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**TO: ALL AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL
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FROM: THE HONORABLE DAVID HIOTT, CHAIRMAN

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There will be a meeting of the Agriculture Committee Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 410 of the Blatt Building. The following matters are on the agenda:

S. 465 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO SALTWATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS "SHELLFISH MARICULTURE" AND "SHELLFISH SEED"; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO WHOLESALE SEAFOOD DEALERS, PEELER CRAB, AND MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A WHOLESALE SEAFOOD DEALER LICENSE WHO RECEIVES MOLLUSCAN SHELLFISH MUST PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CERTIFICATION

OF COMPLETION OF CERTAIN SHELLFISH TRAINING; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-945, RELATING TO A SHELLFISH CULTURE PERMITTEE ACQUIRING A PERMIT TO TAKE SHELLFISH FOR REPLANTING FROM STATE BOTTOMS DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO SHELLFISH MARICULTURE PERMITTEES TO HARVEST WILD SHELLFISH SEED FOR USE IN MARICULTURE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-965, RELATING TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH FROM BOTTOMS OR WATERS DESIGNATED FOR COMMERCIAL HARVEST, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY PLACE CERTAIN CONDITIONS UPON HARVEST PERMITS FOR THESE AREAS, PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PLACE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS UPON A PERSON SEEKING TO OBTAIN AN INDIVIDUAL HARVESTER PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-995, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SHELLFISH MARICULTURE OPERATION PERMITS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF OUT-OF-SEASON HARVEST PERMITS TO SHELLFISH MARICULTURE PERMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1005, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SHELLFISH IMPORTATION PERMITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PLACING OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED SHELLFISH IN THE WATERS IN THIS STATE EXCEPT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS, PRODUCE, BARTER, TRADE, OR SELL GENETICALLY MODIFIED SHELLFISH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS WITH CONDITIONS RELATING TO TESTING, TREATMENT OF EFFLUENT, AND BIOSECURITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-2500, RELATING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF POINT VALUES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UPON PERSONS WHO VIOLATE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE MARINE RESOURCES ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION ALSO APPLIES TO VIOLATIONS RELATED TO HARVESTING AND HANDLING OF SHELLFISH.

AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE

S. 570 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 46-33-90 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SHIPMENT AND SALE OF TREES, PLANTS, AND SHRUBS, TO PROVIDE A NURSERY REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE AND A NURSERY DEALER REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 46-9-90(A), RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE CHAPTER ON THE STATE CROP PEST COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON VIOLATING THE CHAPTER OR CHAPTERS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISSION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; TO AMEND SECTION 46-10-100(A), RELATING TO BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SECTION 46-10-60 OR WHO ALTERS, FORGES, COUNTERFEITS, OR USES WITHOUT AUTHORITY A CERTIFICATE, PERMIT, OR OTHER DOCUMENT PROVIDED FOR IN THE CHAPTER IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; TO AMEND SECTION 46-13-180(1), RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAPTER ON THE PESTICIDE CONTROL

ACT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; TO AMEND SECTION 46-15-100, RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL MARKETING GENERALLY, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES PROVISIONS WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF ANY MARKET ESTABLISHED UNDER CHAPTER 15, TITLE 46 OR ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 19, TITLE 46 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; TO AMEND SECTION 46-23-80, RELATING TO NOXIOUS WEEDS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES CHAPTER 23, TITLE 46 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 46-49-70, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON VIOLATING CHAPTER 49, TITLE 46 IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR.

AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE

H. 3929 -- Reps. Hiott, Pitts, Kirby, Forrest, Yow, Sandifer, Atkinson, Hayes, Hixon and V.S. Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-65 SO AS TO ESTABLISH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REVIEW AND APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DHEC) REGARDING THE PERMITTING OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 44-1-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DHEC DECISIONS GIVING RISE TO CONTESTED CASES, SO AS TO REVISE AND CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING PERMITS FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 46-45-60, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY OR LOCAL ORDINANCES TO AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 46-45-80, RELATING TO SETBACK DISTANCES FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL ANIMAL FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT DHEC FROM REQUIRING ADDITIONAL SETBACK DISTANCES IF ESTABLISHED DISTANCES ARE ACHIEVED, TO PROHIBIT THE WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF SETBACK DISTANCES IF THEY ARE ACHIEVED, WITH EXCEPTIONS, WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT OF ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS, AND TO ALLOW DHEC TO REQUIRE CERTAIN BUFFERS.

AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

H. 4163 -- Reps. Lowe, Ott, Pitts and White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 49-6-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, SO AS TO ALTER THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 49-6-40, RELATING TO THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PLAN TO BALANCE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT WITH THE PRESERVATION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITATS.

AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

S. 443 -- Senators Campsen, Young, McElveen, Williams and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NIGHT HUNTING AND HARASSMENT OF WILDLIFE, TO RESTRUCTURE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE NIGHT HUNTING, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-705, TO PROVIDE THAT NIGHT HUNTING ANY ANIMAL EXCEPT DEER, BEAR, TURKEY, OR ANY ANIMAL LISTED IN SECTIONS 50-11-710 OR 50-11-715 IS UNLAWFUL, TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT NIGHT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY ON PROPERTY NOT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT HUNTING FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS IS UNLAWFUL AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY ON PROPERTY REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT IS UNLAWFUL AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISPLAY OR USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT AT NIGHT ON PROPERTY NOT REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT HUNTING FERAL HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS, IN A MANNER CAPABLE OF DISCLOSING THE PRESENCE OF DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY, TOGETHER WITH THE POSSESSION OF OR ACCESS TO A CENTERFIRE RIFLE AND AMMUNITION LARGER THAN CERTAIN WEAPONS, SHALL CONSTITUTE PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF NIGHT HUNTING DEER, BEAR, OR TURKEY; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-715, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO NIGHT HUNT FOR HOGS, COYOTES, OR ARMADILLOS, AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-717, TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBSERVING OR HARASSING WILDLIFE IS UNLAWFUL, EXCEPT THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY USE ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS TO OBSERVE WILDLIFE PRIOR TO 11:00 P.M., AND TO PROVIDE OTHER APPROPRIATE USES OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-710, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO NIGHT HUNT FOR RACCOONS, OPOSSUMS, FOXES, MINKS, OR SKUNKS UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 50-11-740, 50-11-745(A), AND 50-9-1120(2)(b), TO ADD TURKEY TO THE LISTS THAT INCLUDE DEER OR BEAR; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 50-11-708 AND 50-11-720, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED

S. 367 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-870(B)(6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF WATERCRAFT, TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN A WATERCRAFT AND ANOTHER OBJECT NEAR WHICH A WATERCRAFT MAY BE OPERATED IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WATERCRAFT MAY NOT BE OPERATED UPON THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF CERTAIN OBJECTS.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

