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TO: ALL WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: THE HONORABLE BILL HIXON, CHAIRMAN

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DATE: February 16, 2017

There will be a meeting of the Wildlife Subcommittee February 22, 2017 at 2:30pm or one hour upon adjournment in Room 410 of the Blatt Building. The following matters are on the agenda:

H. 3748 -- Reps. Pitts, Hiott, Hixon and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NIGHT HUNTING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE HUNTING OF FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, AND ARMADILLOS, TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT DEFINE THE TERMS "NIGHT" AND "NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT", AND TO DELETE THE PENALTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NIGHT HUNTING OF FERAL

HOGS, COYOTES, AND ARMADILLOS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE HUNTING OF FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, AND ARMADILLOS AT NIGHT, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

H. 3601 -- Reps. Clemmons, Pitts, Hiott, Hardee, Duckworth, Crawford, Yow, Delleney, Lowe and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-665, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BEAR HUNTING TAGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NONRESIDENT FEE TO OBTAIN A BEAR TAG, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE RANDOM DRAWING OF TAGS BY BEAR TAG APPLICANTS IN GAME ZONES OTHER THAN GAME ZONE 1, AND TO ELIMINATE THE APPLICATION FEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-430, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HUNTING OF BEARS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING BEAR FOR STILL GUN HUNTS IN GAME ZONE 4, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO ALLOW THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR, TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR ON PRIVATE LANDS AND ALL LANDS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL IN GAME ZONES 2, 3, AND 4, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR BY THE USE OR AID OF BAIT.