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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

 Our thought for today is from Proverbs 17:24: “The discerning person looks to wisdom, but the eyes of a fool to the ends of the earth.”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, grant these Representatives and staff discernment in doing the work of the people. Give them wisdom, courage, strength, and integrity in all they do. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who contribute to the success of this great cause. Protect our defenders of freedom at home and abroad as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. FUNDERBURK moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of John S. Rainey of Camden, which was agreed to.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Daejah Hough of Darlington, who was killed in a tragic accident.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILL**

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 3854 -- Reps. Limehouse, Brannon, Gilliard, Sottile and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "REPORT-A-BULLY IN SCHOOL WEBSITE ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP A WEBSITE THROUGH WHICH A PERSON MAY ANONYMOUSLY REPORT ACTS OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF A STUDENT AT SCHOOL; TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICT SHALL RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY MEANS OF THE WEBSITE IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO IMPOSE RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON THE DISTRICT; AND TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH THE WEBSITE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

**ROLL CALL**

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bedingfield |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Goldfinch |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hardwick |
| Hayes | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Kirby |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | W. J. McLeod |
| Merrill | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Nanney | Neal |
| Newton | Ott | Parks |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Ridgeway | Riley |
| Rivers | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Stringer |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whipper | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Wednesday, March 18.

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| Bruce W. Bannister | Beth Bernstein |
| Gilda Cobb-Hunter | Jerry Govan |
| Chris Hart | Ralph Kennedy |
| John R. King | Patsy Knight |
| H. B. "Chip" Limehouse | Mia S. McLeod |
| Mandy Powers Norrell | Leola Robinson-Simpson |
| Todd RutherfordLeon Howard | Brian White |

**Total Present--120**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GILLIARD a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**STATEMENTS OF ATTENDANCE**

Reps. HAYES and PARKS signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, March 17.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rep. CORLEY presented to the House the Midland Valley High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co‑sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co‑sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member’s or co‑sponsor’s written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3198 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | YOW |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3204 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | BALES and HORNE |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3218 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | YOW |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3343 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | ERICKSON |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3508 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | CLEMMONS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3512 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | G. R. SMITH |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3521 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | YOW |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3547 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | YOW |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3583 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | FORRESTER |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3650 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | LOFTIS |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3788 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/18/15 | G. M. SMITH |

**CO-SPONSOR REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3177 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 03/18/15 | HUGGINS |

**SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3787 -- Reps. King, Felder, Norman and Pope: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF TWO OR FEWER DAYS THAT SCHOOLS IN YORK COUNTY CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 2015 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO TIME MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THESE STORMS.

**H. 3341--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3341 -- Reps. Merrill and Rivers: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 130 OF 2007 RELATING TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY BY TWO WHO SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY DELEGATION.

Rep. MERRILL moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was adopted.

**H. 3844--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3844 -- Reps. Parks, Pitts and Riley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF TWO OR FEWER DAYS FOR SCHOOLS IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, AND GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 52 THAT CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 2015 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT

 APPLY TO TIME MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THESE STORMS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 72; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anthony | Atwater |
| Bales | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Cole | Daning |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Finlay | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Hamilton |
| Hardee | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hill | Hixon | Hodges |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Kirby |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| McCoy | McEachern | McKnight |
| W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Neal | Newton |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Ryhal | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Wells |
| Whitmire | Willis | Yow |

**Total--72**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3099--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3099 -- Reps. McCoy, Cobb-Hunter, Weeks, Rivers and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-415 SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TORT CLAIMS ACT EXCEPTION TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IF AN ADMINISTRATOR FAILS TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 63-7-310; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO ADD SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES, FIREFIGHTERS, CAMP COUNSELORS, SCOUT LEADERS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR SUPERVISE CHILDREN AS MANDATED REPORTERS, TO REQUIRE REPORTING WHEN MANDATED REPORTERS ARE ACTING IN A VOLUNTEER CAPACITY, AND TO REQUIRE MANDATED REPORTERS TO COMPLY INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYER INTERNAL REPORTING PROTOCOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-360, RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO CORONERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-410, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-450, RELATING TO INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANDATED REPORTERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. MCCOY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was adopted.

**H. 3797--COMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3797 -- Reps. Murphy and Horne: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, SO AS TO REDEFINE THE TERM COASTAL ZONE BY REMOVING A PORTION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY.

Rep. BRANNON moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to.

**H. 3670--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3670 -- Reps. Lowe, Williams and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1005, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT IN FLORENCE AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGINAL FLORENCE COUNTY PORTION OF THE DISTRICT WITHOUT CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AT ITS CREATION; BY ADDING SECTION 4-23-1006 SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS IN EITHER FLORENCE OR DARLINGTON COUNTIES TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1015, RELATING IN PART TO THE MILLAGE LEVY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO STIPULATE WHICH REFERENDUM PROVISIONS CONTROL IN REGARD TO MILLAGE RATE LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1025, RELATING IN PART TO RESTRICTIONS ON DIMINISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSION OR THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW IN REGARD TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION OF PARTS OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1040, RELATING TO WHICH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY IMPOSE MILLAGE LEVIES OR FIRE SERVICE FEES IN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE BASIS FOR WHICH THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT ONLY MAY LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE OR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Rep. LOWE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

**H. 3663--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3663 -- Reps. Bingham and Mitchell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND DEVOLVE THE BOARD'S POWERS UPON THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND DIRECT THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO REMOVE THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND EMPLOY AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO SHALL SERVE AT-WILL AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD TO AID IN DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY IN A NEW DIRECTION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ADDRESSING AND CORRECTING THE ONGOING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONAL AND MAINTAIN ITS ACCREDITATION.

Reps. WHITE, MERRILL, COBB-HUNTER, BINGHAM and MITCHELL proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3663 (COUNCIL\BBM\3663C005.BBM.AHB15), which was adopted:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking all after the title and inserting:

/Whereas, the members of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina recognize the rich and diverse history of South Carolina State University founded in 1896 in Orangeburg, South Carolina, and the significant contribution that the university has made to the higher education community as well as its current students and alumni; and

Whereas, South Carolina State University is currently experiencing student enrollment revenues that are insufficient to cover existing expenditure obligations, such that the General Assembly finds it necessary to shepherd the institution through this temporary period to restore it to the viable institution it has been in the past and, in order to preserve the long and distinguished history of South Carolina State University, the General Assembly finds it necessary to take temporary corrective action; and

Whereas, with new, experienced management and the proper support and encouragement from the State, South Carolina State University should once again thrive as the State’s only state-supported historically black university and continue to graduate distinguished alumni who will represent the university with pride and serve as the state’s future professionals and leaders; and

Whereas, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has expressed concerns regarding governing board conflicts of interests and board/administration structure as well as financial stability and controls of South Carolina State University and the General Assembly recognizes that maintaining accreditation by the Southern Association of colleges and schools is of great importance. In addition, the General Assembly recognizes and acknowledges the need to follow up on this temporary action that is so critical at this juncture with permanent, statewide legislation to restructure the Board of Trustees and general governance of South Carolina State University with particular emphasis on maintaining the institutional knowledge of members of the Board of Trustees going forward and staggering terms of newly appointed Board of Trustees members to maintain that essential consistency in the university’s governance as it seeks to accomplish its important educational mission. Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. (A) The members of the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University serving on the effective date of this joint resolution are hereby removed from their positions, powers, and duties. Upon the effective date of this joint resolution, an Interim Board of Trustees is hereby created and shall be composed of the designees of the five members of the State Budget and Control board or its successor agency, respectively, who shall serve ex officio and at the pleasure of the appropriate appointing member of the State Budget and Control Board or its successor agency. The Interim Board of Trustees must be appointed upon the effective date of this resolution. The duties and powers of the former board are hereby transferred to the interim board of trustees. The interim board of trustees is directed to remove the president of South Carolina State University serving on the effective date of this joint resolution, if it is determined that would be in the best interest of the university, and is directed to employ an interim president who shall be employed on an at‑will basis.

 (B) The interim president, whose actions must be overseen by the Interim Board of Trustees, shall review both the educational accreditation of the university and the past and current financial situation of the university and make recommendations to the Interim Board of Trustees, to the State Budget and Control Board or its successor agency, to the General Assembly, and to the Executive Budget Office regarding the path that the university must pursue in order to lead the university out of the current financial crisis with an emphasis on having the university return to the valuable and functional institution of higher learning that it has been in the past.

 (C) The Interim Board of Trustees and the interim president shall carry out the appropriate responsibilities concerning all daily operations of South Carolina State University including, but not limited to, the expenditure of funds necessary for the university’s daily operations.

 (D) The Interim Board of Trustees shall serve in their respective capacities until the election of new members of the Board of Trustees for South Carolina State University by the General Assembly pursuant to Chapter 127, Title 59, and such election must include a restructured Board of Trustees including, but not limited to, the members of the Interim Board of Trustees to serve staggered terms and must be held not later than July 1, 2018.

 (E) The Interim Board of Trustees shall be indemnified in the same manner as members of the Retirement System Investment Commission, mutatis mutandis.

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the amendment.

Rep. BINGHAM spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GOVAN spoke in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. MERRILL spoke in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being consideration of the Joint Resolution.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. HODGES moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3341--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3341 -- Reps. Merrill and Rivers: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 130 OF 2007 RELATING TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY BY TWO WHO SHALL BE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY DELEGATION.

Rep. MERRILL moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 19, which was agreed to.

**H. 3099--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3099 -- Reps. McCoy, Cobb-Hunter, Weeks, Rivers and Whipper: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-415 SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TORT CLAIMS ACT EXCEPTION TO IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IF AN ADMINISTRATOR FAILS TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 63-7-310; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO ADD SCHOOL AND COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS, COACHES, FIREFIGHTERS, CAMP COUNSELORS, SCOUT LEADERS, AND OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR SUPERVISE CHILDREN AS MANDATED REPORTERS, TO REQUIRE REPORTING WHEN MANDATED REPORTERS ARE ACTING IN A VOLUNTEER CAPACITY, AND TO REQUIRE MANDATED REPORTERS TO COMPLY INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE STATUTORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYER INTERNAL REPORTING PROTOCOLS; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-360, RELATING TO MANDATORY REPORTING TO CORONERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-410, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS OR ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT, OR BOTH; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-450, RELATING TO INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANDATED REPORTERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. MCCOY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 19, which was agreed to.

**H. 3670--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3670 -- Reps. Lowe, Williams and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1005, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT IN FLORENCE AND DARLINGTON COUNTIES, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGINAL FLORENCE COUNTY PORTION OF THE DISTRICT WITHOUT CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AT ITS CREATION; BY ADDING SECTION 4-23-1006 SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL AREAS IN EITHER FLORENCE OR DARLINGTON COUNTIES TO THE ORIGINAL AREA OF THE DISTRICT; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1015, RELATING IN PART TO THE MILLAGE LEVY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO STIPULATE WHICH REFERENDUM PROVISIONS CONTROL IN REGARD TO MILLAGE RATE LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1025, RELATING IN PART TO RESTRICTIONS ON DIMINISHING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSION OR THE AREA OF THE DISTRICT, AND TO THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW IN REGARD TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION OF PARTS OF A SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT CONTINUE TO APPLY TO THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO THE DISTRICT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-23-1040, RELATING TO WHICH POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY IMPOSE MILLAGE LEVIES OR FIRE SERVICE FEES IN THE DISTRICT, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE BASIS FOR WHICH THE WEST FLORENCE FIRE DISTRICT ONLY MAY LEVY AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE OR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES.

Rep. LOWE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, March 19, which was agreed to.

**H. 3663--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

Debate was resumed on the following Joint Resolution, the pending question being the consideration of the Joint Resolution:

H. 3663 -- Reps. Bingham and Mitchell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND DEVOLVE THE BOARD'S POWERS UPON THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND DIRECT THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO REMOVE THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AND EMPLOY AN INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO SHALL SERVE AT-WILL AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD TO AID IN DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY IN A NEW DIRECTION WITH AN EMPHASIS ON ADDRESSING AND CORRECTING THE ONGOING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE UNIVERSITY FUNCTIONAL AND MAINTAIN ITS ACCREDITATION.

Rep. MERRILL spoke in favor of the Joint Resolution.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 112; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | Burns |
| Chumley | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | George | Goldfinch |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hayes | Henderson |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| King | Kirby | Knight |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | W. J. McLeod |
| Merrill | Mitchell | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Nanney | Neal |
| Newton | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Riley | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Rutherford | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Stringer |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whipper | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--112**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Joint Resolution, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3663. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

 Rep. Robert L. Brown

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber working on a constituent issue during the vote on H. 3663. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

 Rep. Mia S. McLeod

**H. 3846--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3846 -- Reps. Yow and Henegan: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OR ITS SUCCESSOR STATE AGENCY, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE CHERAW NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY TO THE TOWN OF CHERAW.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 90; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | R. L. Brown | Chumley |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Corley |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Finlay | Forrester | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | George | Goldfinch |
| Hardee | Hardwick | Hayes |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Limehouse |
| Lowe | Lucas | Mack |
| McCoy | McEachern | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | Merrill | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Nanney |
| Neal | Newton | Norrell |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Ridgeway |
| Riley | Rivers | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Toole |
| Weeks | Wells | White |
| Whitmire | Willis | Yow |

**Total--90**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3847--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3847 -- Reps. G. R. Smith, Burns, Hamilton, Loftis, Robinson-Simpson, Putnam, Allison, Bannister, Chumley, Dillard, Nanney, Stringer and Willis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY EXEMPT APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE AS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF HAVING A BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOUND IN SECTION 49-67-220 OF THE 1976 CODE IF THE APPLICANT HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY FROM A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION LIBERALLY MUST BE CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND MUST BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ON JULY 1, 2019.

Rep. G. R. SMITH explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 97; Nays 3

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| R. L. Brown | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | Collins | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Delleney |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Finlay |
| Forrester | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Gambrell | Goldfinch | Hardee |
| Henegan | Hicks | Hiott |
| Hixon | Hodges | Horne |
| Hosey | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | McCoy | McEachern |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Neal | Newton |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Rutherford | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Stringer |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whipper | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--97**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Daning | Douglas | Hayes |

**Total--3**

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3849--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3849 -- Rep. Bingham: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-45 SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION IN CERTAIN EVALUATIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND STUDENT TEACHERS FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.

Rep. BINGHAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 105; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Chumley | Clary | Clemmons |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Collins | Corley | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Douglas | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| George | Goldfinch | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hart | Hayes |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Limehouse |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | McCoy | McEachern |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Newton | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Riley | Rivers | Rutherford |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Toole | Weeks | Wells |
| Whipper | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--105**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**S. 382--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON**

**WAYS AND MEANS**

On motion of Rep. WHITE, with unanimous consent, the following Joint Resolution was ordered recalled from the Committee on Ways and Means:

S. 382 -- Senators Matthews, Hutto, Williams, Courson, Hayes, Nicholson, Malloy, Pinckney, Setzler and Jackson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AGENCY HEAD OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO INSTITUTE A MANDATORY FURLOUGH PROGRAM OF UP TO SEVEN DAYS IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FURLOUGH PROGRAM.

**S. 361--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

On motion of Rep. SANDIFER, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works and was referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry:

S. 361 -- Senators Hayes, Cromer, Shealy, Scott and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-73-736, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE RATE REDUCTIONS FOR NON-YOUTHFUL OPERATORS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO APPROVED DRIVER TRAINING REFRESHER COURSES AND TO REDUCE FROM SIX HOURS TO FOUR HOURS THE AMOUNT OF CLASSROOM TRAINING REQUIRED FOR APPROVED DRIVER TRAINING COURSES.

**H. 3772--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

On motion of Rep. MERRILL, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry:

H. 3772 -- Reps. Merrill and Delleney: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-79-260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS TO SUCCESSIVE TERMS BY DELETING A RELATED PROHIBITION.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. BALES asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3008 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. WEEKS objected.

**OBJECTION TO RECALL**

Rep. HART asked unanimous consent to recall H. 3362 from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Rep. WHITE objected.

**S. 196--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 196 -- Senators Hutto, L. Martin, Bryant, Campsen, S. Martin and Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1610, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GRAND JURY SYSTEM AND LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND APPLICABILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE CRIMES INVOLVING TRAFFICKING PERSONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1630, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE STATE GRAND JURY, SO AS TO INCLUDE CRIMES INVOLVING TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING"; BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-2100 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE POSTING OF INFORMATION REGARDING THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE IN CERTAIN BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS, PROVIDE LANGUAGE FOR THE POSTING, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE FAILURE TO POST THE INFORMATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-2050, RELATING TO THE INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE.

Rep. WEEKS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 0; Nays 106

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

**Total--0**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bernstein | Bingham |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brannon |
| G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown | Chumley |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cole | Collins | Corley |
| H. A. Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Delleney | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Finlay | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | Gambrell |
| George | Goldfinch | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hardwick |
| Hart | Hayes | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Limehouse |
| Long | Lowe | Lucas |
| Mack | McCoy | McEachern |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Neal | Newton |
| Norrell | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Putnam | Quinn |
| Ridgeway | Riley | Rivers |
| Rutherford | Ryhal | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Southard | Spires |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whipper | White |
| Whitmire | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--106**

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NANNEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

**H. 3352--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3352 -- Reps. Bowers, Herbkersman and Newton: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 476 OF 1998, RELATING TO JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JASPER COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2016, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE NEWLY DRAWN ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 0; Nays 95

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

**Total--0**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| R. L. Brown | Chumley | Clary |
| Clemmons | Clyburn | Cole |
| Corley | H. A. Crawford | Crosby |
| Delleney | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Finlay | Forrester |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | George |
| Goldfinch | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Horne | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Limehouse |
| Long | Lucas | Mack |
| McCoy | McEachern | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | Merrill | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Neal |
| Newton | Norrell | Parks |
| Pitts | Pope | Putnam |
| Quinn | Ridgeway | Riley |
| Ryhal | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith | Sottile |
| Southard | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Tinkler | Toole | Weeks |
| Wells | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--95**

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

**H. 3142--SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3142 -- Reps. Ryhal, Clemmons, Hixon, Felder, Dillard, Knight and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3715 SO AS TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF A MOPED ALONG CERTAIN PUBLIC ROADS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-5-3710, 56-5-3720, AND 56-5-3730, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOPED ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOTH A PERSON OPERATING A MOPED AND HIS PASSENGER MUST WEAR REFLECTIVE VESTS, TO REQUIRE THAT A MOPED SOLD IN THIS STATE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR RED TAIL LIGHT THAT FLASHES CONTINUALLY WHILE THE MOPED IS IN MOTION, AND TO REQUIRE A MOPED'S REAR RED TAIL LIGHT THAT FLASHES CONTINUALLY TO BE TURNED ON AT ALL TIMES WHILE THE MOPED IS IN OPERATION.

The Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

**MOTION PERIOD**

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. HODGES.

**H. 3041--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3041 -- Reps. Delleney, Allison, Atwater, Ballentine, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bingham, Bradley, Brannon, Burns, Clary, Clemmons, Collins, H. A. Crawford, Daning, Duckworth, Erickson, Forrester, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Horne, Huggins, Kennedy, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McCoy, Merrill, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Newton, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Wells, White, Whitmire, Willis, Yow, Funderburk and Corley: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

Rep. DELLENEY moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution until Thursday, March 19, which was agreed to.

**H. 3204--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3204 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. E. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, M. S. McLeod, Jefferson, Horne and Bales: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-185 SO AS TO ENACT THE "CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION ACT", TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY OFFER THE CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES TO ADOLESCENT STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE SEVENTH GRADE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE VACCINE BEFORE ENROLLING IN OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE RELATED TO OFFERING THIS VACCINATION WITH SPECIFIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS, TO DEFINE "CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES", AND TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF FULL FUNDING BY STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3204 (COUNCIL\NBD\ 3204C001.NBD.VR15), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page 2, SECTION 2, by striking Section 44-29-185(B) in its entirety and inserting:

/ (B)(1) The department shall develop and provide to each school whose grade levels include grade six informational brochures concerning adolescent vaccinations, including the cervical cancer vaccination series. The brochure specifically must state that the cervical cancer vaccination series is optional and shall encourage the parent or guardian of a student to take the child to the child’s own health care provider to be vaccinated.

 (2) At the beginning of the school year each school district shall provide this informational brochure to the parents or guardians of all students in the sixth grade. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. BERNSTEIN proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3204 (COUNCIL\BH\3204C002.BH.VR15), which was adopted:

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

/ SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Cervical Cancer Prevention Act”.

SECTION 2. Chapter 29, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 44‑29‑185. (A)(1) Beginning with the 2015‑2016 school year, the Department of Health and Environmental Control may offer the cervical cancer vaccination series for adolescent students. Adolescent students include children enrolling in the seventh grade in any school, public, private, or home schooling program in this State.

 (2) No student is required to have the cervical cancer vaccination series before enrolling in or attending school. Consent of a parent or guardian is required for a child to receive the cervical cancer vaccination from the department, except as provided under Section 63‑5‑340.

 (B)(1) The department may develop and provide, to each school and home schooling program whose grade levels include grade six, informational brochures concerning adolescent vaccinations, including the cervical cancer vaccination series. The brochure specifically shall state the benefits and side effects of the cervical cancer vaccination series and that the vaccination series is optional. The brochure shall encourage the parent or guardian of a student to take the child to the child’s own health care provider to be vaccinated.

 (2) At the beginning of the school year, each school and home schooling program may provide this informational brochure to the parents or guardians of all students in the sixth grade.

 (C) For the purposes of this section ‘cervical cancer vaccination series’ means the human papillomavirus vaccination series.

 (D) Implementation of this section is contingent upon the appropriation of state and federal funding to the department to fully cover the costs of providing this vaccination series to eligible students as well as the availability of funds to produce the informational brochure provided for in subsection (B).”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. LOFTIS spoke against the Bill.

Rep. HUGGINS spoke upon the Bill.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

Rep. RIDGEWAY spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 83; Nays 27

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Corley |
| Daning | Dillard | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Finlay | Funderburk |
| Gambrell | George | Hardee |
| Hardwick | Hart | Hayes |
| Henderson | Henegan | Hicks |
| Hixon | Hodges | Horne |
| Hosey | Huggins | Jefferson |
| Johnson | King | Kirby |
| Knight | Lucas | Mack |
| McCoy | McEachern | McKnight |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Merrill |
| Mitchell | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Neal | Newton | Norrell |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Southard |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Tallon |
| Taylor | Tinkler | Toole |
| Weeks | Wells | Whipper |
| Williams | Yow |  |

**Total--83**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Burns |
| Chumley | Collins | H. A. Crawford |
| Crosby | Delleney | Forrester |
| Gagnon | Goldfinch | Hamilton |
| Hill | Hiott | Limehouse |
| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Putnam | Riley | Rivers |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | Stringer |
| Thayer | White | Willis |

**Total--27**

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

**H. 3343--COMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3343 -- Reps. Huggins, Toole, Long, McCoy, Knight, R. L. Brown, Pope, Collins, Bingham, Stavrinakis, Yow and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-420, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MAY BE USED TO KILL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED OR QUARANTINED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF BARBITURIC ACID DERIVATIVES, AND CARBON MONOXIDE GAS ARE NOT ALLOWABLE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE HUMANE MAY BE USED TO PERFORM EUTHANASIA.

Rep. PITTS moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to, by a division vote of 59 to 37.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

**H. 3118--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED**

The following was received from the Senate:

Columbia, S.C., March 5, 2015

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3118:

H. 3118 -- Reps. Pitts and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-525 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS GOVERNING CERTAIN AREAS TO ESTABLISH SEASONS, DATES, AREAS, BAG LIMITS, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS FOR HUNTING AND TAKING WILD TURKEY; BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-580 SO AS TO ESTABLISH MALE WILD TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AS MARCH 20 THROUGH MAY 5, DECLARE THE SATURDAY PRECEDING MARCH 20 OF EACH YEAR TO BE "SOUTH CAROLINA YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING DAY" AND PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING ON THIS DAY, TO PROVIDE A WILD TURKEY BAG LIMIT, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CERTAIN WILD TURKEY RESOURCES INFORMATION INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE SEASON AND THE BAG LIMITS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 50-11-530, 50-11-540, AND 50-11-544, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' REGULATION OF THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORITY TO REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, TO ALLOW IT TO PROMULGATE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS FOR THE PROPER CONTROL OF THE HARVESTING OF WILD TURKEYS, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL WILD TURKEY TRANSPORTATION TAGS MUST BE VALIDATED AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE A TURKEY IS MOVED FROM THE POINT OF KILL; AND TO SUSPEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 50-11-520 UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ACT UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, 2018, WHEN SECTION 50-11-580 IS REPEALED.

Very respectfully,

President

On motion of Rep. HODGES, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. PITTS, OTT and HIXON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. RIDGEWAY, from the Clarendon Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 534 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE LAST SENTENCE OF SECTION 3 OF ACT 355 OF 2004, RELATING TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERCENTAGE OF THE SPECIAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX IN CLARENDON COUNTY IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THE ACT MAY BE APPLIED TO SUPPORT SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4(A) OF ACT 355 OF 2004, TO PROVIDE THAT A TAX IMPOSED PURSUANT TO ACT 355 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR NOT MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. YOW, from the Chesterfield Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3656 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 205 OF 1993, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DATE FOR ELECTIONS FOR TRUSTEES, THE FILING PERIOD FOR DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY, AND THE TIME IN WHICH BOARD MEMBERS TAKE OFFICE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. YOW, from the Chesterfield Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3658 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Lucas: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 1010 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LOCAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCILS IN THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF ADVISORY COUNCILS FROM SEVEN TO FOUR THROUGH CONSOLIDATION OF SPECIFIC ATTENDANCE AREAS, TO PROVIDE UNEXPIRED TERMS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT ARE TERMINATED ON THAT DATE AND ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBSEQUENTLY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION WILL HAVE NO ROLE IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCILS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STAGGERING OF ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3583 -- Reps. Clemmons, Simrill, McCoy, Loftis, Atwater, Kirby, Corley, Bernstein, McEachern, Weeks, Johnson, Goldfinch, Kennedy, H. A. Crawford, Rutherford, Whitmire, Douglas, Burns, Clyburn, Erickson, G. R. Smith, Yow, Spires, Chumley, Allison, Hardee, Anderson, Gagnon, Putnam, Nanney, Williams, Limehouse, Duckworth, Norrell, Anthony, Ballentine, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bingham, Clary, Delleney, Felder, Finlay, Funderburk, Gambrell, Hamilton, Hardwick, Hicks, Hiott, Hixon, Huggins, Long, Lowe, Lucas, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Norman, Pitts, Pope, Quinn, Riley, Rivers, Sandifer, G. M. Smith, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Wells, Willis, Newton and Forrester: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 23 TO CHAPTER 35, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FROM OR PROCURING GOODS OR SERVICES FROM A BUSINESS WHICH ENGAGES IN THE BOYCOTT OF A PERSON OR AN ENTITY BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3545 -- Reps. Gambrell, Weeks, Bedingfield, V. S. Moss, Clemmons, Forrester, Gagnon, D. C. Moss, Pitts, Riley, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, White and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ARSON, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ELEMENTS OF THE DEGREES OF ARSON.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3115 -- Reps. Pitts, Hixon and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF THE OWNERSHIP, TRANSFER, OR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN THE STATE MAY ENACT, ENFORCE, OR PROMULGATE ANY REGULATION OR ORDINANCE THAT REGULATES OR ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE THE TRANSFER, OWNERSHIP, POSSESSION, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTATION OF KNIVES, FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, COMPONENTS OF FIREARMS, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3116 -- Reps. Pitts, Hixon, Kennedy, Yow, Clemmons and Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY SOLICIT, PERSUADE, ENCOURAGE, OR ENTICE A LICENSED DEALER OR PRIVATE SELLER OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION IN VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, OR KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THAT PERSON WITH MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION TO DECEIVE HIM ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION, OR WILFULLY PROCURE ANOTHER PERSON TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE GUILTY OF A FELONY, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS THAT RELATE TO THESE OFFENSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3119 -- Reps. Pitts and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF THEFT OF A FIREARM AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DELLENEY, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3025 -- Reps. Clemmons, Yow, Hixon and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW A HOLDER OF AN OUT-OF-STATE CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT TO CARRY A WEAPON IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3859 -- Reps. Norrell, Long, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2015 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3860 -- Rep. W. J. McLeod: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NEWBERRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING RELIABLE, AFFORDABLE ELECTRIC SERVICE IN NEWBERRY, FAIRFIELD, LAURENS, AND LEXINGTON COUNTIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3855 -- Reps. V. S. Moss, D. C. Moss, Allison, Tallon, Anthony, Chumley, Hicks, Mitchell, Cole and Forrester: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT SERVICE OF BROAD RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF GAFFNEY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING ELECTRICITY IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3856 -- Reps. Lucas, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA DURING "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WEEK," APRIL 13-17, 2015, AND ON "INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DAY," APRIL 15, 2015, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING OUR STATE'S AND NATION'S FUTURE LEADERS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3857 -- Rep. Simrill: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DEBRA BOYD FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO WINTHROP UNIVERSITY AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP DURING DIFFICULT DAYS FOR ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST DISTINGUISHED INSTITUTIONS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3858 -- Reps. George, Duckworth, Anderson, Clemmons, H. A. Crawford, Hardee, Hardwick, Hayes, Johnson, Ryhal, Alexander, Allison, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hart, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE ALABAMA THEATRE FOR PRESENTING WORLD-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT IN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH FOR OVER TWO DECADES, THEREBY ATTRACTING THOUSANDS TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S CELEBRATED GRAND STRAND.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 3861 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins and Clary: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF ONE DAY THAT SCHOOLS IN PICKENS COUNTY CLOSED IN FEBRUARY 2015 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO TIME MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FROM THESE STORMS.

On motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the Joint Resolution was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 3862 -- Reps. Quinn, McCoy, Stavrinakis, Bingham, Newton, Bradley, Burns, Merrill, Atwater, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Hamilton, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hixon, Huggins, Lowe, Putnam, Rutherford, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Stringer and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 14-1-215, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RETIRED JUDGES AND JUSTICES CONTINUING TO PRESIDE IN CERTAIN COURTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT IN ADDITION TO CURRENT SCREENING REQUIREMENTS REGARDING RETIRED JUDGES AND JUSTICES PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 19, TITLE 2, RETIRED JUDGES AND JUSTICES ASSIGNED BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE TO PRESIDE OVER ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A CIRCUIT OR FAMILY COURT OR TO ACT AS AN ASSOCIATE JUSTICE IN A PROCEEDING BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OR COURT OF APPEALS ALSO MUST BE CONFIRMED EVERY TWO YEARS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3863 -- Reps. Tallon, Bannister and Quinn: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-53-170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROHIBITED BAIL BONDSMEN ACTIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MINIMUM FEE THAT MUST BE CHARGED AND COLLECTED BEFORE A BONDSMAN MAY EXECUTE A BOND, TO PROVIDE A BONDSMAN MAY ENTER A PAYMENT AGREEMENT BY COMPLYING WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF COLLATERAL BY A BONDSMAN, AND TO REQUIRE BONDSMEN TO PROVIDE CERTAIN NOTICE BEFORE CONVERTING COLLATERAL TO CASH AND REQUIRING BONDSMEN TO RETURN MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE CONVERSION THAT EXCEEDS THE FINAL JUDGMENT OR CONSENT AMOUNT, LESS REASONABLE FEES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3864 -- Reps. Pope, Tallon, Clary, Simrill, Spires, Long, Bedingfield, Yow, Burns, Toole, Allison, Alexander, Hicks, Kirby, Collins, Duckworth, G. A. Brown, Hill, Clemmons, Finlay, Gagnon, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Hardwick, Henderson, Hiott, Hixon, Horne, Lowe, Quinn, Sandifer, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Stringer and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 19 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE VIDEOCONFERENCING OF CERTAIN WITNESSES DURING TRIALS, TO DELINEATE FACTORS THE COURT SHALL CONSIDER IN GRANTING OR DENYING A MOTION FOR THE VIDEOCONFERENCING OF A WITNESS'S TESTIMONY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY USED FOR THIS PURPOSE MUST BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS PUBLISHED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3865 -- Rep. Hodges: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SELF-EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CITATION, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE WEEKLY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THESE BENEFITS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3866 -- Reps. Gambrell, Gagnon, Thayer, Hill, Duckworth, Johnson, Yow, Kirby, Henegan, Hicks, Erickson, Toole, Spires, Simrill, Norrell, Clemmons, Finlay, Funderburk, Goldfinch, Hardwick, Horne, Putnam, Ridgeway, Sandifer, G. R. Smith, Tallon, Wells, White and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-1930, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE CHILD FATALITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3867 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Loftis, Long, Yow, Henegan and G. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-345 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LICENSED INSURERS WHO ALLOW BENEFITS TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO PARTICIPATING OR PREFERRED HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS SHALL ALLOW A PAYMENT TO A SIMILARLY LICENSED NONPARTICIPATING OR NONPREFERRED HEALTH CARE SERVICE PROVIDER.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3868 -- Rep. Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-24-95, RELATING TO DEED RECORDING FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF A STATE DEED RECORDING FEE THAT MUST BE CREDITED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND FROM TWENTY-FIVE CENTS TO THIRTY CENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-60, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ANY FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-70, RELATING TO TRUST FUND GRANTS AND CONSERVATION CRITERIA, SO AS TO ADD ISOLATED WETLANDS AND CAROLINA BAYS TO THE CONSERVATION CRITERIA, TO ADD THE VALUE OF A PROPOSAL ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE CONSERVATION CRITERIA, AND TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE UP TO EIGHT AND THIRTY-THREE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE MONIES CREDITED TO THE TRUST FUND TO APPLICATIONS THAT SOLELY MEET THE NEW CONSERVATION CRITERIA AND LIMIT THE AWARD OF MONEY TO APPLICATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND SOLELY FOR THE SITES OF HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-75, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF DEED RECORDING FEES TO THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE TRANSFER OF RECORDING FEES AND OTHER APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND MUST BE DECREASED BY TWICE THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT IN A FISCAL YEAR WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDES LESS APPROPRIATIONS THAN WHAT WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF ALL STATE AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3869 -- Reps. Neal, Clyburn, Hosey and Howard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-1-290, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF INMATES THROUGH THE PRISON INDUSTRIES PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS MAY NOT NEGOTIATE OR EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH A PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESS THAT PAYS AN INMATE A WAGE THAT IS LESS THAN THE FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED MINIMUM WAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3870 -- Reps. Neal, Hosey, Clyburn and Howard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-3-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE WAGES OF AN INMATE WHO IS ALLOWED TO WORK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INMATE WHO IS PAID LESS THAN THE FEDERALLY ESTABLISHED MINIMUM WAGE SHALL NOT HAVE THE COST FOR ROOM AND BOARD DEDUCTED FROM HIS WAGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THIS PORTION OF HIS WAGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Rep. CHUMLEY moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:02 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. FUNDERBURK, adjourned in memory of John S. Rainey of Camden, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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