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TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

Tuesday, April 28, 2026
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, 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:

In the book of Jeremiah we find this unsettling and mournful statement:

Jeremiah 8:18

“My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.”

Friends, bow with me, please: Most Holy Lord, there are indeed moments when we perhaps find ourselves joining in with the speaker quoted here in Jeremiah and asking, “What more can possibly be added to our current state of alarm and unsettledness? All that is continuing to unfold in the Middle East? And now another attempted attack on many of our nation’s leading figures?” But, we all know that talk itself is simply never enough. What now must follow instead is steady, loving leadership, O Holy God. So today we implore You to instill in each of these Senators and aides serving here a determination to help lead the way to a new day for everyone, a day celebrating a united people, a period of hope renewed, a time of cooperation at every level. May it be so, dear Lord. In Your loving name, may it be so. 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	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Elliott	Fernandez
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy

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Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

Recorded Presence

Senator CORBIN recorded his presence subsequent to the Call of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

Statewide Appointments

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with the term to commence March 15, 2023, and to expire March 15, 2029

7th Congressional District:

Eric Lewis, 129 Point Break Drive, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 *VICE*
Kimberly H. Frederick

Referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

Reappointment, South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees, with the term to commence August 1, 2023, and to expire August 1, 2026

SC Education Oversight Committee:

Jonathan Butcher, 105 Bridgeton Drive, Greenville, SC 29615

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Reappointment, South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees, with the term to commence August 1, 2026, and to expire August 1, 2029

SC Education Oversight Committee:

Jonathan Butcher, 105 Bridgeton Drive, Greenville, SC 29615

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Referred to the Committee on Education.

Local Appointments

Reappointment, Charleston Naval Facilities Redevelopment Authority, with the term to commence April 24, 2025, and to expire April 24, 2029

Charleston County:

David Alan Coker, 1023 Bethany Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

Reappointment, Clarendon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Clarendon County:

Hon. Phillip S. Stephens, 4133 Bloomville Road, Manning, SC 29102

Reappointment, Greenville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Greenville County:

Hon. Maurice McNab, 300 Goldenrain Way, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Reappointment, Greenville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Greenville County:

Hon. Seldon T. Peden, 100 Georgianna Lane, Greenville, SC 29605

Reappointment, Berkeley County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence November 7, 2026, and to expire November 7, 2032

Berkeley County:

Hon. J. Camden West, P.O. Box 609, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator GAMBRELL, at 2:57 P.M., Senator GOLDFINCH was granted a leave of absence until 4:00 P.M.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator ADAMS, at 2:57 P.M., Senator KIMBRELL was granted a leave of absence for today.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator STUBBS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Expression of Personal Interest

Senator CROMER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator DAVIS, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator CROMER, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator WALKER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

Remarks to be Printed

On motion of Senator MATTHEWS, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator WALKER, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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

- S. 270 Sens. Walker, Garrett and Zell
- S. 427 Sen. Zell
- S. 436 Sens. Fernandez and Leber
- S. 607 Sen. Ott
- S. 788 Sen. Leber
- S. 872 Sens. Garrett and Zell
- S. 904 Sens. Stubbs, Graham and Garrett
- S. 933 Sen. Walker
- S. 1005 Sen. Garrett

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

The following co-sponsor was removed from the respective Bill:

- S. 1130 Sen. Adams

RECALLED

S. 936 -- Senators Davis, Young, Garrett, Stubbs, Martin, Johnson, Hembree, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Bennett, Blackmon, Climer, Grooms, Campsen, Cromer, Turner, Sutton, Kennedy, Walker, Tedder, Williams, Rankin, Hutto, Cash and Graham: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SECURING SOUTH CAROLINA'S ROLE AS THE NATION'S PREMIER HOST FOR A NUCLEAR LIFECYCLE INNOVATION CAMPUS; TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH

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CAROLINA'S UNMATCHED LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING; AND TO DIRECT A UNIFIED, COMPETITIVE STATE RESPONSE TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Joint Resolution from the Committee on Judiciary.

The Joint Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

RECALLED

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

Senator HEMBREE asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Joint Resolution from the Committee on Education.

The Joint Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Education and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

RECALLED

S. 1133 -- Senator Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 78 FROM THE BAMBERG COUNTY LINE TO THE AIKEN COUNTY LINE THE "LONNIE HOSEY PURPLE HEART HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

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OBJECTION

H. 3034 -- Reps. Collins, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Yow, M.M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B.L. Cox, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, Moss, Lawson, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, Forrest, Gilliam, Willis, Erickson, Schuessler, Vaughan, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Robbins, T. Moore, Brewer, Guffey, Martin, J.L. Johnson, Haddon, Wickensimer, Brittain, Kilmartin, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Bowers, Landing, White, W. Newton, J.E. Johnson and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “FARGO’S, HYCO’S, RICO’S, COBA’S, WICK’S, AND MIKKA’S LAW” BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator MATTHEWS objected.

RECALLED

H. 5519 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, G.M. Smith and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY CHURCH ROAD BETWEEN STEPHEN CAMPBELL ROAD AND LARRY JEFFERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ELGIN IN KERSHAW COUNTY “JEANNIE ROSE POTTER ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

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S. 1146 -- Senator Ott: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JAMES DENNY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1147 -- Senator Garrett: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MT. ARIEL CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE GREENWOOD COUNTY COALITION AMERICA 250 FOR THEIR JOINT LABORS IN ERECTING A HISTORICAL MONUMENT HONORING THE TOWN OF HODGES.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1148 -- Senator Campsen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RUDY SOCHA FOR HIS WORK WITH WOUNDED NATURE-WORKING VETERANS AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR YEARS OF SERVICE PROTECTING THE COASTAL HABITATS OF THE STATE.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1149 -- Senator Davis: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MAY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE WRESTLING AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1150 -- Senator Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-680, RELATING TO SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS PERMITS TO PURCHASE NONFERROUS METALS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE TO INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE DETERMINATIONS OF

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WHETHER A SECONDARY METALS RECYCLER HAS A PREVIOUS CONVICTION, TO PROVIDE FURTHER POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS WHEN A SECONDARY METALS RECYCLER HAS CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE OF STOLEN NONFERROUS METALS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE ADDED OFFENSES.

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

S. 1151 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-500 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LAKE CONESTEE DAM AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-510 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE AUTHORITY.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 1152 -- Senator Cromer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY DANCE TEAM, COACHES, PROGRAM, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING 2025-2026 SEASON AND TO HONOR THEIR CONTINUED LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1153 -- Senator Allen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HORACE MAXIE BURTON FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL MUSICAL CAREER SPANNING SIXTY-FIVE YEARS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

H. 3047 -- Reps. Moss, Haddon and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY RELEASING, ORGANIZING THE RELEASE OF, OR INTENTIONALLY CAUSING THE RELEASE OF BALLOONS INFLATED WITH GAS THAT IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION

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16-11-700, RELATING TO THE DUMPING OF LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, EXCEPTIONS, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE BALLOONS IN THE LITTER STATUTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-710, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CASH BOND IN LIEU OF AN IMMEDIATE COURT APPEARANCE IN LITTER CONTROL PROSECUTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A VIOLATION OF THE BALLOON STATUTE WHEN A CASH BOND IS ALLOWED.

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

H. 4270 -- Reps. Schuessler, B. J. Cox, McGinnis, Yow, Jones, Vaughan, Kirby, Dillard, Wetmore, Bauer, Collins, Wickensimer, Brewer, Gilliard, Bernstein, Bannister, Willis, J. L. Johnson, Guest, King, Chapman, Herbkersman, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Martin, Calhoon, Lowe, C. Mitchell, Oremus, Atkinson, Sessions, Haddon, Waters, Rivers, Scott and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 60-2-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS.

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Read the first time and, on motion of Senator RANKIN, with unanimous consent, H. 4270 was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4476 -- Reps. Rutherford, Bamberg, J. Moore, Herbkersman and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 39 ENTITLED "SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION" SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA-BAHAMAS TRADE COMMISSION AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP AND PURPOSE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

H. 4477 -- Reps. Landing, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Williams, Luck, King, Gilliard, Waters, Henderson-Myers, Collins, Schuessler, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Govan and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HEIRS' PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT" BY AMENDING

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SECTION 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DETERMINING WHEN AN ASSESSIBLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST OCCURS, SO AS TO EXCLUDE TRANSFERS MADE AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS TO CLEAR THE TITLE OF HEIRS' PROPERTY.

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

H. 4576 -- Reps. Bannister and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-20-10, RELATING TO STATE OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS IN THE DEFINITION OF "EMPLOYER."

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

H. 4589 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-470, RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS.

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

H. 5018 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-1210, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARIES OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-160, RELATING TO THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND SALARY INCREASES FOR AGENCY HEADS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALARIES OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MUST BE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE A STUDY EVERY FOUR YEARS TO RECOMMEND SALARY RANGES FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-165, RELATING TO THE AGENCY

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HEAD SALARY COMMISSION AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

H. 5093 -- Reps. Caskey, Bannister, Long, Lawson, C. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-90, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE AMOUNTS PAID BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK.

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

H. 5201 -- Reps. Pedalino, Teeple, Erickson and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFE SCHOOLS ACT OF 2026" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 59, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE, TO REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP MULTHAZARD EMERGENCY OPERATION PLANS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFIED SCHOOL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS AND REQUIRED LIVE DRILLS, AND TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BY SLED, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

H. 5208 -- Reps. B. Newton and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN UNPREPARED FOODS, THAT MAY BE PURCHASED WITH FOOD COUPONS WHICH ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXES, ARE NOT LIMITED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

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

H. 5506 -- Reps. Jordan, Williams, Atkinson, Kirby and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-11-620, RELATING TO THE CREATION

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OF THE PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, ITS MEMBERS, THEIR TERMS, AUTHORITY, VACANCIES, AND COMPENSATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MEMBERS OF THE PEE DEE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS.

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

H. 5533 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DIVISION I CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

H. 5537 -- Rep. Hayes: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY, OR THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN

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DILLON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO THE CITY OF DILLON.

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

INVITATIONS ACCEPTED

The PRESIDENT ordered the following invitations placed on the Calendar:

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Members, Dinner, The Palmetto Club, hosted by **SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION "MEDAL OF VALOR DINNER"**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members, Breakfast, 112 Blatt Building, hosted by **SC GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE - JOHN dE IA HOWE**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members, Luncheon, State House Grounds, hosted by **SC ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL ON AGING DIRECTORS**

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 – 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Members, Staff, and Families, Reception, Riverbanks Zoo, 500 Wildlife Parkway, hosted by **RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDENS "LEGISLATIVE FAMILY NIGHT"**

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members, Breakfast, 112 Blatt Building, hosted by **SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members and Staff, Breakfast, 112 Blatt Building, hosted by **SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Members and Staff, Breakfast, 112 Blatt Building, hosted by **SOUTH CAROLINA ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Thursday, May 14, 2026 – 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Members, Lunch, 112 Blatt Building, hosted by **SOUTH CAROLINA CABLE AND BROADBAND ASSOCIATION**

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator CLIMER from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

S. 867 -- Senators Davis, Kimbrell, Garrett, Sutton, Walker, Blackmon, Turner, Zell, Kennedy and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-10 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-20 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, TO ESTABLISH THE DATA CENTER INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S POWERS AND DUTIES; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE A SITING PERMIT BEFORE A DATA CENTER MAY LOCATE A FACILITY AT A PARTICULAR LOCATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMELINE FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PERFORMANCE-BASED OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY STANDARDS, WATER EFFICIENCY STANDARDS, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE ADEQUACY ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR REASONABLE BUFFER REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S ROLE CONCERNING RATES, AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UTILITIES AND DATA CENTERS, AND COST ALLOCATION METHODOLOGIES; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DECOMMISSIONING PLANS AND FINANCIAL ASSURANCES ASSOCIATED WITH DECOMMISSIONING; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND USE PLANNING; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE DATA CENTERS TO IMPLEMENT REASONABLE MEASURES TO MINIMIZE NOISE, VIBRATION, AND LIGHT

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IMPACTS RESULTING FROM THEIR OPERATION; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SHARED WITH THE OFFICE BY DATA CENTER OPERATORS; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-110 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE INTERACTION BETWEEN THIS CHAPTER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS; BY ADDING SECTION 49-35-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ARE PROSPECTIVE; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR TWO YEARS AFTER ENACTMENT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SHALL PRIORITIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE OVER ENFORCEMENT TO FACILITATE INDUSTRY TRANSITION TO THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CLIMER from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

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

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CLIMER from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5069 -- Reps. T. Moore, Bradley, Wooten, Brittain, Bernstein, Holman, Ford, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, B. Newton, Rivers, Anderson, Kirby, McDaniel, Caskey, Erickson, Reese, Chapman, Govan, Yow, Bustos, Martin, Sessions, Gatch, M.M. Smith, D. Mitchell, Guest, Neese, Pedalino, Bauer, W. Newton, Gilreath, Gilliam, Luck, Pope, Ligon, Cox, J.L. Johnson, Guffey, Bowers, Jordan, Collins, Duncan, Teeple, Lawson, Sanders, Montgomery, Ballentine, Brewer, Gagnon, Haddon, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Jones, Lowe, Robbins, Cromer, Oremus, Davis, Gilliard, Gibson, McCravy and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

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CHAPTER 61 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE “SOUTH CAROLINA PROTECTED LANDS AND CONSERVATION COORDINATION ACT”; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO RECOGNIZE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS AN IMPORTANT STATE INTEREST; TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PROTECTED LAND BENCHMARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATION OF LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS AND ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation polled out H. 5506 favorable:

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

**Poll of the Transportation Committee
Polled 17; Ayes 17; Nays 0**

AYES

Grooms	Rankin	Verdin
Campsen	Peeler	Bennett
Hembree	Matthews	Climer
Rice	Adams	Reichenbach
Devine	Blackmon	Chaplin
Sutton	Walker	

Total--17

NAYS

Total--0

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Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Message from the House

Columbia, S.C., April 23, 2026

Mr. President and Senators:

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

H. 3650 -- Reprs. G.M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest, Caskey, Forrest, B. Newton, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

Message from the House

Columbia, S.C., April 23, 2026

Mr. President and Senators:

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

H. 3974 -- Reprs. Calhoon, Bernstein, Erickson, Schuessler, Bauer, Guffey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE EVALUATORS TO EVALUATE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, OR THERAPEUTIC NEEDS, TO AUTHORIZE PRIVATE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE RELATED SERVICES AT SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO

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SPECIFY THESE EVALUATIONS AND SERVICES ONLY MAY OCCUR UPON REQUEST OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE STUDENT, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY NOT PROHIBIT SUCH EVALUATIONS OR SERVICES IN SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A RELATED MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MODEL POLICY, TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT RELATED POLICIES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

Message from the House

Columbia, S.C., April 28, 2026

Mr. President and Senators:

The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the appointment:

MASTER-IN-EQUITY

Reappointment, Berkeley County Master-in-Equity, with term to commence November 7, 2026, and to expire November 7, 2032

Hon. J. Camden West, P.O. Box 609, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

HOUSE CONCURRENCE

S. 1144 -- Senator Elliott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDRED TENTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE SYNAGOGUE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE GREENVILLE COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

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

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CARRIED OVER

S. 222 -- Senators Ott and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE” AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THEM ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “OFF-ROAD USE ONLY”; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE” TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

On motion of Senator CORBIN, the Bill was carried over.

OBJECTION

S. 822 -- Senators Corbin, Garrett, Young, Turner and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-7-80 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO REAL ESTATE FRAUD AND CREATE THE FELONY OF DEED THEFT.

Senator SUTTON objected to consideration of the Bill.

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

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

S. 903 -- Senators Young, Grooms, Johnson, Zell, Stubbs and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, RECORDING REQUIREMENTS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND AMENDMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBJECT TO SECTION 30-5-30.

CONTINUED

S. 76 -- Senators Hembree, Grooms, Young, Goldfinch, Sabb, Alexander, Kennedy, Cromer, Zell, Williams, Garrett and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-230, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO

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AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-240, RELATING TO USE OF OR THREAT OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE BY CRIMINAL GANG MEMBERS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH UNLAWFUL CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADMISSIBILITY OF CRIMINAL GANG AND CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY EVIDENCE DURING A TRIAL OR PROCEEDING; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-8-250, RELATING TO PREVENTING WITNESSES OR VICTIMS FROM TESTIFYING AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MECHANISM TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE OF REAL PROPERTY USED BY A CRIMINAL GANG; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADMISSIBILITY IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING OF THE ACCUSED'S COMMISSION OF CRIMINAL GANG ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS FOR THE ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-530 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO ENGAGE IN RACKETEERING ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-540 SO AS TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR ENGAGING IN RACKETEERING ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-550 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY ENJOIN VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTI-RACKETEERING ACT BY ISSUING APPROPRIATE ORDERS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-560 SO AS TO ESTABLISH JURISDICTION FOR RACKETEERING ACTIVITY; BY ADDING SECTION 16-8-570 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF INFORMANTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-1630, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF JURIES, NOTIFICATION TO IMPANEL JURIES, POWERS AND DUTIES OF IMPANELING AND PRESIDING JUDGES, THE TRANSFER OF INCOMPLETE INVESTIGATIONS, EFFECTIVE DATES AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ORDERS OF JUDGE, AND APPEALS, SO AS TO ADD THE CRIME OF RACKETEERING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE GRAND JURY.

On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Bill was continued.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

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S. 270 -- Senators Alexander, Hembree, Adams, Goldfinch, Walker, Garrett and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-29, RELATING TO ATTEMPTED MURDER, SO AS TO DEFINE ATTEMPTED MURDER AS COMMITTING AN UNLAWFUL ACT OF A VIOLENT NATURE THAT CAUSES INJURY TO ANOTHER WITH MALICE.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-270.SW0004S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-3-29 and inserting:

Section 16-3-29. A person who, ~~with intent to kill, attempts to kill another person with malice aforethought, either expressed or implied, commits the offense of attempted murder.~~, with malice express or implied, commits an unlawful act of a violent nature that causes injury or is likely to cause injury to another person ~~with malice, expressed or implied~~, is guilty of the crime of attempted murder. An “unlawful act of a violent nature” is any act directed towards another person that, if completed, would have been likely to cause death or great bodily injury. Where injury is caused to a person other than the target of the act, malice toward the target person may be transferred to the actual victim. A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony; and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than thirty years for each violation of this section. A sentence imposed pursuant to this section may not be suspended nor may probation be granted.

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

SECTION X. Section 16-3-600(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)(1) A person commits the offense of assault and battery in the first degree if the person unlawfully:

(a) injures another person, and the act:

(i) involves nonconsensual touching of the private parts of a person, either under or above clothing, with lewd and lascivious intent; or

(ii) occurred during the commission of a robbery, burglary, kidnapping, or theft; or

(b) offers or attempts to injure another person with the present ability to do so, and the act:

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~~(i) is accomplished by means likely to produce death or great bodily injury; or~~

~~(ii) occurred during the commission of a robbery, burglary, kidnapping, or theft.~~

(2) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than ten years.

(3) Assault and battery in the first degree is a lesser-included offense of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, as defined in subsection (B)(1), and attempted murder, as defined in Section 16-3-29.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senators ALEXANDER, HEMBREE, and HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SR-270.KM0006S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-3-29 and inserting:

Section 16-3-29. (A) A person who, with intent to kill, attempts to kill another person with malice aforethought, either expressed or implied, commits the offense of attempted murder. commits an unlawful act of a violent nature that causes injury to another person with malice, expressed or implied, is guilty of the crime of attempted murder. A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony, and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than thirty years for each violation of this section. A sentence imposed pursuant to this section may not be suspended nor may probation be granted. A person who, unlawfully with intent to kill, attempts to kill another person commits the crime of attempted murder in the first degree. A person who is convicted of attempted murder in the first degree is guilty of a felony and must be imprisoned for not less than five years nor more than thirty years.

(B) A person commits attempted murder in the second degree if the person, while unlawfully and intentionally discharges a firearm or unlawfully and intentionally uses a deadly weapon against a group, crowd, occupied vehicle, building, or other location where one or more persons are reasonably expected to be present, engages in conduct that demonstrates a reckless disregard for human life and that is reasonably likely to cause death or great bodily injury to any person present. A person who is convicted of attempted murder in the second degree is

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guilty of a felony and must be imprisoned for not less than three years nor more than twenty years.

(C) The provisions of this act are intended to occupy the field addressed herein. To the extent that any rule, doctrine, or principle of the common law conflicts with the provisions of this act, the common law is hereby abrogated and superseded.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Senator HEMBREE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

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There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

AMENDED, CARRIED OVER

S. 427 -- Senators Adams, Climer, Reichenbach, Garrett, Fernandez and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senators RANKIN and ADAMS proposed the following amendment (SJ-427.MB0001S), which was carried over:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 47-3-620(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) It is unlawful for a person to wilfully or maliciously shoot into a vehicle or trailer while a police dog or horse is inside, shoot and hit a police dog or horse while running in pursuit, torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or kill a dog or horse used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or when a dog is placed in a kennel off duty or a horse is placed in a stable off duty. However, a police officer or veterinarian may perform euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would cause the dog or horse undue suffering and pain.

(B) A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars, and imprisoned for not less than two years nor more than ten years. In addition to any other penalty provided in this section, the court shall order a person convicted of a violation of this section to pay restitution to the law enforcement department or agency in an amount that would cover the full cost of restoring or replacing the animal that was injured or killed, including all related purchase, training, and veterinary expenses incurred as a result of the incident; ~~and the court also may sentence the person to one year of animal-related community service.~~

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Senators RANKIN, ADAMS and ZELL proposed the following amendment (SJ-427.MB0006S), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as “Fargo’s, Hyco’s, Rico’s, Coba’s, Wick’s, Mikka’s, and Bumi’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Article 11, Chapter 3, Title 47 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 11

Teasing, Maltreating, and Injuring Police Dogs or Horses Prohibited

Section 47-3-610. (A) It is unlawful for a person to wilfully and maliciously taunt, torment, tease, beat, strike, or administer or subject a desensitizing drug, chemical, or substance to a dog or horse used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency or when a dog is placed in a kennel off duty or a horse is placed in a stable off duty, or to interfere or meddle with a dog or horse used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or agency.

(B) A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Section 47-3-620. (A)(1) It is unlawful for a person to wilfully ~~or~~ and maliciously torture, mutilate, injure, disable, poison, or kill a dog or horse used by a law enforcement department or agency in the performance of the functions or duties of the department or when a dog is placed in a kennel off duty or a horse is placed in a stable off duty. However, a police officer or veterinarian may perform euthanasia in emergency situations when delay would cause the dog or horse undue suffering and pain.

(2) It is unlawful for a person to wilfully and maliciously shoot into a vehicle or trailer while a police dog or horse is inside or shoot and hit a police dog or horse while running in pursuit from a law enforcement department or agency.

(B) A person who violates a provision of subsection (A)(1) is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars, and imprisoned

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for not more than fifteen years. A person who violates a provision of subsection (A)(2) is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than twenty thousand dollars, and imprisoned for not more than ten years. In addition to any other penalty provided in this section, the court shall order a person convicted of a violation of this section to pay restitution to the law enforcement department or agency in an amount that would cover the full cost of restoring or replacing the animal that was injured or killed, including all related purchase, training, and veterinary expenses incurred as a result of the incident.

~~Section 47-3-630. A person who violates any of the provisions of this article, except for Section 47-3-620, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not less than thirty days nor more than six months, or both. A person who violates the provisions of Section 47-3-620 is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned not less than one year nor more than five years. Nothing in this article may be construed to deny a person the right to assert the legal defense of self-defense.~~

Section 47-3-640. A law enforcement officer, including an officer of the State Law Enforcement Division, who engages a police dog and the police dog bites a person, must maintain a report with a detailed account of the incident which must include the injured person's race, gender, and images of the bite, as well as the outcome of the case, all of which are subject to the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 30, the Freedom of Information Act.

SECTION 3. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

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Amend title to conform.

Senator RANKIN explained the amendment.

Senator ADAMS explained the amendment.

Senator CASH spoke on the amendment.

Point of Order

Senator ZELL raised a Point of Order that the Senator was not speaking to the amendment.

The PRESIDENT cautioned Senator CASH to keep his comments to the subject of the amendment.

Senator CASH continued speaking on the amendment.

Objection

Senator MARTIN asked unanimous consent, with Senator CASH retaining the floor on Amendment No. 2A, to carry this Bill over to the end of the Second Reading Calendar.

Senator SABB objected.

Senator CASH continued speaking on the amendment.

The question being adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SJ-427.MB0008S), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Section 42-7-90 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 42-7-90. From the State Accident Fund the following expenditures are authorized:

(1) for the payment of any award under this article made by the commission in connection with accidental injury or death of any official or employee of the State, any county or municipality therein, any political subdivision thereof or any agency or institution of the State or a county, municipality, or political subdivision thereof participating hereunder; or

(2) any other expenses authorized by law or approved by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

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(3) first responder line of duty death benefit.

(a) For the purposes of this item, the term “first responder” means:

- (i) an emergency medical technician as defined in Section 44-61-20(12);
- (ii) a law enforcement officer as defined in Section 23-23-10(E)(1);
- (iii) a corrections officer as described in Section 23-1-145 or Section 24-1-280;
- (iv) reserves as defined in Section 23-28-10(A);
- (v) constables appointed pursuant to Section 23-1-60;
- (vi) a fire department worker who serves on a paid or voluntary basis for a firefighting agency, fire department, or a volunteer fire department and who performs duties related to rescue, fire suppression, and public safety; or
- (vii) a coroner as defined in Section 17-5-5(3) or a deputy coroner as defined in Section 17-5-5(5) who directly engages in examining, treating, or directing persons during an emergency.

(b) Upon receipt by the State Accident Fund of the satisfactory proof of death of a first responder as defined in subitem (a) whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury by external accident or violence incurred while undergoing a hazard peculiar to the first responder's employment as a first responder while in the actual performance of his duty, provided that his death is not the result of the first responder's wilful negligence, suicide, or intentionally self-inflicted bodily injury, there must be paid from the State Accident Fund to the designated beneficiary a one-time, lump sum benefit payment of seventy-five thousand dollars.

(c) The amount of the benefit provided for in subitem (b) is increased to a total of one hundred fifty thousand dollars if the first responder is killed in the line of duty as defined above and the first responder's death is either:

- (i) the result of an unlawful and intentional act of another person;
- or
- (ii) the result of an accident that occurs:
 - (A) as a result of the first responder's response to fresh pursuit, defined as the pursuit of a person who has committed or is reasonably suspected of having committed a felony, misdemeanor, traffic infraction, or violation of a county or municipal ordinance;
 - (B) as a result of the first responder's response to what is reasonably believed to be an emergency;

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(C) at the scene of a traffic accident to which the first responder has responded; or

(D) while the first responder is enforcing what is reasonably believed to be a traffic law or ordinance.

(d) Payments made pursuant to this item must be paid to the beneficiary designated for this benefit by the first responder in writing and filed with the State Accident Fund in a manner prescribed by the agency during the first responder's lifetime. If no designation is made, then the payment must be paid to the first responder's surviving spouse. If there is no surviving spouse, the payment must be paid to the first responder's surviving children in equal portions. If there is no surviving spouse or child, the benefit is payable to the first responder's surviving parents in equal portions. If a beneficiary is not designated and there is no surviving child, spouse, or parent, then the sum must be paid to the first responder's estate. The payments required by this subsection are in addition to any other benefit set forth in this chapter or otherwise in law, including worker's compensation, but excluding first responder death benefit payments made to a member of a retirement system, and are exempt from the claims and demands of creditors of the first responder.

(e) Any benefits paid pursuant to this item are not subject to subrogation, assignment, set-off, or lien claimed pursuant to Section 42-1-560.

(f) Within thirty days after a written determination of the State Accident Fund regarding payment, a person or representative of the estate, as set out in subitem (d), may seek relief by requesting a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court in accordance with its rules. A hearing may be requested to contest any part of the decision made pursuant to this section.

(4) for the payment of an award for injury or death of a specific patrol canine or canine used by law enforcement for tracking or specific detection, as described in Section 23-23-140.

(a) Upon receipt by the State Accident Fund of the satisfactory proof of death of a specific patrol canine or canine used by law enforcement for tracking or specific detection, whose death was a natural or proximate result of an injury in the actual performance of the canine's duty, there must be paid from the State Accident Fund to the law enforcement agency responsible for the care and the training of a new canine a one-time, lump-sum benefit of fifteen thousand dollars.

(b) Upon receipt by the State Accident Fund of the satisfactory proof of injury of a specific patrol canine or canine used by law enforcement tracking or specific detection, whose injury or illness was a

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natural or proximate result of an injury in the actual performance of the canine's duty, there must be paid from the State Accident Fund to the law enforcement agency responsible for the care and treatment of the canine an amount to reimburse the agency for the costs of treatment and care for the canine.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 3259 -- Reprs. Pope, Gilliam, Lawson, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, M.M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B.L. Cox, Ligon and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-128 SO AS TO PROHIBIT INSURERS OR AGENTS FROM CONSIDERING THE WORK-RELATED DRIVING RECORD OF A FIRST RESPONDER IN DETERMINING THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE FIRST RESPONDER'S PERSONAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 3569 -- Reprs. M.M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 631 -- Senators Walker and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-535, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON PLACES OF

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RESIDENCE OF CERTAIN SEX OFFENDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A SEX OFFENDER TO RESIDE WITHIN ONE THOUSAND FEET OF A BUS STOP; AND TO PROVIDE THAT OWNERS OR RENTERS OF IMPACTED PROPERTY NOT BE REQUIRED TO RELOCATE IF THEY OWNED OR RENTED THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator DEVINE proposed the following amendment (SMIN-631.MW0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-3-535(C)(5), (5), and (6) and inserting:

(5) resides in a ~~homeless shelter for no more than one year, a group home for persons under the age of twenty-one licensed by the Department of Social Services, or a residential treatment facility for persons under the age of twenty-one licensed by the Department of Public Health, Health and Environmental Control, and the site was purchased by the organization prior to the effective date of this act;~~

(6)(5) resides in a community residential care facility, as defined in Section 44-7-130(6); or

(7) (6)—resides in a nursing home, as defined in Section 44-7-130(13).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator DEVINE explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator ADAMS proposed the following amendment (SJ-631.SW0003S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-3-535(C)(4) and inserting:

(4) resides in a jail, prison, detention facility, group home for persons under the age of twenty-one licensed by the Department of Social Services, residential treatment facility for persons under the age of twenty-one licensed by the ~~Department of Health and Environmental Control~~ ~~Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities~~ Department of Public Health, or other holding facility, including a mental health facility;

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Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator ADAMS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second 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	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Leber	Martin
Massey	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

Matthews	Sutton
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Total--2

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

OBJECTION

S. 343 -- Senators Corbin, Cash, Rice, Garrett, Kimbrell, Leber, Zell and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE

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OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-175 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN INFORMED CONSENT PROTOCOL THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED PRIOR TO A CERTAIN COVID-19 VACCINE BEING ADMINISTERED OR RECEIVED.

Objection

Senator CORBIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Bill a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

Senator MATTHEWS objected

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 371 -- Senators Jackson, Davis, Graham and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE MOBILE DRIVERS' LICENSES AND MOBILE SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-190, RELATING TO REQUIRING DRIVERS' LICENSES TO BE CARRIED AND EXHIBITED ON DEMAND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARRYING AND EXHIBITING OF MOBILE DRIVERS' LICENSES.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator JACKSON explained the amendment.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

Motion Adopted

Senator JACKSON asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Bill a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

There was no objection.

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

CARRIED OVER

H. 3453 -- Reps. Rose, Pope, Spann-Wilder and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

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AMENDING SECTION 59-111-20, RELATING TO FREE TUITION FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VETERAN'S CHILD QUALIFIES FOR FREE TUITION IF THAT CHILD HAS BEEN A RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA SINCE BIRTH.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 5064 -- Reps. Yow, Hayes, C. Mitchell, Luck and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-510, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE NORTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE REPRESENTATION FROM LOCAL INDUSTRY MAY INCLUDE CERTAIN EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 4730 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, Wooten, Ligon, Williams and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF SIGN AND BILLBOARD INSTALLATION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCLUDE BILLBOARD STRUCTURES.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 788 -- Senators Blackmon, Stubbs and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS RELATED TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THERAPY OR PSYCHOTHERAPY; TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTARY SUPPORT IN THERAPY OR PSYCHOTHERAPY WHERE THE CLIENT'S THERAPEUTIC SESSION IS RECORDED UNLESS THE PATIENT IS INFORMED THAT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WILL BE USED AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE AND THE PATIENT CONSENTS TO THIS USE; TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, OR

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ENTITY MAY NOT OFFER THERAPY OR PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES, INCLUDING THROUGH THE USE OF INTERNET-BASED ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, UNLESS THE THERAPY OR PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL; TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL MAY NOT ALLOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TO MAKE INDEPENDENT THERAPEUTIC DECISIONS; TO REQUIRE THAT ALL RECORDS KEPT BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following amendment (LC-788.WAB0001S), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 86

Artificial Intelligence and Therapy or Psychotherapy

Section 40-86-10. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) “Administrative support” means tasks performed to assist a licensed professional in the delivery of therapy or psychotherapy services that do not involve communication. “Administrative support” includes, but is not limited to:

- (a) managing appointment scheduling and reminders;
- (b) processing billing and insurance claims; and

(c) drafting general communications related to therapy logistics that do not include therapeutic devices.

(2) “Artificial intelligence” means any machine-based system or algorithm, including machine learning models, predictive analytics, and decision support systems, that analyze data and generate recommendations or predictions.

(3) “Licensed professional” means an individual who holds a valid license issued by this State to provide therapy or psychotherapy services, including:

- (a) a licensed clinical psychologist;
- (b) a licensed clinical social worker;
- (c) a licensed social worker;
- (d) a licensed psychiatrist;
- (e) a licensed professional counselor;

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(f) a licensed marriage and family therapist;

(g) addiction counselor; and

(h) any other professional authorized by this State to provide therapy or psychotherapy services.

(4) “Peer support” means services provided by individuals with lived experience of mental health conditions or recovery from substance use that are intended to offer encouragement.

(5) “Permitted use of artificial intelligence” means the use of artificial intelligence tools or systems by a licensed professional to assist in providing administrative support or supplementary support in therapy or psychotherapy services where the licensed professional maintains full responsibility for all interactions, outputs, and data use associated with the system and satisfies the requirements of Section 40-86-20.

(6) “Religious counseling” means counseling provided by clergy members, pastoral counselors, or other religious leaders acting within the scope of their religious duties if the services are explicitly faith-based and are not represented as clinical mental health services, therapy, or psychotherapy services.

(7) “Supplemental support” means tasks performed to assist a licensed professional in the delivery of therapy or psychotherapy services that do not involve therapeutic communication and that are not administrative support. “Supplemental support” includes but is not limited to:

(a) preparing and maintaining client records, including therapy notes;

(b) analyzing anonymized data to track client progress or identify trends, subject to review by a licensed professional; and

(c) identifying and organizing external resources or referrals for client use.

(8) “Therapeutic communication” means any verbal, non-verbal, or written interaction conducted in a clinical or professional setting that is intended to diagnose, treat, or address an individual’s mental, emotional, or behavioral health concerns. “Therapeutic communication” includes, but is not limited to:

(a) directing interactions with clients for the purpose of understanding or reflecting their thoughts, emotions, or experiences;

(b) providing guidance, therapeutic strategies, or interventions designed to achieve mental health outcomes;

(c) offering emotional support, reassurance, or empathy in response to psychological or emotional distress;

(d) collaborating with clients to develop or modify therapeutic goals or treatment plans; and

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(e) offering behavioral feedback intended to promote psychological growth or address mental health conditions.

(9) “Therapy or psychotherapy services” means services provided with the intention to diagnose or treat an individual’s mental health or behavioral health. “Therapy or psychotherapy services” does not include religious counseling or peer support.

Section 40-86-20. A licensed professional shall not be permitted to use artificial intelligence to assist in providing supplementary support in therapy or psychotherapy where the client’s therapeutic session is recorded or transcribed unless:

(1) the patient or the patient’s legally authorized representative is informed in writing:

(a) that artificial intelligence will be used; and

(b) of the specific purpose for which the artificial intelligence tool or system will be used; and

(2) the patient or the patient’s legally authorized representative provides written consent to the use of artificial intelligence.

Section 40-86-30. (A) An individual, corporation, or entity may not knowingly and intentionally provide, advertise, or otherwise offer therapy or psychotherapy services, including through the use of internet-based artificial intelligence, to the public in this State unless the therapy or psychotherapy services are conducted by a licensed professional.

(B) A licensed professional may use artificial intelligence only to the extent the use meets the requirements of Section 40-86-20. A licensed professional may not allow artificial intelligence to:

(1) make independent therapeutic decisions;

(2) directly interact with clients in any form of therapeutic communication;

(3) generate therapeutic recommendations or treatment plans without review and approval by the licensed professional; or

(4) detect emotions or mental states.

Section 40-86-40. All records kept by a licensed professional and all communications between an individual seeking therapy or psychotherapy services and a licensed professional shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed except as required pursuant to Section 44-22-100.

Section 40-86-50. The provisions contained in this chapter do not apply to:

(1) religious counseling;

(2) peer support; and

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(3) self-help materials and educational resources that are available to the public and do not purport to offer therapy or psychotherapy services.

Section 40-86-60. A civil penalty, in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars, shall be assessed by the appropriate licensing board for each violation of this chapter. The amount of the penalties assessed shall be based on the degree of harm and the circumstances of the violation. An individual, corporation, or entity found in violation of this chapter shall pay the civil penalty within sixty days of the imposed civil penalty.

(B) A licensed professional's licensing board shall have authority to investigate any actual, alleged, or suspected violation of this chapter.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 47, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-47-39. The use of artificial intelligence by a psychiatrist or other medical professionals licensed or authorized under Chapter 47, Title 40 is permissible only to the extent outlined in Chapter 86, Title 40.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 55, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-55-200. The use of artificial intelligence by a psychologist licensed or authorized under Chapter 55, Title 40 is permissible only to the extent outlined in Chapter 86, Title 40.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 63, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-63-310. The use of artificial intelligence by a social worker or other professionals licensed or authorized under Chapter 63, Title 40 is permissible only to the extent outlined in Chapter 86, Title 40.

SECTION X. Chapter 75, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

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Section 40-75-1210. The use of artificial intelligence by a professional licensed or authorized under Chapter 75, Title 40 is permissible only to the extent outlined in Chapter 86, Title 40.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

CARRIED OVER

H. 3872 -- Reps. B.J. Cox, Bauer and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HUNTING HERITAGE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 50-1-320 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NO NET LOSS OF DEPARTMENT-MANAGED LAND FOR HUNTING AND FISHING.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

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CARRIED OVER

S. 447 -- Senator Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEMS, TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY USE AN AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER SYSTEM, AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE WAYS IN WHICH INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH THE SYSTEM MAY BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 57-3-786 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PERMIT CERTAIN CAMERAS USED BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES ON NON-INTERSTATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

On motion of Senator ADAMS, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

S. 983 -- Senators Elliott, Ott, Devine, Zell, Sutton, Turner and Allen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVICTION FILINGS AND RECORDS THAT INCLUDE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF A DEFENDANT ARE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC INDEX AFTER FIVE YEARS IF NO SUBSEQUENT EVICTIONS OR EJECTMENTS HAVE OCCURRED.

On motion of Senator CORBIN, the Bill was carried over.

READ THE SECOND TIME

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

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator ELLIOTT explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

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Ayes 39; Nays 4; Abstain 1

AYES

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

Total--39

NAYS

Bright	Cash	Fernandez
Kennedy		

Total--4

ABSTAIN

Leber

Total--1

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

CARRIED OVER

H. 3020 -- Reps. Rutherford, C. Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Grant, Atkinson, King and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

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On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J.L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M.M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Waters, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 4720 -- Reps. Rose, McCravy, C. Mitchell, Yow, Reese and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 17-22-50 AND 17-22-60, BOTH RELATING TO PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON MAY PARTICIPATE IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM IF TWENTY YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE DATE OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM BY THE PERSON, RATHER THAN LIMITING ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION TO ONLY ONCE.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

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

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

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The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (SF-436.AA0004S), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Section 12-43-220(g) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(g) All real and personal property owned by or leased to companies primarily engaged in the transportation for hire of persons or property and used by such companies in the conduct of such business and required by law to be assessed by the department shall be taxed on an assessment equal to nine and one-half percent of the fair market value of such property. Notwithstanding this provision, until June 30, 2027, fee in lieu of tax agreements may include commercial aircraft as part of a qualifying project in support of economic development, subject to all other statutory requirements for fee in lieu of tax agreements, as approved by the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

The department shall apply an equalization factor to real and personal property owned by or leased to transportation companies for hire as mandated by federal legislation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, on June 3, 1975, if it is found that there is a variation between the ratios being used and those stated in this section, the county may provide for a gradual transition to the ratios as herein provided for over a period not to exceed seven years; provided, however, that all property within a particular classification shall be assessed at the same ratio, provided, further, however, that all property enumerated in subsection (a) shall be assessed at the ratio provided in such subsection and the property enumerated in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) shall be increased or decreased to the ratios set forth in this article by a change in the ratio of not less than one-half of one percent per year nor more than one percent per year. Provided, however, that notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a county may, at its discretion, immediately implement the assessment ratios contained in subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f). Provided, however, that livestock shall not be subject to ad valorem taxation unless such livestock is physically located within the State for a period in excess of nine months. Provided, that this section shall not apply to farm animals and farm equipment in use on a farm in those counties which do not tax such property as of June 3, 1975.

Provided, however, all agricultural or forest land within easements granted to public bodies, agencies, railroads, or utilities for rights of way of thirty feet in width or greater shall be assessed at the same cropland

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value per acre as soil class 7 in schedule 1 of R 117-126 of the State Department of Revenue. In order to receive such assessment the landowner must apply to the tax assessor of the county where the easement is located, with documentation of the existence, location, and amount of acreage contained in the easement.

As used in this section, fair market value with reference to real property means fair market value determined in the manner provided pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of this State, Section 12-37-930 and Article 25, Chapter 37 of this title.

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator VERDIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second 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	Fernandez
Gambrell	Garrett	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

Total--42

NAYS

44

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Bright

Stubbs

Total--2

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

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

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (LC-556.DG0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-6-3830(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) For taxable years beginning after 2025 and ending before Taxable Year ~~2032~~2030, there is allowed a credit against the income tax imposed pursuant to Section 12-6-530 or license fees imposed pursuant to Section 12-20-50, or both, for twenty-five percent of the costs incurred by a taxpayer for the purchase and installation of equipment used to produce renewable natural gas for commercial purposes. Costs incurred by a taxpayer and qualifying for the credit allowed by this section must be certified as having been incurred by the State Energy Office. The credit may be claimed in the year in which the equipment is placed in service and may be claimed for all expenditures incurred for the purchase and installation of the equipment, including related engineering, permitting, and other necessary services.

(C) A taxpayer may use up to twenty-five percent, or five million dollars, whichever is less, of credit for a single taxable year. The tax credit is nonrefundable, but unused credits earned prior to the end of ~~2028~~2030 may be carried forward for fifteen years from the year in which they were earned. The credit under this section may be transferred by the taxpayer to another person who is eligible to utilize the tax credit and who will then be subject to the same requirements within this section.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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Senator VERDIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

Motion Adopted

Senator MASSEY asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Bill a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 869 -- Senators Climer, Peeler, Blackmon, Johnson and Stubbs: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-780, RELATING TO PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AND FEES FOR VEHICLES OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO CREATE A PERMANENT LICENSE PLATE FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator CLIMER explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 872 -- Senators Goldfinch, Climer, Zell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN, THEN THE DRIVER'S LICENSE MUST CONTAIN A "NC" DESIGNATION INDICATING THAT THE LICENSEE IS A NON-US CITIZEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN, THEN THE IDENTIFICATION CARD MUST CONTAIN A "NC" DESIGNATION INDICATING THAT THE HOLDER OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD IS A NON-US CITIZEN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-710, RELATING TO PROOF OF THE RIGHT TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD WITH A "NC" DESIGNATION CANNOT BE USED TO VOTE.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

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The Committee on Transportation proposed the following amendment (SR-872.KM0002S), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-140(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Upon payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars for a license that is valid for eight years, the department shall issue to every qualified applicant a driver's license as applied for by law. The license must bear on it a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a brief description and unobstructed photograph of the licensee's face, any marking otherwise required or in compliance with law, and a facsimile of the signature of the licensee. No license is valid until it has been ~~so~~-signed by the licensee. Qualified applicants who are not citizens of the United States must have "Limited Term" conspicuously included on the driver's licenses or identification cards issued to them. The license authorizes the licensee to operate only those classifications of vehicles as indicated on the license.

SECTION 2. Section 7-13-710(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) When a person presents himself to vote, he shall produce a valid and current:

(1) South Carolina driver's license that does not contain the words "Limited Term"; or

(2) other form of identification containing a photograph issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles that does not contain the words "Limited Term"; or

(3) passport; or

(4) military identification containing a photograph issued by the federal government; or

(5) South Carolina voter registration card containing a photograph of the voter pursuant to Section 7-5-675.

SECTION 3. Chapter 1, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56-1-235. Whenever any person becomes a citizen of the United States after previously providing the Department of Motor Vehicles with documentation that he was not a citizen of the United States, such person shall notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of the change and provide documentation substantiating his citizenship status. The Department of Motor Vehicles must provide one driver's license or identification card at no charge reflecting the applicable change.

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Subsequent modified cards are at the expense of the person for the same fee provided in Section 56-1-200 or Section 56-1-3350.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator GOLDFINCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

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AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 904 -- Senators Young, Campsen, Stubbs, Graham and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16510 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES TO MEMBERS OF THE "QUAIL FOREVER" ORGANIZATION.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator YOUNG proposed the following amendment (SR-904.QG0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-3-16510 and inserting:

Section 56-3-16510. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Quail Forever" special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles or motorcycles registered in their names. The requirements for production and distribution of the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100. The biennial fee for this plate is the regular registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title plus an additional fee of seventy dollars. Any portion of the additional seventy-dollar fee not set aside by the Comptroller General to defray costs of production and distribution must be distributed to ~~the Department of Natural Resources Game Protection Fund, and those funds will be used for the South Carolina Bobwhite Initiative.~~ Quail Forever, and those funds will be used exclusively in South Carolina in partnership with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources to further Quail Forever's mission to influence bobwhite habitat conservation to support long-term and healthy quail populations in South Carolina. The department may issue this special license plate six months following the approval of its design.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator YOUNG explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 933 -- Senators Martin, Corbin, Williams, Jackson, Leber, Hutto, Devine, Graham, Zell and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-3-20, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL RECEIVE LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION AND AN IN-DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE SERVICE ALLOWANCE OF FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS' SALARY SHALL BE ADJUSTED EVERY TWO YEARS BY AN

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INFLATION FACTOR NOT TO EXCEED FIVE PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-9-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EARNABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE PURPOSES OF CALCULATING BENEFITS IS LIMITED TO ONLY THE MEMBERS' SALARY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (SR-933.KM0005S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-3-20(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning with the 127th General Assembly, Members ~~members~~ of the General Assembly shall annually receive as legislative compensation fifteen thousand dollars at a daily renumeration rate in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State Constitution and for an in-district legislative service allowance of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars ~~their services such sum as may be provided by law forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars as adjusted pursuant to subsection (C). ealculated at a daily renumeration rate in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State constitution and~~ Members of the General Assembly shall also receive mileage at the rate provided for by law for the actual distance traveled in the most direct route going to and returning from their homes on weekend adjournments of the General Assembly at the place where the sessions of the General Assembly are held. The terms of this provision shall be subject to limitations imposed by the State Constitution.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-3-20(C) and inserting:

(C) The legislative compensation and the in-district legislative service allowance provided for in subsection (A) shall be adjusted biennially after elections for the House of Representatives by an amount equal to the increase of the consumer price index using the chained methodology during the two previous years not to exceed five percent. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Authority shall calculate the biennial adjustment, publish it on its website, and transmit the amount of the adjustment to the Senate and the House of Representatives prior to the second Tuesday in January in the appropriate years.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 2 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.

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Amend title to conform.

The amendment was adopted.

Senators DAVIS, GAMBRELL and TURNER proposed the following amendment (SR-933.KM0007S), which was withdrawn:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-3-20(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning with the 127th General Assembly, ~~Members~~ members of the ~~General Assembly~~ House of Representatives and beginning with the 128th General Assembly, Senators shall annually receive as legislative compensation fifteen thousand dollars at a daily remuneration rate in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State Constitution and for an in-district legislative service allowance of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars ~~their services such sum as may be provided by law as adjusted pursuant to subsection (C).~~ and Members of the General Assembly shall also receive mileage at the rate provided for by law for the actual distance traveled in the most direct route going to and returning from their homes on weekend adjournments of the General Assembly at the place where the sessions of the General Assembly are held. The terms of this provision shall be subject to limitations imposed by the State Constitution.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Senators MARTIN, DAVIS and ZELL proposed the following amendment (SR-933.CEM0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-3-20(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning with the ~~127th~~-128th General Assembly, ~~Members~~ members of the General Assembly shall annually receive as legislative compensation fifteen thousand dollars at a daily remuneration rate in accordance with Article III, Section 9 of the State Constitution and for an in-district legislative service allowance of thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars ~~their services such sum as may be provided by law as adjusted pursuant to subsection (C).~~ and Members of the General Assembly shall also receive mileage at the rate provided for by law for the actual distance traveled in the most direct route going to and returning

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from their homes on weekend adjournments of the General Assembly at the place where the sessions of the General Assembly are held. The terms of this provision shall be subject to limitations imposed by the State Constitution.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MARTIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 24; Nays 18

AYES

Adams	Allen	Blackmon
Corbin	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Leber	Martin	Matthews
Ott	Sabb	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Zell

Total--24

NAYS

Alexander	Bennett	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Cromer	Fernandez
Gambrell	Kennedy	Massey
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Young

Total--18

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

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CARRIED OVER

S. 1100 -- Senators Rankin and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO DESIGNATE ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 AS “TEASING, MALTREATING, AND INJURING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES PROHIBITED”; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-3-610, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL TO TAUNT, TORMENT, TEASE, BEAT, STRIKE, OR ADMINISTER DESENSITIZING DRUG TO POLICE DOG OR HORSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, A PERSON MUST BE FINED NOT LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR IMPRISONED NOT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS NOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BOTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-3-620, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL TO TORTURE, MUTILATE, INJURE, DISABLE, POISON, OR KILL POLICE DOG OR HORSE, SO AS TO INCLUDE SHOOTING INTO A VEHICLE OR TRAILER WHILE A DOG OR HORSE IS INSIDE, AND SHOOTING AND HITTING A POLICE DOG OR HORSE WHILE RUNNING IN PURSUIT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS A FELONY AND, UPON CONVICTION, THE PENALTY IS NOT LESS THAN TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS NOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, AND TO REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 47-3-630, RELATING TO PENALTIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH NOTHING IN THIS SECTION DENIES A RIGHT TO ASSERT A LEGAL DEFENSE OF SELF-DEFENSE.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 1119 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16610 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE BLACKOUT SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator BENNETT explained the amendment.

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The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 44; Nays 0

AYES

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

Total--44

NAYS

Total--0

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

CARRIED OVER

H. 3022 -- Reps. M.M. Smith, Guest, Kirby and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-130, RELATING TO THE LONG-TERM CARE COUNCIL, SO AS TO CORRECT REFERENCES TO CERTAIN AGENCIES WITH MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-140, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF DATA WITH MEMBER AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 3842 -- Reps. Lowe, Willis, Caskey, Wooten, Rose, Huff, Sanders and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-45-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS MAY CERTIFY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS HANDICAPPED AND DECLARE THAT THE HANDICAP IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT FOR PURPOSES OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S APPLICATION FOR A HANDICAPPED PLACARD.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 4249 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

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

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

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CARRIED OVER

H. 3949 -- Reps. King, Duncan and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-614 SO AS TO DESIGNATE "DUM SPIRO SPERO" TRANSLATED AS "WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE" AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

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

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 5179 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Garvin, Grant, Yow, C. Mitchell, Wooten and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-440 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DIVISION, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 5205 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Grant, Spann-Wilder and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THIS STATE TO IMPLEMENT A SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS, TO REQUIRE EACH INSTITUTION TO COMPILE AND ANNUALLY REPORT CERTAIN CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS, AMONG OTHER

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THINGS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M.M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Herbkersman, B.J. Cox, Collins, B.L. Cox, Forrest, Brewer, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire, Teeple, Guest, Alexander and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 4738 -- Reps. Erickson and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATOR TRAINING, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE GOVERNOR'S TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP LOAN PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-26-35, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR PREPARATION REPORT CARD, SO AS TO REVISE DUTIES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-40, RELATING TO COLLEGE PARALLEL COURSES AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO

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REMOVE RELATED BUDGETARY REVIEW REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-40, RELATING TO THE CONVERSION FROM THE QUARTER CALENDAR SYSTEM TO THE SEMESTER CALENDAR SYSTEM BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-355, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY APPROPRIATIONS AND USES, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-380, RELATING TO THE GRIEVANCE AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION; BY REPEALING CHAPTER 51, TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESEARCH UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-230 RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE WITH ASSISTANCE BY AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-54-20 RELATING TO THE STATE OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-340 RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR A CERTAIN INVESTMENT INITIATIVE; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-101-360 RELATING TO CERTAIN REVENUE FROM TAX ON CATALOG SALES CREDITABLE TO MAIL ORDER SALES TAX FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-50 RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF PRIVATE COLLEGE PRESIDENTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-120 RELATING TO THE ACCREDITATION AND CHARTERING OF CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-162 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-210 RELATING TO THE COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-230 RELATING TO THE ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIPS PROGRAM; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-410 RELATING TO THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-420 RELATING TO CRITERIA FOR RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND USES; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-430 RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS FOR THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND TO BE MADE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-440

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RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE RESEARCH INVESTMENT FUND; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-105-60 RELATING TO THE MODEL SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY CREATED BY THE CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT INFORMATION ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-111-75 RELATING TO THE COLLEGE LOAN PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-121-15 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITADEL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-127-75 RELATING TO THE FELTON-LABORATORY SCHOOL AT SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-150-380 RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL LOTTERY TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS PROGRAM.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

H. 5073 -- Reps. Pedalino, Erickson, Montgomery, McCravy, Pace, Bradley, D. Mitchell, Terribile, Robbins, T. Moore, Sessions, Neese, Brittain, Crawford, Lawson, Edgerton, Chumley, Brewer, Chapman, Vaughan, Guest, Guffey, Cox, W. Newton, McGinnis, B. Newton, McCabe, Rankin, Gagnon, Gibson, J.E. Johnson, Long, Moss, Schuessler, G.M. Smith, White, Oremus, Teeple, Lastinger, Burns, Hewitt, Haddon, Cromer, Gilreath, Hartnett and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADING PRACTICES, TO CONDITION ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT RECOVERY AND CONTENT RECOVERY ON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS, TO LIMIT THE USE OF CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS IN CALCULATING FINAL COURSE GRADES, TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT THROUGH WITHHOLDING OF STATE AID TO CLASSROOM FUNDS, TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND REVISIONS TO THE UNIFORM GRADING POLICY, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT THE RECOMMENDED REVISIONS.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

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CARRIED OVER

H. 4000 -- Reps. M.M. Smith, Stavrinakis, B.L. Cox, Davis, Wetmore, Bustos, Teeple, Holman, Spann-Wilder, Kirby, Robbins, Landing, Hartnett, Brewer, Gilliard, Gatch, J. Moore, T. Moore, Murphy, W. Newton, Duncan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-100, RELATING TO THE PERSONS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSEES OR PERMITTEES, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-515, RELATING TO THE PERMIT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2016, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL LICENSE FOR PURCHASE AND SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO ADD PERFORMING ARTS AND CONVENTION COMPLEXES.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

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

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

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

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BODILY INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR WRONGFUL DEATH.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Bill was carried over.

ADOPTED

S. 1125 -- Senator Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SANTEE ROAD IN WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY FROM JUNE BRANCH CREEK TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CHARLESTON ROAD "TYRONE A. BURROUGHS ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

ADOPTED

H. 5238 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.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, 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 SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL EFFORTS TO REDUCE WASTE GENERATION AND INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WASTE DIVERSION THROUGH RECYCLING INITIATIVES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS DECREASING DISPOSAL CAPACITY.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

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ADOPTED

H. 5456 -- Reps. Luck, Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, 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, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, 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.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

THE CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED CALENDAR HAVING BEEN COMPLETED, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE MOTION PERIOD.

RECALLED

H. 3034 -- Reps. Collins, Wooten, C. Mitchell, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, Yow, M.M. Smith, Davis, Holman, B.L. Cox, Hixon, Gagnon, Calhoon, Moss, Lawson, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, Forrest, Gilliam, Willis, Erickson, Schuessler, Vaughan, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Robbins, T. Moore, Brewer, Guffey, Martin, J.L. Johnson, Haddon, Wickensimer, Brittain, Kilmartin, D. Mitchell, Cromer, Bowers, Landing, White, W. Newton, J.E. Johnson and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE

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“FARGO’S, HYCO’S, RICO’S, COBA’S, WICK’S, AND MIKKA’S LAW” BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TAUNTING, TORMENTING, INJURING, OR KILLING POLICE DOGS OR HORSES, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN A VIOLATION, INCREASE THE PENALTIES, REQUIRE RESTITUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Senator MASSEY asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the Committee on Judiciary.

The Bill was recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

MOTION ADOPTED

At 4:22 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS

Confirmations

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointments were confirmed in open session:

Reappointment, Charleston Naval Facilities Redevelopment Authority, with the term to commence April 24, 2025, and to expire April 24, 2029

Charleston County:

David Alan Coker, 1023 Bethany Street, North Charleston, SC 29405

Reappointment, Clarendon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Clarendon County:

Hon. Phillip S. Stephens, 4133 Bloomville Road, Manning, SC 29102

Reappointment, Greenville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Greenville County:

Hon. Maurice McNab, 300 Goldenrain Way, Simpsonville, SC 29680

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Reappointment, Greenville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2026, and to expire April 30, 2030

Greenville County:

Hon. Seldon T. Peden, 100 Georgianna Lane, Greenville, SC 29605

Reappointment, Berkeley County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence November 7, 2026, and to expire November 7, 2032

Berkeley County:

Hon. J. Camden West, P.O. Box 609, Moncks Corner, SC 29461

Motion Adopted

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

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator ZELL, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Ms. Epiphany Nicole “Pip” Anderson Rose of Sumter, S.C. Pip attended Sumter County schools and Sumter Technical School where she earned a certification in early childhood education. She later graduated from Grand Canyon University where she majored in office management. Pip was a member of Clark United Methodist Church where she served as team lead for the youth ministry program. She was one of the founding members of Liberty STEAM Charter School and served as office coordinator and leader fellow at the elementary campus. She made an indelible mark on countless children in the Sumter community with her unwavering dedication to the lives of students, families, colleagues and community members. Pip cherished time with family and friends. Pip was a loving daughter and devoted sister who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:28 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 1:00 P.M.

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