett
Hembree	Stubbs	Tedder
Walker		

Total--7

Section 61, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 62, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 39; Nays 1; Abstain 4

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--39

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Hutto	Matthews
Stubbs		

Total--4

Section 62, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 63, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Public Safety.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 35; Nays 1; Abstain 8

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
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Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Graham	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--35

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Goldfinch	Hutto
Matthews	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Walker	

Total--8

Section 63, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 64, Part 1A and Part 1B, Law Enforcement Training Council.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch

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Graham	Hembree	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Hutto

Total--1

Section 64, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 65, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Corrections.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 1; Abstain 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Turner	Verdin

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Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Hembree	Hutto
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder

Total--6

Section 65, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 66, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 34; Nays 1; Abstain 9

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Fernandez	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Jackson	Johnson
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Zell		

Total--34

NAYS

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Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Elliott	Garrett
Hembree	Hutto	Kennedy
Sabb	Walker	Young

Total--9

Section 66, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 67, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Juvenile Justice.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 36; Nays 2; Abstain 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Goldfinch
Graham	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--36

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

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Allen	Garrett	Hembree
Hutto	Tedder	Walker

Total--6

Section 67, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 70, Part 1A and Part 1B, Human Affairs Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 38; Nays 6

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--38

NAYS

Bright	Climer	Fernandez
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber

Total--6

Section 70, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 71, Part 1A and Part 1B, Community Advancement and Engagement Commission.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

NAYS

Bright	Climer	Corbin
Fernandez	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber		

Total--7

Section 71, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 72, Part 1A and Part 1B, Public Service Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 1; Abstain 2

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez

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Gambrell	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Garrett Rankin

Total--2

Section 72, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 73, Part 1A and Part 1B, Office of Regulatory Staff.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 0; Abstain 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler

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Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

ABSTAIN

Bright	Davis	Rankin
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Total--3

Section 73, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 74, Part 1A and Part 1B, Workers' Compensation Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 29; Nays 1; Abstain 14

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Goldfinch	Graham
Jackson	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Ott
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Zell	

Total--29

NAYS

Bright

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Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Davis	Devine
Garrett	Hembree	Hutto
Johnson	Kennedy	Matthews
Rankin	Sabb	Stubbs
Walker	Young	

Total--14

Section 74, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 75, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Accident Fund.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 29; Nays 2; Abstain 13

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Verdin
Williams	Zell	

Total--29

NAYS

Bright	Turner
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Allen	Davis	Garrett
Goldfinch	Johnson	Kennedy

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Matthews	Rankin	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Walker
Young		

Total--13

Section 75, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 78, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Insurance.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 38; Nays 2; Abstain 4

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--38

NAYS

Blackmon	Bright
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Climer	Hutto	Kennedy
Stubbs		

Total--4

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Section 78, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 79, Part 1A and Part 1B, Board of Financial Institutions.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Climer

Total--1

Section 79, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 80, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Consumer Affairs.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Massey
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Rankin

Total--1

Section 80, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 81, Part 1A and Part 1B, Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR).

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 35; Nays 2; Abstain 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
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Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Graham
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Zell	

Total--35

NAYS

Blackmon	Bright
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Davis	Devine	Goldfinch
Hutto	Kennedy	Sabb
Young		

Total--7

Section 81, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 82, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Motor Vehicles.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 35; Nays 1; Abstain 8

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Graham	Hembree	Hutto

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Jackson	Johnson	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Zell	

Total--35

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Davis	Elliott	Goldfinch
Kennedy	Matthews	Tedder
Walker	Young	

Total--8

Section 82, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 83, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW).

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 3; Abstain 4

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Elliott	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Hembree
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Martin	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin

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Walker Zell	Williams	Young
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Total--37

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Leber
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Total--3

ABSTAIN

Davis Sabb	Hutto	Matthews
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Total--4

Section 83, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 84, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Department of Transportation.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 41; Nays 1; Abstain 2

AYES

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

Total--41

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NAYS

Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Davis

Tedder

Total--2

Section 84, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 85, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Infrastructure Bank Board.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 4

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright
Leber

Fernandez

Johnson

Total--4

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Section 85, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 86, Part 1A and Part 1B, County Transportation Funds.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 86, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 87, Part 1A and Part 1B, Division of Aeronautics.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 3

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Kimbrell
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Total--3

Section 87, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 88, Part 1B, Ports Authority.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto

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Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 88, Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 91, A-E, Part 1A and Part 1B, Legislative Department.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 31; Nays 9; Abstain 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Blackmon	Campsen	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Goldfinch	Graham
Hutto	Jackson	Kimbrell
Martin	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Zell		

Total--31

NAYS

Bright	Cash	Fernandez
Johnson	Kennedy	Reichenbach

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Rice Turner Young

Total--9

ABSTAIN

Bennett Garrett Hembree

Total--3

Section 91A-E, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 92 A and C, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Governor's Office.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright Fernandez Leber

Total--3

Section 92A and C, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 92D, Part 1A and Part 1B, Office of Resilience.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 40; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--40

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Campsen

Total--1

Section 92D, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 93, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Administration.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 93, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 94, Part 1A and Part 1B, Office of Inspector General.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch

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Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 94, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 96, Part 1A and Part 1B, Secretary of State.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

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Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 96, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 97, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Comptroller General.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 97, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 98, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Treasurer.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 98, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 99, Part 1A and Part 1B, Retirement System Investment Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 99, Part 1A and 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 100, Part 1A and Part 1B, Adjutant General.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin

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Walker Williams Young
Zell

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 100, Part 1A and Part 1B, were adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 101, Part 1A and Part 1B, Veterans Affairs.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

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Section 101, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 102, Part 1A and Part 1B, Election Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 37; Nays 2; Abstain 5

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Campsen	Cash
Chaplin	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

Total--37

NAYS

Bright	Martin
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Allen	Hutto	Kennedy
Rankin	Sabb	

Total--5

Section 102, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 103, Part 1A and Part 1B, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 103, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 104, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen

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Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Massey
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Total--3

Section 104, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 105, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Auditor's Office.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Martin
Massey	Matthews	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Tedder	Turner	Verdin

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Walker Williams Young
Zell

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 105, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 106, Part 1A and Part 1B, Statewide Employee Benefits.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright Fernandez

Total--2

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Section 106, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 107, Part 1A, Capital and General Reserve Fund.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

Section 107, Part 1A, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 108, Part 1A and Part 1B, Public Employee Benefit Authority.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 35; Nays 9

AYES

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

Total--35

NAYS

Bright	Cash	Chaplin
Corbin	Fernandez	Garrett
Martin	Reichenbach	Rice

Total--9

Section 108, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 109, Part 1A and Part 1B, Department of Revenue.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 35; Nays 2; Abstain 7

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Gambrell	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Martin	Massey	Ott
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker

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Williams

Zell

Total--35

NAYS

Blackmon

Bright

Total--2

ABSTAIN

Allen

Davis

Garrett

Hutto

Matthews

Sabb

Young

Total--7

Section 109, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 110, Part 1A and Part 1B, State Ethics Commission.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 36; Nays 1; Abstain 7

AYES

Adams

Alexander

Bennett

Blackmon

Campsen

Cash

Chaplin

Climer

Corbin

Cromer

Devine

Elliott

Fernandez

Gambrell

Garrett

Goldfinch

Graham

Jackson

Johnson

Kennedy

Kimbrell

Leber

Martin

Massey

Matthews

Ott

Peeler

Reichenbach

Rice

Stubbs

Tedder

Turner

Verdin

Walker

Williams

Zell

Total--36

NAYS

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Bright

Total--1

ABSTAIN

Allen	Davis	Hembree
Hutto	Rankin	Sabb
Young		

Total--7

Section 110, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

**The Senate proceeded to Sect. 111, Part 1A and Part 1B,
Procurement Review Panel.**

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 1; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

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ABSTAIN

Sabb

Total--1

Section 111, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 112, Part 1A and Part 1B, Debt Service.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 43; Nays 1

AYES

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

Total--43

NAYS

Bright

Total--1

Section 112, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

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The Senate proceeded to Sect. 113, Part 1A and Part 1B, Aid to Subdivisions - State Treasurer.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:
Ayes 41; Nays 2; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez
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Total--2

ABSTAIN

Davis

Total--1

Section 113, Part 1A and Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 117, Part 1B, General Provisions.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

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

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Massey
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Total--3

Section 117, Part 1B, was adopted.

The Senate proceeded to Sect. 118, Part 1B, Statewide Revenue.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 41; Nays 3

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson

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Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

Total--41

NAYS

Bright	Fernandez	Massey
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Total--3

Section 118, Part 1B, was adopted.

The question then was third reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

Total--42

NAYS

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Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the third time, passed and ordered returned to the House of Representatives with amendments.

READ THE SECOND TIME

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

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Joint Resolution, the question being the second reading of the Joint Resolution.

Senator TURNER explained the Joint Resolution.

The question then was second reading of the Joint Resolution.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

Ayes 42; Nays 2

AYES

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

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Total--42

Bright

Fernandez

Total--2

The Joint Resolution was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

H. 5127 -- Ordered to a Third Reading

On motion of Senator PEELER, H. 5127 was ordered to receive a third reading on Friday, April 24, 2026.

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

COMMITTED

H. 5546 -- Reprs. Martin, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope, Sessions and Terrible: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE YORK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED BY FLINT HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON MARCH 5 AND 6, 2026, DUE TO A CHEMICAL LEAK ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE SCHOOL BE MADE UP, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

On motion of Senator JOHNSON, the Joint Resolution was committed to the Committee on Education.

Motion Adopted

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

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator DEVINE, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Gracie Scott of Columbia, S.C. Mrs. Scott was the mother of our beloved former Senator John L. Scott, Jr. Mrs. Scott left a legacy of love, kindness and service behind and will be dearly missed.

and

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MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator STUBBS, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Charlton Hardin Blanks of Chester, S.C. Charlton graduated from Chester High School and the University of South Carolina. He began his military career in the U.S. Marine Corps and attended Officer Candidate School at Quantico Marine Corps Base in Virginia. Charlton was assigned to Camp Pendleton as an Infantry Officer with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and also attended Intelligence Officer School. After several deployments, he was assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. where he specialized in intelligence. Charlton received many medals and honors including Humanitarian Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Commendation Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal to mention just a few. After his retirement from the military, he taught science and physics at Chester High School. Charlton was an involved and beloved member of his community. He was very active at First Baptist Church where he was a deacon, assistant treasurer, Sunday School teacher and Senior Club member. He was a member of the Commander VFW Post 5930, Senior Vice Commander DAV Chapter 19, Commander American Legion Post 27, worked with SC Senior Olympics, the Civitan Club and was a longtime planner and master of ceremonies for the Chester County Veteran's Day events to mention a few. Charlton was a loving father and devoted grandfather who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 P.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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