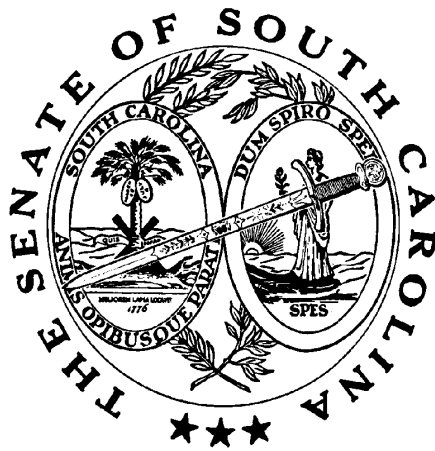


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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Wednesday, February 28, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 1:00 P.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

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

Psalm 31:24

The Psalmist writes: "Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."

Let us pray: One can surely say it is a truism, O Lord, that anyone who wants to be an honorable leader has to be strong, strong in courage surely, as well as in determination to work for the betterment of those he or she is chosen to serve. And especially in a world like the one we live in today, dear Father, how important it is for each of these Senators to be like that: to possess the courage to make wise decisions which genuinely benefit the people of South Carolina. Moreover, Lord, that is also our fervent prayer for each man and woman serving here in our State at every other level of government, as well, whatever his or her responsibilities. And as always, dear Lord, to You be the glory. In Your loving name we pray. Amen.

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

Call of the Senate

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

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Fanning	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Gustafson
Harpootlian	Jackson	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>
Kimbrell	Loftis	Martin
Massey	Matthews	McElveen
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn

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Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Talley	Turner	Verdin
Young		

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

Doctor of the Day

Senator MARTIN introduced Dr. Jennifer Hanke of Oconee, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator CROMER, at 1:08 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator MASSEY, at 4:40 P.M., Senator MARTIN was granted a leave of absence until 9:58 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator BENNETT, at 4:45 P.M., Senator HEMBREE was granted a leave of absence for today.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator VERDIN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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

S. 235 Sen. Matthews
S. 839 Sens. Rankin and Shealy
S. 881 Sen. Rankin
S. 947 Sen. Rankin
S. 954 Sen. Rankin
S. 968 Sen. Rankin
S. 969 Sen. Young
S. 995 Sen. Rankin
S. 996 Sen. Rankin
S. 1108 Sens. Shealy and Reichenbach

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

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

S. 1078 Sen. Talley

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RECALLED

S. 988 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

Senator SHEALY asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Operations and Management.

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

RECALLED

S. 1037 -- Senators Adams and Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ROYLE ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17A/NORTH MAIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TREELAND DRIVE “WADE ARNETTE ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY 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.

RECALLED

S. 1041 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17A IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISTOWN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOODTOWN ROAD “REV. LARRY A. BRADBERRY HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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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.

RECALLED

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" 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:

S. 1104 -- Senators Jackson, Sabb, Stephens, Devine, K. Johnson and McElveen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN BUSINESSWOMAN DIANE E. SUMPTER OF COLUMBIA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1105 -- Senator Setzler: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE PROGRAM FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

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S. 1106 -- Senator Massey: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SARAH BAKER JOHNSON.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1107 -- Senator Fanning: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AS "ROSENWALD SCHOOL DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1108 -- Senators Hutto, Shealy and Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-285 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO THE SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION OF PRESCHOOL STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF, TO REQUIRE EFFORTS TOWARD MAINTAINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELEVANT DATA COLLECTION.

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

S. 1109 -- Senator Tedder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE VARIOUS TERMS RELATING TO DRIVERS' LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC OR DIGITALLY ISSUED CARDS.

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

S. 1110 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION FROM TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUAL DEDUCTION FROM FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS WHO FILE A JOINT FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FROM THIRTY THOUSAND

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DOLLARS TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.

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

S. 1111 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON PRESCRIBING LIFESTYLE MEDICATIONS UNLESS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

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

S. 1112 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2340, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE AS A FOSTER PARENTS, ADOPTIVE PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF A CHILD PLACING AGENCY, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM, OR CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER WHO HAS DIRECT UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2345, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COSTS OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FINGERPRINT REVIEWS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COSTS FOR FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY REQUESTING THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD MAY BE PLACED IN THE HOME OF A KIN OR FICTIVE KIN CAREGIVER WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY TO A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IF MORE THAN FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE CONVICTION AND THE OFFENSE WAS NOT A FELONY INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR ANY CRIME AGAINST A CHILD; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-50, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-60, RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW FEE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING

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CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-190, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEWS OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT VOLUNTEERS OR EMPLOYEES OF A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR WHO CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES, FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES, FOSTER CARE SERVICES, FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES, ADOPTIONS SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES OR PROGRAMS OR A PERSON WHO HAS DIRECT UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH A CHILD IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL UNDERGO A STATE FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-420, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-430, RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-620, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-630, RELATING TO APPROVAL RENEWAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-820, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-830, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1010, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS CENTERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-70, RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PARDONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

S. 1113 -- Senators Gambrell and Cash: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

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

S. 1114 -- Senators Bennett and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-890, RELATING TO A PLACE WHERE PROPERTY SHALL BE RETURNED FOR TAXATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED FOR TAXATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROPERTY TAX RETURNS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IF THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE OWNER'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-340, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF NUMBER AND CERTIFICATE FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR MOTORBOAT NUMBERS MUST INCLUDE A DECLARATION OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MOTORBOAT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATE RENEWAL NOTICES MUST BE SENT TO OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY.

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

S. 1115 -- Senators Williams, Malloy, Fanning, Setzler and Stephens: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-10 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM IN THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-20 SO AS TO CREATE

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RELEVANT DEFINITIONS FOR THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-30 SO AS TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH SELECTION STANDARDS FOR SELECTION OF A PROVIDER; BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-40 SO AS TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-50 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR RECRUITMENT PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM; BY ADDING SECTION 59-159-60 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED.

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

S. 1116 -- Senator Cromer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 26, 2024, AS "DARE TO BE BRAVE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1117 -- Family and Veterans' Services Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, RELATING TO WILDERNESS THERAPEUTIC CAMPS FOR CHILDREN, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5232, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 1118 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 6, 2024, AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PLAY IN MEETING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND THE NATION.

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

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S. 1119 -- Senator Climer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 5, 2024 AS "4-H DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, HONOR MRS. SHERRY DAVIS-LIVINGSTON, MRS. SHANNON HERNDON, MRS. TERRI SUMPTER, AND MRS. GAYLE WILLIFORD FOR THEIR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR STATE, AND COMMEND STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND THE 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2023-2024 YEAR AND FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

S. 1120 -- Senators Reichenbach, Williams, K. Johnson and Sabb: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEARL MOORE OF FLORENCE COUNTY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS ON AND OFF THE BASKETBALL COURT.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1121 -- Senators Matthews, Hutto, Devine, Gustafson and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "IN VITRO FERTILIZATION PROTECTION ACT"; AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF ASSISTIVE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND PROVIDE PROTECTIONS.

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

S. 1122 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Grooms, Cromer, Rankin, Adams, Alexander, Hembree, Climer, Gambrell, Bennett, Rice, Verdin, Massey, Talley, Garrett, Corbin, Gustafson, Setzler, Davis, Williams, McLeod, McElveen, K. Johnson, Stephens, Tedder, Matthews, Sabb, Loftis, Hutto, Harpootlian, Senn and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN

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SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

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

S. 1123 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 213 TO 392 UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS "DR. J. R. GREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

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

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

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

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

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

H. 5141 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AMIKIDS FOR FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF GUIDING AT-RISK YOUTH TO POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO PAST BEHAVIOR WHILE ENABLING THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AS AMIKIDS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 99 -- Senators Campsen and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING PLEDGES FROM MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PLEDGES FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES MAY NOT BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SOUGHT OR GIVEN UNTIL TWELVE DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL RELEASE OF THE

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REPORT CONCERNING NOMINEES TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY-TWO DAYS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION'S INITIAL REPORT OF NOMINATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE DATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONDUCTS THE ELECTION FOR THESE JUDGESHIPS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 107 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIVESTOCK TRAILERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 650 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-70, RELATING TO TEMPORARY REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY, INITIAL AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS, AND ALTERNATE USE FOR NONWINNING TICKETS, SO AS TO ALLOW PAYMENT BY DEBIT CARD; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-145 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS FROM NONCONSENSUAL DISCLOSURE OR RELEASE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION MAY DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS WITHOUT CONSENT, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 859 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS BASED HIRING ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-188 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONDUCT PERIODIC REVIEWS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, EXPERIENTIAL, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH JOBS WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WHETHER A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE IS NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL REDUCE THE REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL REPORT ITS ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS ACT; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW SHALL COMMENCE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler and K. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF

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PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1021 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator RANKIN from the Committee on Judiciary submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE

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DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE

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RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

H. 3121 -- Reps. Hyde, Carter, B. Newton, Neese, T. Moore, Pope, Bauer, Davis, M.M. Smith, Willis, Brewer, Robbins, Felder, Stavrinakis, Wetmore and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3295 -- Reps. Collins, Erickson, Bradley and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT, ESTABLISH, AND PROMULGATE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE EXEMPTION OF COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-39-100, RELATING TO REQUIRED UNITS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis, Caskey and M.M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-97 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEIZURE ACTION PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3811 -- Rep. Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3585, RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP FUND TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE CREDIT FROM NINE MILLION TO TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR TAX YEARS AFTER 2022.

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Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3880 -- Reps. M.M. Smith, Herbkersman, Davis, Elliott, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO TAX MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED ON ANNUAL OR MONTHLY DUES PAID TO A GOLF CLUB.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator SHEALY from the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4376 -- Reps. B.J. Cox, M.M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J.L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator PEELER from the Committee on Finance submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4720 -- Rep. Bannister: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator HEMBREE from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G.M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE AFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN

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CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Message from the House

Columbia, S.C., February 28, 2024

Mr. President and Senators:

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

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams:
A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE

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METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

HOUSE CONCURRENCES

S. 1065 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DANIEL J. SEEHAFFER, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

S. 1066 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JUDITH WARNER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO AIKEN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

S. 1070 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR FIRE CHIEF AUBREY D. JENKINS FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA-RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

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S. 1071 -- Senator Bennett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARK LEIENDECKER FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAREER AND TO WISH HIM A HAPPY AND RESTFUL RETIREMENT.

Returned with concurrence.

Received as information.

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

SECOND READING BILL

S. 1025 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator YOUNG explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

HOUSE BILL RETURNED

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

H. 3592 -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACIES , SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-87, RELATING TO NUCLEAR/RADIOLOGIC PHARMACY PRACTICES, SO AS

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TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR PHARMACY FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PREPARATION, LABELING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN STANDARDS.

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

The following Bills and Resolution were read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

S. 578 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-54-240, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS OF AND REPORTS AND RETURNS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

S. 1064 -- Senators Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT LAW REGARDING COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FACILITY TO IDENTIFY AND ADVERTISE AS AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, EVALUATION OF STAFFING LEVELS FOR A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, AND A REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR REGISTERED NURSING COVERAGE IN A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT; AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR UPDATING AND IMPROVING THE LAW'S REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS HOUSED IN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.

S. 755 -- Senators Young, Malloy, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Rankin, Hembree, Matthews, Corbin, Talley, M. Johnson, Garrett, McLeod, Hutto, McElveen, Senn, Harpootlian, Sabb and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY

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AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-130, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS BY OPERATION OF LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-290, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES TO ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ON DEATH FOR TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE

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WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOAT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER TYPE OF VESSEL POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER IS PERMITTED AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

READ THE SECOND TIME

H. 3518 -- Reprs. Felder and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-395, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEE PAYMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DRIVERS' LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS PROGRAM ARE VALID FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF REINSTATEMENT FEES OWED BY PERSONS TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN THESE DRIVERS' LICENSES, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES COLLECTED, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY PROVIDE PERSONS IN THE PROGRAM A FEE SCHEDULE OF THE AMOUNTS OWED AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS, TO REVISE THE TYPES OF DRIVERS' LICENSE SUSPENSIONS THAT ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION, AND TO REVISE THE FREQUENCY THAT PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND THE CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION AMNESTY PERIOD, SO AS TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF QUALIFYING SUSPENSIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-240, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT UPON LOSS OF INSURANCE, NEW INSURANCE MUST BE OBTAINED OR PERSONS MUST SURRENDER THEIR REGISTRATION AND PLATES, WRITTEN NOTICE BY INSURERS, APPEAL OF SUSPENSIONS,

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ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME VEHICLE OWNERS MUST SURRENDER MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT GIVES THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISCRETION TO AUTHORIZE INSURERS TO UTILIZE ALTERNATE METHODS OF PROVIDING CERTAIN NOTICES TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN PERSONS TO APPEAL CERTAIN SUSPENSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE STATE'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN ERROR, AND TO ALLOW THESE PERSONS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THE SUSPENSION WAS ISSUED IN ERROR; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-245, RELATING TO PER DIEM FINES FOR LAPSE IN REQUIRED COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE FINES CONTAINED IN THE SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER VEHICLE FOR A FIRST OFFENSE; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 56, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REINSTATEMENT FEE AND PROVIDE IT SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE SUSPENDED LICENSES, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES, LICENSE PLATES, AND DECALS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR IN PERSON, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COLLECT STATISTICS REGARDING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND ISSUES.

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Senator HUTTO explained the Bill.

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 45; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>
<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell	Loftis
Malloy	Martin	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn
Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--45

NAYS

Total--0

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

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

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M.M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED

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FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION

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40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following amendment (LC-4116.WAB0020S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-19-295 and inserting:

Section 40-19-295. No licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked, or who has applied for a license but whose application has been denied, may participate in any manner in a business licensed by the board until that person has obtained a license or the person's license has been restored. No business licensed by the board may permit or allow a person whose license has been suspended or revoked, or any person who has

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applied for a license but whose application has been denied, to participate in any manner in the business licensed by the board.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 32-7-100(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) misdemeanor, if the value of money obtained or sought to be obtained is ~~two~~ ten thousand dollars or less and, upon conviction ~~or plea~~, the person ~~must~~ may be fined ~~not less than one~~ up to twenty-five thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ~~thirty days~~ six months, or both;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 32-7-100(A)(43) and inserting:

~~(4)~~ (4) in addition, a person convicted of a misdemeanor ~~or a felony~~ pursuant to this section may be prohibited from entering into further preneed funeral contracts, if the department, in its discretion, finds that the offense is sufficiently grievous. A person convicted of a felony pursuant to this chapter is subject to the following additional penalties when the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is:

(a) twenty five thousand dollars or less, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a two year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered by the court;

(b) greater than twenty five thousand dollars, but less than one hundred thousand dollars, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a five year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered the court;

(c) greater than one hundred thousand dollars, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a ten year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered by the court.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 32-8-360(B) and inserting:

(B) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is subject to a civil fine ~~not to exceed five~~ of up to twenty-five thousand dollars. A licensed funeral director or embalmer who violates a provision of this chapter must be reported to the State Board of Funeral Service for immediate investigation and disciplinary proceedings.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 32-8-385(B)(3), (4), and (5) and (D) and inserting:

(3) have not been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession; and

(4) pay a fee as established in regulation not to exceed fifty dollars.

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(D) Registered trained individuals are subject to applicable provisions of Sections 40-1-110, Chapter 19 of Title 40, Chapter 8 of Title 32, and board regulations.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTIONS 7 and 8.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10, by striking Section 40-19-30 and inserting:

Section 40-19-30 (A) It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice of funeral service unless the person is licensed in accordance with this chapter. A person who engages or participates in the active management of a funeral establishment and who performs any of the tasks defined in Section 40-19-20(19) is considered to be in the practice of funeral service.

(B) No permit to operate a funeral home may be issued to a corporation, partnership, or individual when the name of either an unlicensed person or a person whose license has been revoked or is suspended appears in the name of the corporation, partnership, or individually owned business. This prohibition does not apply to established funeral homes existing prior to July 1, 1969.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 11, by striking Section 40-19-70 and inserting:

Section 40-19-70. In addition to the powers and duties provided for in this chapter, the board also has those powers and duties set forth in Section 40-1-70. A member of the board, or its committees or employees, may not be liable for acts performed in the course of their official duties, except when gross negligence is shown and proven in a court of competent jurisdiction in this State.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 12, by striking Section 40-19-80 and inserting:

Section 40-19-80. The board shall employ an inspector at least two inspectors ~~who must be a licensed embalmer-embalmers and funeral director~~ funeral directors with ~~not no~~ fewer than five consecutive years' experience as a licensee under this chapter but who have not been disciplined during the time of their past or current licensure under this chapter.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 15, by striking Section 40-19-200 and inserting:

Section 40-19-200. A person who practices or offers to practice funeral service or who aids and abets any unlicensed person or unlicensed entity to engage in the practice of funeral service in this State in violation of this chapter or who knowingly submits false information for the purpose of obtaining a license is guilty of a misdemeanor and,

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upon conviction, ~~must~~ may be fined ~~not less than five hundred dollars or more than twenty five hundred~~ up to twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-230(2) and inserting:

(2) has not been convicted of ~~a violent crime or found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude~~ or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-230(5) and inserting:

(5) has completed a minimum of twenty-four months of service pursuant to Section 40-19-240 as an apprentice under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer actively engaged in the practice of embalming in this State;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-230(B)(2) and inserting:

(2) has not been convicted of ~~a violent crime or found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude~~ or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-230(B)(4) and inserting:

(4) has completed a minimum of twenty-four months of service pursuant to Section 40-19-240 as an apprentice funeral director under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director actively engaged in the practice of funeral directing in this State;

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 17.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 18, by striking Section 40-19-250 and inserting:

Section 40-19-250. The board shall develop in regulation a continuing education program and each licensee must attend a minimum of ~~three~~ four credit hours annually, of which one credit hour must be an ethics in funeral service course. This continuing education program must be offered, at a minimum, four times a year at locations easily accessible to participants. ~~and Three of the four required hours~~ with at least two of the four hours requiring the physical attendance of the licensee. This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is not the manager of record of a funeral home, funeral establishment, or mortuary if the

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person has been licensed for thirty or more years ~~or~~ and is sixty years old or older.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 19, by striking Section 40-19-265(A)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~fifty miles of the establishment;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 19, by striking Section 40-19-265(B)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~fifty miles of the establishment;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 19, by striking Section 40-19-265(D)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~fifty miles of the establishment;

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 20 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 40-19-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) "Cremation" means ~~the reduction of the dead body by intense heat to residue~~the technical process using either alkaline hydrolysis or heat and flame that reduces human remains to components of either liquid and bone, or bone fragments, and which may include the pulverization of the bone fragments.

(7) "Crematory" means an establishment in which ~~the dead body is reduced to residue by intense heat~~cremation occurs.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 21, by striking Section 40-19-290(E) and inserting:

(E) Other than payments received for at-need funeral merchandise and funeral services, all payments received by any establishment licensed under this chapter for funeral merchandise being purchased must be placed in a trust account in a federally insured institution until the merchandise is delivered for its intended funeral services use as provided in the contract and in accordance with the sales agreement ~~or in the physical possession of the purchaser.~~ Upon its own initiative or upon receipt of a complaint, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs shall undertake investigations; review the books, records, and accounts of any establishment licensed under this chapter; subpoena witnesses; require audits and reports; and conduct hearings to determine if payments are being received in violation of the provisions of Chapter 7, Title 32.

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Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 23 and inserting:
SECTION 23. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Re-number sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator DAVIS proposed the following amendment (LC-4116.WAB0025S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 13 and inserting:

SECTION 13. Section 40-19-110(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) refusing to properly release a dead human body to the custody of the person or entity ~~who~~ that has the legal right to ~~effect~~ accomplish a release. The release must include payment for the actual services provided by the initial funeral home as transferor of the dead human body over to the receiving transferee. The receiving transferee funeral home is responsible for the payment to the transferring funeral home at the time of the transfer of the dead human body;

Re-number sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Senator DAVIS 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 1

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Fanning	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Gustafson	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson

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<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Martin
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn
Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--42

NAYS

Climmer

Total--1

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
AMENDMENT PROPOSED, CARRIED OVER**

S. 620 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-51-50, RELATING TO SALES OF PROPERTY BY A COUNTY RESULTING FROM DELINQUENT TAXES, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRONIC SALE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEDURES OF AN ELECTRONIC SALE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-51-60, RELATING TO PAYMENT BY THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IN A TAX SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (LC-620.DG0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-51-50(A) and inserting:

Section 12-51-50. (A) The property duly advertised must be sold; by the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes; at public auction at the courthouse or other convenient place within the county, electronically as provided in subsection (B), or a combination of

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both, if designated and advertised, on the advertised date for legal tender payable in full by cash, cashier's check, certified check, credit card, wire or automated clearing house transfer of cash funds, or money order ~~on the date of the sale~~. If the defaulting taxpayer or the grantee of record of the property has more than one item advertised to be sold, as soon as sufficient funds have been accrued to cover all of the delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties, and costs, further items must not be sold.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-51-50(B) and inserting:

(B) Should the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes decide to conduct the sale of real or personal property pursuant to this section by electronic means, then such electronic sales must comply with the following:

(1) Electronic proxy bidding may be allowed, and bidders may be required to advance sufficient funds to pay a deposit. The deposit method and amount must be determined by the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes;

(2) Additional charges may be levied for services in conducting or contracting for the electronic sale; and

(3) Notice of the electronic sale must be given in the same manner required by Section 12-51-40(d) and a link to the sale must be posted on the county's website.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 12-51-60 and inserting:

Section 12-51-60. The successful bidder at the delinquent tax sale shall pay legal tender as provided in Section 12-51-50 to the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes in the full amount of the bid ~~on the~~ within one business day after the end of the sale. Upon payment, the person officially charged with the collection of delinquent taxes shall furnish the purchaser a receipt for the purchase money. He must attach a copy of the receipt to the execution with the endorsement of his actions, which must be retained by him. Expenses of the sale must be paid first, and the balance of all delinquent tax sale monies collected must be turned over to the treasurer. If using an auction vendor to conduct a tax sale, the delinquent tax collector may permit successful bidders to pay the full amount of the bid to the auction vendor within three business days after the end of the electronic sale, and such funds must be deposited from the auction vendor to the county treasurer within five business days after the end of the electronic sale. Upon receipt of the funds, the treasurer shall mark immediately the public tax records regarding the property sold as follows: Paid by tax sale held on

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(insert date). All other monies received, including any excess after payment of delinquent taxes, assessments, penalties, and costs, must be retained, paid out, and accounted for by the delinquent tax collector. Once a tax deed has been issued, the defaulting taxpayer and the owner of record immediately before the end of the redemption period must be notified in writing by the delinquent tax collector of any excess due. The notice must be addressed and mailed in the manner provided in Section 12-51-40(b) for taking exclusive possession of real property. Expenses of providing this notice are considered costs of the sale for purposes of determining the amount, if any, of the excess.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senators DAVIS and MATTHEWS proposed the following amendment (SR-620.JG0002S):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 12-51-50, by adding a subsection to read:

(C) The county treasurer or tax collector shall follow the procedures of the State Procurement Code, as found in Chapter 35 of Title 11, or the procedures of the county procurement code, in the awarding of a contract with a private, online, auction vendor company.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator DAVIS explained the amendment.

The question being the adoption of the amendment.

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

CARRIED OVER

S. 1052 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5251,

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PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Resolution was carried over.

CARRIED OVER

S. 1053 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS, RELATING TO QUORUM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5187, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Resolution was carried over.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 235 -- Senators Adams, Gustafson, Senn, McLeod and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAW BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-340 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE CALL LOCATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OF THE USER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SECTION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OBTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FROM WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO FACILITATE A REQUEST FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-235.BJ0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-3-340(A), (B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

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(A) Upon request of a law enforcement agency, acting in the course of its official duties at the time of the request, a wireless service provider shall provide location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user to the requesting law enforcement agency within a reasonable period of time after receipt of the request. A law enforcement agency may not request information under this section unless for the purposes of responding to a call for emergency services that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm at the time of the request or in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm.

(B) A wireless service provider may establish protocols by which the carrier voluntarily discloses location information.

(C) A civil or criminal action may not be brought in a court against a wireless service provider or another person for providing location information if acting in good faith and under this section.

(D) The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) shall obtain contact information from all wireless service providers authorized to do business in this State to facilitate a request from a law enforcement agency for location information under this section. SLED shall disseminate the contact information to each law enforcement agency in this State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO 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 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Fanning	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Gustafson
Harpootlian	Hembree	Hutto
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Martin

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Massey	Matthews	McElveen
McLeod	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Senn	Setzler	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--42

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

S. 839 -- Senators Alexander, Senn, Rankin and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator HUTTO explained the Bill.

Senator MALLOY spoke on the Bill.

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

CARRIED OVER

S. 877 -- Senators Senn, Shealy, Gustafson, McLeod and Devine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-5-90 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING A CHILD INTO A CONVEYANCE, DWELLING, OR STRUCTURE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION.

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

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-881.PB0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-28-30(C)(4) and inserting:

(4) a declaration created pursuant to Chapters 30 (Homeowner Association Act), 31 (Horizontal Property Act), and 32 (Vacation Time Share Plan) of this Title or created pursuant to Chapter 31 of Title 33 (Nonprofit Corporation Act);

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator M. JOHNSON 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 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Devine
Fanning	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Gustafson
Harpootlian	Hembree	Hutto
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell

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Loftis	Malloy	Martin
Massey	Matthews	McElveen
McLeod	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Senn	Setzler	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Williams	Young

Total--42

NAYS

Total--0

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. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator HUTTO explained the Bill.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 43; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Hembree
Hutto	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>
Kimbrell	Loftis	Malloy

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Martin	Massey	Matthews
McElveen	McLeod	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Senn	Setzler
Stephens	Talley	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--43

NAYS

Total--0

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

OBJECTION

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

OBJECTION

S. 995 -- Senators Hutto, Shealy, Reichenbach, Devine, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS 16-15-385 THROUGH 16-15-425, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED

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IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER.

Senator MALLOY objected to consideration of the Bill.

CARRIED OVER

S. 996 -- Senators Hutto, Shealy, Reichenbach, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (SJ-996.MB0003S):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking the first undesignated paragraph in Section 16-15-390 and inserting:

Section 16-15-390. (A) As used in this section:

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-15-390(D) and inserting:

(D) The offense is a misdemeanor to be heard by the family court if the person charged under this section is a minor, and the minor has no prior adjudication under this statute or for any offense for which a person may included in the sex offender registry. The family court may order behavioral health counseling from an appropriate agency or provider, as a condition of adjudicating a minor.

(E) It is not a required element of any offense under this section that the minor depicted actually exists.

(F) This section does not apply to an employee of a law enforcement agency, including the State Law Enforcement Division, a prosecuting agency, including the South Carolina Attorney General's Office, or the

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South Carolina Department of Corrections who, while acting within the employee's official capacity in the course of an investigation or criminal proceeding, is in possession of material that contains a visual representation of a minor engaging in sexual activity or appearing in a state of sexually explicit nudity when a reasonable person would infer the purpose is sexual stimulation. An employee's official capacity in the course of such investigation or criminal proceeding includes making materials available for inspection to the defendant's counsel in response to discovery requests.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 23-3-430(C)(2)(i) and inserting:

(i) obscene visual representations of child sexual abuse (Section 16-15-390). If the person is under eighteen years of age and was adjudicated in the family court, the adjudicated minor is not an offender and is not required to register pursuant to the provisions of this article.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

The question being the adoption of the amendment.

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

READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 780 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-30, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE A SUPER-KART IF THEY ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLD A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator GUSTAFSON explained the Bill.

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 37; Nays 5

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Grooms	Gustafson
Hembree	Jackson	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>
Kimbrell	Martin	Matthews
McElveen	McLeod	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Senn	Shealy
Stephens	Talley	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--37

NAYS

Harpootlian	Hutto	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>
Malloy	Massey	

Total--5

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

CARRIED OVER

H. 3355 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWING TRUCK WITH A FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY MAY TOW ONE ADDITIONAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR THIS COMBINATION OF VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE A TRUCK OPERATING A TOWING COMBINATION MUST INCLUDE A VIDEO SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THE DRIVER TO MONITOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE AS IT IS BEING TOWED AND BE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN SAFETY DEVICES.

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The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Transportation proposed the following amendment (SR-3355.KM0002S):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-4072 and inserting:

Section 56-5-4072. The operator of a vehicle utilizing a fifth wheel assembly may tow one additional trailing vehicle, provided that:

(1) the operator has been issued a classified driver's license by the department;

(2) the operation is for private, recreational purposes only;

(3) the combined length of all three vehicles does not exceed sixty-five feet, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and load;

(4) the weight of the final trailer with its load does not exceed three thousand pounds;

(5) the towing truck is equipped with a functioning video system that enables the operator to monitor the final trailer as it is being towed; and

(6) in addition to the drawbar, tongue, trailer hitch, or other primary connection, the final trailer is attached by a safety chain, safety cable, or equivalent safety device. Both the primary connection and the safety device must be of sufficient strength to retain the connection between the fifth wheel assembly and the final trailer under all conditions while the final trailer is being towed.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:
SECTION 2. This act takes effect sixty days after approval by the Governor.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

The question being the adoption of the amendment.

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

POINT OF ORDER

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

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Point of Order

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

The PRESIDENT sustained the Point of Order.

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

MADE SPECIAL ORDER

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES

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AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Senator MASSEY moved that the Bill be made a Special Order.

Senator HEMBREE argued in favor of the motion.

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

Ayes 31; Nays 11

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Hembree
<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell	Loftis
Martin	Massey	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Senn	Shealy
Talley	Turner	Verdin
Young		

Total--31

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NAYS

Allen	Devine	Fanning
Hutto	Jackson	<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>
Matthews	McLeod	Stephens
Tedder	Williams	

Total--11

The Bill was made a Special Order.

MOTION ADOPTED

At 3:56 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

Motion Adopted

Senator MASSEY asked unanimous consent to proceed to H. 4895.

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

AMENDED and ADOPTED

H. 4895 -- Reps. Caskey, Jordan and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2034; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL

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EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE

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SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE

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SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

Amendment No. 1

Senators ALEXANDER, MASSEY and RANKIN proposed the following amendment (SR-4895.KM0001S), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, by striking the undesignated paragraphs and inserting:

The General Assembly by this resolution agrees to bind itself subject to the terms of this resolution and to the requirements of Art. III, Section 20 and Section 22 of the South Carolina Constitution and the provisions of Chapter 19, Title 2 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, relating to elections of members of the judiciary.

That the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to elect a successor to the Honorable Donald W. Beatty, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, upon his retirement on or before July 31, 2024, and the successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire July 31, 2034;

Further, that the Senate and the House of Representatives shall meet in joint assembly in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 12:00 noon to elect a successor to the Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr., Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 8, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable David Garrison "Gary" Hill, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2028; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Ralph Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Third

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Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2024, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis, Judge of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Michael S. Holt, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Deandre Gist Benjamin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable J. Derham Cole, Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2024, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie, Judge of the Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse, Judge of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable William Paul Keesley, Judge of the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV, Judge of the Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Michael G. Nettles, Judge of the Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a successor to the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin, Judge of the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, and the successor will serve a new term of that office, which will expire June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Alex Kinlaw, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2024, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Robert Bonds, Judge of the Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, whose term will expire June 30, 2024; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Circuit Court,

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Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Edward W. “Ned” Miller, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2027; to elect a successor to the Honorable David Craig Brown, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2027; to elect a successor to the Honorable Alison Renee Lee, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2026; to elect a successor to the Honorable Donald Bruce Hocker, Judge of the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, upon his retirement on or before December 31, 2024, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2025; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; to elect a successor to the Honorable Wayne M. Creech, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Jack A. Landis, Judge of the Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2028; to elect a successor to the Honorable Edgar H. Long, Judge of the Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2025; to elect a successor to the Honorable Thomas H. White IV, Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, and the successor will serve the remainder of the unexpired term, which will expire June 30, 2028; to elect a judge to a newly created seat on the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, whose term will be from July 1, 2024, until June 30, 2030; and to elect a successor to the Honorable Ralph King “Tripp” Anderson III, Judge of the Administrative Law Court, Seat 1, whose term will expire June 30, 2024.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator MASSEY spoke on the amendment.

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The question then was the adoption of the Resolution.

The Resolution was adopted.

Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to go into Executive Session prior to adjournment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the seal of secrecy was removed, so far as the same relates to appointments made by the Governor and the following names were reported to the Senate in open session:

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENTS

Confirmations

Having received a favorable report from the Corrections and Penology Committee, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Juvenile Parole Board, with the term to commence June 30, 2023, and to expire June 30, 2027

At-Large, Public:

Tammy Johns, 227 Lominack Road, Prosperity, SC 29127-9140 *VICE*
Suzanne Prosser

On motion of Senator SHANE MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Tammy Johns.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Jackson
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn

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Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Tedder	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total--40

NAYS

Total--0

The appointment of Tammy Johns was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Fish, Game and Forestry Committee, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Forestry Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2022, and to expire June 30, 2028

At-Large, Public:

Eric W. Smith, 332 Eagle Ridge Road, Summerville, SC 29485-8499
VICE Harry S. Morrison

On motion of Senator CAMPSÉN, the question was confirmation of Eric W. Smith.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Jackson
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn
Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Tedder	Verdin	Williams

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Total--40

NAYS

Total--0

The appointment of Eric W. Smith was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Athletic Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2024, and to expire June 30, 2028

6th Congressional District:

Douglas D. Elliott, City of Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, 111 Recreation Dr., Columbia, SC 29203-6411 *VICE*
Steven K. Dean

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the question was confirmation of Douglas D. Elliott.

Senator MASSEY spoke on the candidate.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Jackson
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
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Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Tedder	Verdin	Williams
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Total--40

NAYS

Total--0

The appointment of Douglas D. Elliott was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Advisory Panel for Massage/Bodywork Therapy, with the term to commence June 30, 2023, and to expire June 30, 2027

General Public:

Nina Spinelli, 727 Dawsons Park Way, Lexington, SC 29072-1906
VICE Jenny Vaught

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the question was confirmation of Nina Spinelli.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Jackson
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn
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Total--40

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NAYS

Total--0

The appointment of Nina Spinelli was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Advisory Panel for Massage/Bodywork Therapy,
with the term to commence June 30, 2023, and to expire June 30, 2027

Massage/Bodywork Therapist:

Sherri Rees, 157 Regent Avenue, Bluffton, SC 29910-8841 *VICE*
Jennifer Griffith

On motion of Senator DAVIS, the question was confirmation of Sherri Rees.

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

Ayes 40; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms
Gustafson	Harpootlian	Jackson
<i>Johnson, Kevin</i>	<i>Johnson, Michael</i>	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Massey
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Senn
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Tedder	Verdin	Williams
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Total--40

NAYS

Total--0

The appointment of Sherri Rees was confirmed.

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Motion Adopted

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

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Johnny Paul Singleton of Westminster, S.C. Johnny was the beloved son of James and Janice Singleton. He was a disabled veteran of the United States Marine Corps and worked as a lineman with the city of Wilson, North Carolina. Johnny was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

and

MOTION ADOPTED

On motion of Senators SETZLER, SHEALY, MASSEY and CROMER, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Betty Bodie Knotts of West Columbia, S.C. Betty was the beloved wife of former retired Senator Jake Knotts for fifty-nine years. Betty worked for the South Carolina Highway Department from 1968-1983, owned Jake's Party Shop for the next five years and owned and operated Knotts Process Service with her husband from 1988 to present. Betty was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves and Alabama Crimson Tide. She loved animals and cared for many dogs and cats over the years. Betty was a loving wife, devoted mother and doting grandmother who will be dearly missed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:55 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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