**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

**(Statewide Session)**

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## Indicates New Matter

 The Senate assembled at 2:00 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:

 Joshua challenged his people, commanding them to:

 “ ‘...choose this day whom you will serve...’ ” (Joshua 24:15b)

 Join me in prayer, please:

 Holy God, we recognize that Joshua’s words echo among us resoundingly, even today. The struggle for all South Carolinians is ongoing: to whom, or what, in life do we give our greatest allegiance? Who owns our soul, if you will? Who rules what we say or do? Dearest Lord, be with each of these leaders here in the Senate of South Carolina as they wrestle in committees and here on the Chamber floor with these very matters. Grant each Senator and aide the wisdom to know the best direction, the wisest course, for all of our people. In Your loving name we pray this, O Lord. Amen.

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

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley:

**Local Appointments**

Reappointment, Abbeville County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2021

Curtis G. Clark, 414 Monument Street, Suite A, Greenwood, SC 29646

Initial Appointment, Clarendon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

 Pat Goodwin, P. O. Box 329, Turbeville, SC 29162 *VICE* Charlie Gavin

Appointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2008, and to expire July 1, 2014

2nd Congressional District:

Robert E. Barnett, 219 West Passage, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE* Mr. W.M. Brantley Harvey, Jr.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with the term to commence June 1, 2013, and to expire June 1, 2019

5th Congressional District:

Ralph A. “Nick” Odom, 877 Hillcroft Place, Rock Hill, SC 29732

**REGULATION RECEIVED**

 The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 4443

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-11-10, 50-11-96, 50-11-105, 50-11-310, 50-11-335, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-520, 50-11-530, 50-11-854, 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210

SUBJECT: Seasons, Limits, Methods of Take and Special Use Restrictions on Wildlife Management Areas

Received by Lieutenant Governor February 11, 2014

Referred to Fish, Game and Forestry Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2015

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator LARRY MARTIN introduced Dr. Jennifer Root, Specialty in Anesthesiology of Columbia, S.C., Doctor of the Day. Dr. Root is also the Speaker of the House for the South Carolina Medical Association.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator CLEARY rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator CAMPBELL rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator HEMBREE rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

 S. 833 Sen. Verdin

 S. 300 Sen. Verdin

 S. 35 Sen. Davis

S. 1007 Sen. O’Dell

S. 953 Sen. Alexander

S. 813 Sen. Alexander

**RECALLED**

 S. 989 -- Senator Nicholson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑290, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN GREENWOOD COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE BOUNDARIES OF EXISTING PRECINCTS AND TO DESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE BOUNDARIES OF GREENWOOD COUNTY VOTING PRECINCTS AS REVISED BY THIS ACT MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

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

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

**RECALLED**

 H. 4468 -- Reps. Hardwick, Ryhal and Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN HORRY COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE VARIOUS EXISTING PRECINCTS, TO ADD TWO PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

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

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1030 -- Senators L. Martin, Bryant and Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE T. ED GARRISON FAMILY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THEIR STATE AND COMMUNITY AND TO WISH THEM WELL AS THEY CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Senator LARRY MARTIN spoke on the Resolution.

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1031 -- Senators Campsen and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 39, TITLE 48 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, TO PROVIDE THAT GOLF COURSES SEAWARD OF THE BASELINE THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO 1991 MAY BE PROTECTED WITH SANDBAGGING AND SAND SCRAPING UNDER EMERGENCY ORDERS ISSUED OR APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 1032 -- Senators Campsen and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-130 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PERMITS REQUIRED FOR COASTAL ZONE CRITICAL AREAS, TO INCLUDE TEMPORARY QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICES AS A TECHNIQUE TO BE USED IN THE BEACH/DUNE CRITICAL AREA TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-270, RELATING TO TERMS PERTAINING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, TO DEFINE QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-290, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS SEAWARD OF THE BASELINE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR QUALIFIED WAVE DISSIPATION DEVICES.

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 Senator CAMPSEN spoke on the Bill.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 1033 -- Senators Campbell, Leatherman and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAXATION, BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-110, TO PROVIDE AN OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS THAT CONDUCTS OPERATIONS WITHIN THIS STATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PERFORMING WORK OR SERVICES RELATED TO A DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY DURING A DISASTER PERIOD MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A LEVEL OF PRESENCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT BUSINESS TO REGISTER, FILE, AND REMIT STATE OR LOCAL TAXES OR THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT BUSINESS OR ITS OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE SUBJECT TO ANY STATE LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE ACTIONS.

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

 S. 1034 -- Senator L. Martin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUMES 5 AND 8 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2014.

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

 S. 1035 -- Senators Davis, Rankin, Shealy, Cleary, L. Martin, Grooms, Bright, Pinckney, Coleman and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH ACT OF 1980, TO ENACT THE MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT RESEARCH ACT; TO ESTABLISH THE MEDICAL CANNABIS THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; TO PROVIDE FOR PATIENTS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE WHO AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MEDICAL CANNABIS CAN BE ADMINISTERED TO A PATIENT; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE TO A PARTICIPATING PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN A RESEARCH STUDY AND OF THE EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION OF A PARTICIPATING PATIENT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BY ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS THAT SUPERVISE OR ADMINISTER MEDICAL CANNABIS TREATMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL AND CIVIL IMMUNITY FROM STATE ACTIONS OR SUITS ARISING FROM THE PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL DEFEND STATE EMPLOYEES WHO, IN GOOD FAITH, CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO COLLABORATE WITH ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS TO ASSIST INTERESTED PATIENTS WITH THE APPLICATION PROCESS TO PARTICIPATE IN EXISTING UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION APPROVED INVESTIGATIONAL NEW DRUG STUDIES CONCERNING MEDICAL CANNABIS.

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

 S. 1036 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 SO AS TO ENACT THE "DENTAL SEDATION ACT", TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF VARYING LEVELS OF SEDATION TO DENTAL PATIENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-85, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE DENTISTRY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

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

 S. 1037 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-148 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE IDENTIFYING CODE AFFIXED ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF CERTAIN CRIMES, TO REMOVE THE FIFTY DOLLAR FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THE IDENTIFYING CODE.

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

 S. 1038 -- Senator Jackson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BENEDICT COLLEGE HARAMBEE FESTIVAL AND CONGRATULATE THE COLLEGE ON THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EVENT'S FOUNDING.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1039 -- Senator S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES, TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WEEKS FOR THE PRIMARY, RUNOFF PRIMARY, AND SPECIAL ELECTION FOR OFFICES IN WHICH THERE ARE PARTISAN ELECTIONS AS WELL AS FOR THE ELECTION FOR OFFICES IN WHICH THERE ARE NOT PARTISAN ELECTIONS FOLLOWING THE VACANCY.

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 Senator SHANE MARTIN spoke on the Bill.

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

 S. 1040 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Jackson, Lourie, Williams, Setzler, Grooms, Nicholson, Bennett, Scott, Shealy, Kimpson, Rankin, Leatherman, Fair, Hayes, Courson, Campbell, McGill and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION, SO AS TO DEFINE A SENIOR CITIZEN AS A PERSON SIXTY YEARS OR OLDER AND TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF THE PROTECTIONS OF THE ARTICLE TO SENIOR CITIZENS; TO ADD HUMAN TRAFFICKING AS A CRIME SUBJECT TO FINES AND IMPRISONMENT; TO CHANGE EXISTING CRIMINAL PENALTIES; TO CREATE DUTIES RELATED TO DISCHARGING VULNERABLE ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS FROM CERTAIN SETTINGS; TO CREATE AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO COMMITTING OFFENSES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ARTICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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 Senator ALEXANDER spoke on the Bill.

 Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

 S. 1041 -- Senator Shealy: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROBERT AND SARA ADDY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1042 -- Senator Cleary: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ALAN W. WALTERS, GEORGETOWN COUNTY CENTRAL TRAFFIC COURT MAGISTRATE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWELVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 H. 4573 -- Rep. Douglas: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 191 OF 1991, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY ARE ELECTED.

 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

 H. 4611 -- Reps. Hosey, Sellers and Mitchell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED ON JANUARY 28, 29, AND 30 BY THE STUDENTS OF BARNWELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 19, 29, AND 45 WHEN THE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED DUE TO SNOW ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

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

 H. 4620 -- Reps. Hosey and Clyburn: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED ON JANUARY 28, 29, AND 30 BY THE STUDENTS OF THE ALLENDALE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEN ITS SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED DUE TO SNOW ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

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

 H. 4633 -- Reps. Gambrell, Gagnon, Bowen, Putnam, Thayer and White: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIVE ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

 H. 4641 -- Rep. Delleney: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PALMETTO BOYS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014, FROM 11:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE MEETING.

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

 H. 4654 -- Rep. Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GAIL BELISSARY FOR HER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENT TO HEALTHCARE FOR CITIZENS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY.

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

 H. 4662 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bannister, Barfield, Bedingfield, Bingham, Bowen, Bowers, Branham, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, H. A. Crawford, K. R. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Edge, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Harrell, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Munnerlyn, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, R. L. Ott, Owens, Parks, Patrick, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sabb, Sandifer, Sellers, Simrill, Skelton, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, J. R. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Vick, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wood: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ADAM BEAM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING WORK AS GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS WRITER AT THE STATE NEWSPAPER IN COLUMBIA, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING SELECTED TO SERVE AS ASSOCIATED PRESS LEAD STATE HOUSE REPORTER IN KENTUCKY, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator LEATHERMAN from the Committee on Finance submitted a majority favorable with amendment and Senators BRYANT and CLEARY a minority unfavorable report on:

S. 402 -- Senators Peeler, O’Dell, Reese, Pinckney and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑3377, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TAX CREDITS FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES, SO AS TO DISALLOW THE CREDIT TO CERTAIN VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT EXPIRES WHEN THE SIMILAR FEDERAL CREDIT EXPIRES; BY ADDING SECTION 12‑6‑3378 SO AS TO PROVIDE A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX CREDIT FOR THE IN‑STATE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW QUALIFIED HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE, NEW QUALIFIED BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE, OR NEW QUALIFIED ALTERNATIVE FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER 8,500 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING, TO PROVIDE A TEN PERCENT CREDIT FOR THE IN‑STATE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF A NEW QUALIFIED HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE, NEW QUALIFIED BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLE, OR NEW QUALIFIED ALTERNATIVE FUEL MOTOR VEHICLE OVER 8,500 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED; TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE FLEET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROGRAM SHALL SEEK TO PROMOTE THE USE OF CLEAN, DOMESTIC, AND EFFICIENT FUELS; TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF THE STATE FLEET, SO AS TO ADD PREFERENCE FOR COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, AND BATTERY ELECTRIC VEHICLES WHEN PRACTICAL; TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑315, RELATING TO THE FEASIBILITY OF USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS FOR THE STATE VEHICLE FLEET, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLE MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE A PLAN FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF STATE‑OWNED VEHICLES WITH VEHICLES USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO SUBMIT THE PLAN TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑67‑585, RELATING TO THE USE OF BIODIESEL FUEL IN THE STATE SCHOOL BUS FLEET, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING HYBRID, PLUG‑IN HYBRID, BIODIESEL, HYDROGEN, FUEL CELL, COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, BATTERY ELECTRIC, OR FLEX‑FUEL SCHOOL BUSES WHEN PERFORMANCE, QUALITY, AND LIFE CYCLE COSTS ARE COMPARABLE TO OTHER SCHOOL BUSES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 S. 560 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58‑15‑870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE WILFULL AND MALICIOUS INJURY TO A RAILROAD OR ELECTRIC RAILWAY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A TIER OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 58, RELATING TO RAILROADS, ELECTRIC RAILROADS, AND THE LIKE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PURCHASE, SELL, OR TRANSPORT RAILROAD TRACK MATERIALS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE A TIER OF PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources polled out S. 661 favorable:

 S. 661 -- Senators S. Martin, Bryant, Bright and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEALTH, TO ENACT THE “AGENDA 21 PROTECTION ACT” BY ADDING CHAPTER 137 TO PROHIBIT THIS STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ADOPTING AND DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL POLICIES THAT, WITHOUT DUE PROCESS, WOULD INFRINGE OR RESTRICT THE PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY.

**Poll of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

**Polled 17; Ayes 15; Nays 0; Not Voting 2**

**AYES**

Verdin Matthews McGill

Grooms Bryant Williams

Campbell Gregory Coleman

Corbin Hembree Johnson

McElveen Shealy Young

**Total--15**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**NOT VOTING**

Sheheen Massey

**Total--2**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 681 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 22 “W. D. ‘BILLY’ WITHERSPOON HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “W. D. ‘BILLY’ WITHERSPOON HIGHWAY”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 682 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTURE OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 9 AND 57 IN HORRY COUNTY “STALVEY BELLAMY INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “STALVEY BELLAMY INTERSECTION”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources polled out S. 757 favorable:

 S. 757 -- Senators Hembree, Reese, Shealy, Williams, Malloy, Campbell, Grooms, Verdin, Hayes, Bennett, Gregory, Nicholson, Campsen, Ford, Allen, McGill, Coleman, McElveen, Alexander, Pinckney, Turner, Hutto, Young, Cleary, Sheheen, Massey, Corbin, Rankin, Thurmond and Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WIND ENERGY CAPABILITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS PART OF A MULTI-SOURCE ENERGY STRATEGY AND HONOR THE PARTNERSHIP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUPS, AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE PURSUIT OF A CLEAN ENERGY SOURCE COMPONENT TO THIS OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE.

**Poll of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

**Polled 17; Ayes 15; Nays 0; Not Voting 2**

**AYES**

Verdin Matthews McGill

Grooms Bryant Williams

Campbell Gregory Massey

Coleman Hembree Johnson

McElveen Shealy Young

**Total--15**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**NOT VOTING**

Sheheen Corbin

**Total--2**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator O’DELL from the General Committee submitted a majority favorable and Senator BRIGHT a minority unfavorable report on:

S. 764 -- Senators Alexander, Cromer and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43 SO AS TO CREATE THE VULNERABLE ADULT GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM WITHIN THE OFFICE ON AGING TO RECRUIT, TRAIN, AND SUPERVISE VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS COURT APPOINTED GUARDIANS AD LITEM FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS IN ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION PROCEEDINGS; TO PROVIDE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM; TO PROVIDE THAT A GUARDIAN AD LITEM MAY BE A LAYPERSON OR AN ATTORNEY; TO PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS TO BECOME A GUARDIAN AD LITEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE VULNERABLE ADULT GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM TO INTERVENE IN PROCEEDINGS TO PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF A GUARDIAN AD LITEM UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION, REPORTS, AND RECORDS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GUARDIANS AD LITEM BY CERTAIN STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS, AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT REPORTS AND INFORMATION COLLECTED AND MAINTAINED BY THE PROGRAM ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL IMMUNITY WHEN ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND IN THE ABSENCE OF GROSS NEGLIGENCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43‑35‑45, RELATING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY AND A GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR A VULNERABLE ADULT IN A PROCEEDING, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR A LAY GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND THAT THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM MAY BE REMOVED IF THE VULNERABLE ADULT HAS THE CAPACITY TO ASSIST IN THE CASE.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 S. 812 -- Senator O’Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11‑50‑50, AS AMENDED, SECTIONS 11‑50‑60, 11‑50‑90, AND 11‑50‑160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO UPDATE THE LIST OF COUNTIES IN WHICH A BOARD MEMBER MAY RESIDE OR REPRESENT, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, AND TO NO LONGER REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE BEFORE PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, BUT TO REQUIRE THE AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE REGARDING LOANS AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 S. 825 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 3‑1‑40 SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION ANY REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN A MILITARY BASE OR INSTALLATION THAT IS USED OR OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND IS USED AS MILITARY HOUSING FOR MILITARY AFFILIATED PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES EVEN IF THE REAL PROPERTY IS IMPROVED, MAINTAINED, OR LEASED TO A PARTY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE SUBJECT THE REAL PROPERTY TO TAX, SO LONG AS THERE IS A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT REQUIRING THE LESSEE TO USE THE PROPERTY FOR MILITARY HOUSING.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator O’DELL from the General Committee submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 842 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERAN’S UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS, TO PROVIDE THAT A CORONER MAY WORK WITH A VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS OF A VETERAN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 S. 912 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑1‑730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USE OF HOSPITALITY TAX REVENUE, SO AS TO ALLOW REVENUE TO BE SPENT ON ROADS AND BRIDGES PROVIDING ACCESS TO DESTINATIONS CONTRIBUTING TO TOURIST ACTIVITIES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 934 -- Senators Scott, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McGill, Nicholson, O’Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 277 AND PARKLANE ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY “BERNICE SKINNER INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS HIGHWAY INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “BERNICE SKINNER INTERCHANGE”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 966 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF BLUFF ROAD FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BLUFF ROAD AND LIBERTY STREET TO THE INTERSECTION OF BLUFF ROAD AND PENDERBORO ROAD IN MARION COUNTY THE “CHIEF WILLIE LEE SMITH HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “CHIEF WILLIE LEE SMITH HIGHWAY”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 1003 -- Senator Lourie: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS AT EXIT 27 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77 IN RICHLAND COUNTY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “BLYTHEWOOD HOME OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA EQUESTRIAN TEAM”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 S. 1018 -- Senators Hutto, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McGill, Nicholson, O’Dell, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Reese, Scott, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26 IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY BETWEEN EXIT 145 AND 154 “KAREN J. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “KAREN J. WILLIAMS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, FIRST FEMALE JUDGE AND CHIEF JUDGE OF THE UNITED STATES 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 H. 3027 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pitts, Ballentine, J.E. Smith, Bernstein, Harrell, Cobb‑Hunter, Whipper and R.L. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑43‑220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES MAY CLAIM THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO REGARDLESS OF THE OWNER’S RELOCATION AND REGARDLESS OF ANY RENTAL INCOME, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN ACTIVE DUTY MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, MAY CLAIM THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO ON TWO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES SO LONG AS THE OWNER ATTEMPTS TO SELL THE FIRST RESIDENCE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ACQUIRING THE SECOND RESIDENCE.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 H. 3089 -- Reps. Pope, Tallon, Hixon, Wells, McCoy and Daning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑1140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF AN INDIVIDUAL FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM THREE THOUSAND DOLLAR A YEAR DEDUCTION FOR VOLUNTEER STATE CONSTABLES DESIGNATED BY THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AS STATE CONSTABLES AND TO PROVIDE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS DEDUCTION.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 H. 3367 -- Reps. J.E. Smith and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 33‑56‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE FUNDS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE SPECIFIC DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 33‑56‑60, RELATING TO CERTAIN FILING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR WHICH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE AND THE APPLICABLE FILING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 33‑56‑70, RELATING TO CONTRACTS WITH PROFESSIONAL SOLICITORS REQUIRED TO BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FILING INFORMATION AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE WHEN A PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR, COMMERCIAL CO‑VENTURER, OR PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING COUNSEL MAY BEGIN PROVIDING OR CONTINUE PROVIDING SOLICITATIONS AND SERVICES IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 33‑56‑110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION IN REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AND PROCEDURES FOR REGISTRATION, INCLUDING THE SANCTIONS OR PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OR VIOLATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 33‑56‑120, RELATING TO PROHIBITED MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY A REFERENCE.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

 H. 3563 -- Reps. Delleney, J.E. Smith and Lucas: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 39, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SELF‑SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES, SO AS TO DEFINE “ELECTRONIC MAIL”, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN RENT OR OTHER CHARGES ARE FIVE OR MORE DAYS PAST DUE THE OWNER MAY DENY THE OCCUPANT ACCESS TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND THE OCCUPANT IS CONSIDERED IN DEFAULT, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN RENT OR OTHER CHARGES ARE FOURTEEN OR MORE DAYS PAST DUE THE OCCUPANT MUST BE NOTIFIED, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH A DEFAULTING OCCUPANT’S PERSONAL PROPERTY MAY BE DESTROYED OR SOLD.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 3623 -- Reps. Atwater and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑77‑127 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN AUTOMOBILE INSURER MUST VERIFY THE COVERAGE OF AN INSURED BY ELECTRONIC FORMAT TO A MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE UPON REQUEST OF THE INSURED, AND TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY DEFINITION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑10‑225, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN AN AUTOMOBILE, SO AS TO PERMIT THE USE OF A MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE TO SATISFY THESE REQUIREMENTS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 3781 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Newton and Patrick: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE DEPARTMENT’S REPLACEMENT BRIDGE LOCATED ALONG SPANISH WELLS ROAD ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND “CHARLIE SIMMONS, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “CHARLIE SIMMONS, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

 H. 4447 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 22 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN AIKEN COUNTY “DEPUTY SHERIFF JASON L. SHEPPARD INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “DEPUTY SHERIFF JASON L. SHEPPARD INTERCHANGE”.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., February 18, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT**

 Reappointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with term to commence June 1, 2013, and to expire June 1, 2019

 5th Congressional District:

 Mr. Ralph A. “Nick” Odom, Jr., 877 Hillcroft Place, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., February 18, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT**

 Appointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with term to commence July 1, 2008, and to expire July 1, 2014

 2nd Congressional District:

 Mr. Robert E. Barnett, 219 West Passage, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE* Mr. W. M. Brantley Harvey, Jr.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., February 18, 2014

Mr. President and Senators:

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

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

 Reappointment, Abbeville County Master-In-Equity, with term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2021

 The Honorable Curtis G. Clark, 414 Monument Street, Suite A, Greenwood, SC 29646

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

**HOUSE CONCURRENCES**

The following Concurrent Resolutions were returned from the House with concurrence and received as information:

S. 822 -- Senators Jackson, Alexander, Courson and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO INVITE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, THE HONORABLE GLENN F. MCCONNELL, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION ON THE STATE OF THE AGING POPULATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA AT 12:00 P.M. ON FEBRUARY 12, 2014.

S. 1017 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SOUTH CAROLINA’S FFA MEMBERS (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA) AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK, FEBRUARY 15‑22, 2014.

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

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

 The following Bills were read the third time and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the titles be changed to that of Acts and enrolled for Ratification:

 H. 4475 -- Reps. J.R. Smith, Clyburn, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE VARIOUS EXISTING PRECINCTS, TO ADD THREE PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

 H. 4497 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Herbkersman, Hodges, Newton and Patrick: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE FIVE EXISTING PRECINCTS, ADD NINE PRECINCTS AND DELETE THREE PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

**HOUSE BILL RETURNED**

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

 H. 4521 -- Reps. Newton, Herbkersman and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN JASPER COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD A PRECINCT AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAME OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

**THIRD READING BILLS**

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

 S. 921 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 250 OF 1991, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5, SO AS TO ONLY REQUIRE A MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET REQUIRES A MILLAGE INCREASE.

 S. 953 -- Senators Leatherman, Setzler and O’Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE INCOME TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2013 AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THE STATE THAT EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 31, 2013, THAT ARE EXTENDED BY CONGRESSIONAL ENACTMENT IN 2014 ARE ALSO EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

 S. 689 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑80, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF PRECINCTS IN ANDERSON COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD THE “BELTON ANNEX” PRECINCT, THE “NORTH POINTE” PRECINCT, AND THE “GLENVIEW” PRECINCT, TO REDESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, AND TO CORRECT ARCHAIC LANGUAGE.

 S. 807 -- Senators Setzler, Courson, Cromer, Massey and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑380, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LEXINGTON COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD FOUR PRECINCTS AND DELETE ONE PRECINCT AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

 S. 987 -- Senators S. Martin, Bright, Reese and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑7‑490, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF PRECINCTS IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF THREE PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND STATISTICS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD.

**SECOND READING BILL**

 The following Bill, having been read the second time, was ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar:

 S. 1013 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT IF, AFTER CLOSING THE BOOKS, THE DARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS IN ITS UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE MORE THAN FIFTEEN MILLION DOLLARS, THEN THE COUNTY AUDITOR MUST GRANT A SCHOOL DEBT PROPERTY TAX CREDIT, AND IF ANY EXCESS REMAINS, A SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CREDIT IS CALCULATED.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 S. 268 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 19‑5‑520 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RECORDS OF REGULARLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITY, OR BUSINESS RECORDS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL RULE 902(11) AND (12).

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the adoption of the amendment proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD0268.001), which was adopted:

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

 / SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 5, Title 19 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 19‑5‑520. In addition to those matters provided by Rule 902, South Carolina Rules of Evidence, extrinsic evidence of authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility is not required with respect to the following:

 (1) The original or a copy of a domestic record that meets the requirements of Rule 803(6), South Carolina Rules of Evidence, as shown by a certification of the custodian or another qualified person that complies with a state statute or a court rule. Before the trial or hearing, the proponent shall give an adverse party reasonable written notice of the intent to offer the record and shall make the record and certification available for inspection so that the party has a fair opportunity to challenge the record.

 (2) In a civil case, the original or a copy of a foreign record that meets the requirements of subsection (1), modified as follows: the certification, rather than complying with a state statute or court rule, must be signed in a manner that, if falsely made, would subject the maker to a criminal penalty in the jurisdiction where the certification is signed. The proponent also shall meet the notice requirements of subsection (1).”

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

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MASSEY explained the committee amendment.

 The committee amendment was adopted.

 The question then was second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 44; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Grooms Hayes

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey Matthews

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Sheheen

Thurmond Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--44**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 S. 809 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS SALES TAX, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION ALLOWING THE REFERENDUM FOR IMPOSITION OR REIMPOSITION TO BE HELD AT A TIME OTHER THAN AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION.

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

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

 **Ayes 45; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

Matthews McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--45**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

 S. 913 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑9‑675 TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN FALCONRY IN THIS STATE, THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT, AND THAT A PERSON HOLDING A VALID FEDERAL FALCONRY PERMIT ON JANUARY 1, 2014, MAY ENGAGE IN FALCONRY WITHOUT A SOUTH CAROLINA FALCONER’S PERMIT UNTIL THE FEDERAL PERMIT EXPIRES; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF GAME, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑50 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF FALCONRY AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

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

 **Ayes 45; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Cleary Coleman

Corbin Courson Cromer

Davis Fair Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

Matthews McElveen McGill

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--45**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the Third Reading Calendar.

**CARRIED OVER**

H. 3459 -- Reps. Sandifer, Bales, J.E. Smith and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION SHALL DESIGNATE CERTAIN PERSONNEL FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE BOARD, TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM ASSIGNING OTHER WORK TO THESE PERSONNEL WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE THESE PERSONNEL MAY BE TERMINATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑30, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTANCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT LICENSED BY THE BOARD IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF LICENSEES OR FIRMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑2‑80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DIRECT THE INVESTIGATOR ASSIGNED TO THE BOARD TO INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGED VIOLATION TO DETERMINE THE EXISTENCE OF PROBABLE CAUSE MERITING FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

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

 H. 3853 -- Reps. Owens, Patrick, Bedingfield, Loftis, Taylor, Allison, Anthony, Brannon, Southard, Bowen, Whitmire, Limehouse, Cole, Erickson, Forrester, Harrell, Herbkersman, Hixon, Lucas, D.C. Moss, Norman, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Simrill, G.R. Smith, Sottile, Stringer, Wells and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑40‑111 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CAMPUS (AEC) TO BE ESTABLISHED BY A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR WHICH SHALL CONSTITUTE A CHARTER SCHOOL SERVING A SPECIFIC STUDENT POPULATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL TO BE DESIGNATED AS AN AEC; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑55, RELATING TO A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR’S POWERS AND DUTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE POWERS AND DUTIES INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR THE SCHOOL, AND THE CLOSURE OF LOW PERFORMING SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND THE FORMATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION MUST BE BASED ON AN APPLICATION TEMPLATE WITH COMPLIANCE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE APPLICATION AND FOR LETTERS OF INTENT TO BE SUBMITTED BY AN APPLICANT AND A CHARTER COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ITS DUTY TO REVIEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMMITTEE, TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES REQUIRED OF A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICANT IN REGARD TO A CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON COMPLIANCE TO BOTH SPONSORS AND APPLICANTS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE STANDARDS FOR A SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES OR AREA COMMISSION TO FOLLOW WHEN CONSIDERING THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPEAL OF FINAL DECISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE ADMINISTRATION LAW COURT, SO AS TO ALSO INCLUDE FINAL DECISIONS OF A PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING SPONSOR; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL SPONSOR AND THE RENEWAL OR TERMINATION OF A CHARTER BY THE SPONSOR, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL AUTOMATICALLY AND PERMANENTLY CLOSE, TO REVISE THE CRITERIA TO CONSIDER WHEN REVOKING OR NOT RENEWING A CHARTER, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN A SPONSOR SUMMARILY MAY REVOKE A CHARTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH STAYS OF THE REVOCATION OR NONRENEWAL OF THE CHARTER TAKE EFFECT OR MAY BE GRANTED; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑115, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF A CHARTER SCHOOL’S CONTRACT WITH A SPONSOR, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59‑40‑180, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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

 S. 275 -- Senators L. Martin and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23‑1‑210, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY TRANSFER OR ASSIGNMENT OF A MUNICIPAL OR COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO A MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT SENDS AN OFFICER TO ANOTHER COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO BE REIMBURSED FOR SERVICES BY THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO WHICH THE OFFICER IS TRANSFERRED OR ASSIGNED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AFFECTED BY THIS PROVISION MUST BE NOTIFIED BY THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISIONS OF ANY MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE AGREEMENT EXECUTION AND TERMINATION.

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

 S. 828 -- Senators Fair and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11‑41‑75 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BOND REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS IF A CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW CENTER IS SOLD AND IS TO BE REPLACED WITH A NEW CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW CENTER, AND TO SET FORTH EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11‑41‑70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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

 S. 940 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑470, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX, SO AS TO ALLOW A COUNTY THAT DOES NOT COLLECT A CERTAIN AMOUNT IN ACCOMMODATIONS TAX TO IMPOSE THE SALES TAX SO LONG AS NO PORTION OF THE COUNTY AREA IS SUBJECT TO MORE THAN TWO PERCENT TOTAL SALES TAX.

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

 S. 876 -- Senators Cromer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑355 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL DEER HUNTING NEAR A RESIDENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT DEER WITH FIREARMS NEAR A RESIDENCE WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNER AND OCCUPANT.

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

 S. 748 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 30, TITLE 44 SO AS TO BE ENTITLED “IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR PROVIDING FREE HEALTH CARE SERVICES”, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SERVICES OF A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TREATING A PATIENT FREE OF CHARGE ARE DEEMED TO BE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN STATUTE; TO REENTITLE CHAPTER 30, TITLE 44 AS “HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS”; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 44‑30‑10 THROUGH 44‑30‑90 AS ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 44, ENTITLED “HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE ACT”.

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

 H. 3978 -- Reps. White and G.M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEDICAID NURSING HOME PERMITS, TO DEFINE “MEDICAID PERMIT DAY”, TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH ADDITIONAL MEDICAID PERMIT DAYS ARE ALLOCATED, TO SET FORTH COMPLIANCE STANDARDS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

 Senator CLEARY explained the Bill.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

 S. 815 -- Senators L. Martin and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7‑11‑30, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT A PARTY MAY CHOOSE TO CHANGE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES BY PRIMARY TO A CONVENTION IF THREE‑FOURTHS OF THE CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP APPROVES OF THE CONVENTION NOMINATION PROCESS, AND A MAJORITY OF THE VOTERS IN THAT PARTY’S NEXT PRIMARY ELECTION APPROVES THE USE OF A CONVENTION.

 Senator SHANE MARTIN asked unanimous consent to take the Bill up for immediate consideration.

 There was no objection.

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

 Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

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

**AMENDED, CARRIED OVER**

 S. 605 -- Senators Lourie, Sheheen, Jackson, Coleman, Johnson, Allen, McElveen, Bryant, Bright, Davis, Shealy and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑13‑791 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF ANY AIRCRAFT OWNED OR LEASED BY THIS STATE, OR ANY STATE AGENCY, ENTITY, OR INSTITUTION, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, BY A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE FIRST APPROVED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN REGARD TO MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE, BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE IN REGARD TO MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, OR BY THE CHAIRMAN OF A STATE BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IN REGARD TO A MEMBER OF THAT BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE WHO IS PERMITTED TO REQUEST USE OF STATE AIRCRAFT, TO PROVIDE THAT NO AIRCRAFT OWNED OR LEASED BY THIS STATE, OR ANY STATE AGENCY, ENTITY, OR INSTITUTION, INCLUDING INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, MAY TRANSPORT A PERSON FROM A LOCATION IN OR OUT OF THIS STATE TO COLUMBIA OR ANOTHER LOCATION TO TESTIFY BEFORE A STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR EITHER HOUSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ABOUT ANY MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THAT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE COST OF THE FLIGHT MUST BE REIMBURSED TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

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

**Motion Under Rule 26B**

 Senator JACKSON moved to take up a further amendment pursuant to the provisions of Rule 26B.

 There was no objection.

 Senators JACKSON and LOURIE proposed the following amendment (BH\605C001.BH.DG14), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by adding an appropriately lettered penultimate subsection to read:

 / ( ) No approving official specified in subsection (A) may approve the use of any aircraft owned or leased by this State, or any state agency, entity, or institution, including institutions of higher learning, if the aircraft will furnish transportation to a person, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300(25), that receives any payment for operation expenses, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300(34), from an account or fund that receives contributions, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300(7), or campaign bank accounts, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1312. Further, no official, regardless of whether the official requires approval, may request the use of such aircraft if such a person is to be furnished transportation on the flight. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator JACKSON explained the amendment.

 The amendment was adopted.

**Motion Under Rule 26B**

 Senator JACKSON moved to take up a further amendment pursuant to the provisions of Rule 26B.

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

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

**OBJECTION**

 S. 840 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑1640, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY DISPENSERS AS PART OF THE STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER OF SUBMISSION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑1650, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF DATA FROM THE STATE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE A COURT ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PURPOSES, AND TO REQUIRE A COURT ORDER TO RELEASE INFORMATION TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHEN THE REQUEST IS FOR SYSTEM DATA MAINTAINED FOR LONGER THAN ONE YEAR.

 Senator SHEALY objected to the Bill.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator PEELER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the Motion Period.

**RECESS**

 At 4:07 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate receded from business.

**Recorded Vote**

 Senators BRIGHT and SHANE MARTIN desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to recess.

 At 6:29 P.M., the Senate resumed.

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

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

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Corrections, with term coterminous with Governor

Bryan P. Stirling, 2127 Kiawah Ave., Columbia, SC 29205

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

**Ayes 33; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Bright Bryant

Campbell Cleary Coleman

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Grooms Hayes

Hembree Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Rankin Scott Setzler

Shealy Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--33**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

Having received a favorable report from the Committee on Education, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, John de la Howe School Board of Trustees, with the term to commence April 1, 2013, and to expire April 1, 2018

At-Large:

 Patricia Sara Silva, 1726 Carolina Dr., Aiken, SC 29801 *VICE* Rosalind Neal

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

**Ayes 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Grooms Hayes

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey Matthews

McElveen McGill Nicholson

O'Dell Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Shealy Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**LOCAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

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

Reappointment, Abbeville County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2021

Curtis G. Clark, 414 Monument Street, Suite A, Greenwood, SC 29646

Initial Appointment, Clarendon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2014, and to expire April 30, 2018

 Pat Goodwin, P. O. Box 329, Turbeville, SC 29162 *VICE* Charlie Gavin

Appointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2008, and to expire July 1, 2014

2nd Congressional District:

Robert E. Barnett, 219 West Passage, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE* Mr. W.M. Brantley Harvey, Jr.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, with the term to commence June 1, 2013, and to expire June 1, 2019

5th Congressional District:

Ralph A. “Nick” Odom, 877 Hillcroft Place, Rock Hill, SC 29732

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators SETZLER, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, COURSON, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, KIMPSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McGILL, NICHOLSON, O’DELL, PEELER, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, REESE, SCOTT, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Rev. Julia F. Brunson of Manning, S.C. Rev. Brunson lived a long and meaningful life. She was the grandmother of Senator JOHNSON. She will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senator NICHOLSON, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Pastor Curtis L. Bowman of Greenwood, S.C. Pastor Bowman began preaching in 2002 and served Pisgah Baptist Church, Piney Grove Baptist Church and Holy Spring Baptist Church. He was a devoted husband, brother, uncle, friend and pastor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 6:31 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

**Recorded Vote**

 Senator BRIGHT desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

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