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Indicates New Matter

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 Psalm 105:4: “Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually.”

 Let us pray. Most gracious Lord, thank You for Your guidance and care for these Representatives and staff. Continue to give them strength, courage, wisdom, and integrity as they begin to wrap up the work of this Session. Put into their hearts and minds to continually seek Your presence in all they do. Bless our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who support these Representatives. Protect our defenders of freedom as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of those who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, hear our prayers. 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.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 338:

S. 338 -- Senators S. Martin and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 13, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS REGARDING PRISONERS, BY ADDING SECTION 24-13-180 TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OR NONPROFIT ENTITY WHICH IS ENGAGED IN HELPING TO REHABILITATE AND

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REINTRODUCE PAROLED PRISON INMATES INTO THE COMMUNITY AND WHICH AS A PART OF ITS PROGRAM PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY TO THESE PAROLEES MUST PROVIDE NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE ADDRESSES WHERE THESE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES WILL BE LOCATED, AND ALSO MUST CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROGRAM AND THE LOCATION OF THESE RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THEY WILL BE LOCATED.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 788:

S. 788 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-150, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF PERMITS TO ALTER CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO ENACT THE "MANAGED TIDAL IMPOUNDMENT PRESERVATION ACT", BY EXEMPTING PROPERTY THAT IS DEEMED ELIGIBLE UNDER A UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS' GENERAL PERMIT FROM PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND GRANTING ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO THE COASTAL DIVISION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 652:

S. 652 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 34, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 45, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT DO BUSINESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO CONDUCT SAVINGS PROMOTION CONTESTS FOR MEMBERS AND CUSTOMERS OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL OR STATE REGULATORY AGENCY OF EACH FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO OVERSEE THE CONDUCT OF THE CONTESTS AND ISSUE CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS WHEN NECESSARY.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 916:

S. 916 -- Senators Malloy, Fair and M. B. Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A "CHILD" OR "JUVENILE" MEANS A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, DOES NOT MEAN A PERSON SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO IS CHARGED WITH A VIOLENT CRIME, AND THAT A PERSON SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE WHO IS

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CHARGED WITH A CLASS A, B, C, OR D FELONY OR A FELONY WHICH PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF FIFTEEN YEARS OR MORE MUST BE PROVIDED THE RIGHT TO HAVE THE CASE REMANDED TO FAMILY COURT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-19-1210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER A CASE INVOLVING A CHILD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A CHILD WAS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS AT THE TIME OF COMMITTING AN ALLEGED OFFENSE, THE CIRCUIT COURT SHALL TRANSFER THE CASE TO FAMILY COURT, THAT IF A CHILD BELOW EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IS CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE WHICH, IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT, WOULD BE A VIOLENT CRIME, THE COURT MAY RETAIN JURISDICTION, AND THAT IF A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN OFFENSES, THE COURT MAY BIND OVER THE CHILD TO A COURT WHICH WOULD HAVE TRIAL JURISDICTION OF THE OFFENSES IF COMMITTED BY AN ADULT.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 24, 2016

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 950:

S. 950 -- Senators Grooms and Thurmond: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 162 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 165 IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "CHARLESTON COUNTY POLICEMAN STEVEN BUIST HIOTT, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY

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THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "CHARLESTON COUNTY POLICEMAN STEVEN BUIST HIOTT, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. HIOTT, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 980 -- Senators Sheheen and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERINARIANS, BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-305 TO REQUIRE ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED TO AN ANIMAL'S OWNER TO BE LABELED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS SECTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BALES, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5383 -- Rep. Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HIGHWAY 95 TO THE TIMMONSVILLE TOWN LIMIT "REVEREND DR. HENRY B. PEOPLES HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BALES, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1283 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF

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TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC HIGHWAY 45 IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM THE REDIVERSION CANAL TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH THE DIVERSION CANAL "WALTER HILL, JR. HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BALES, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1330 -- Senators Courson, Jackson, Sheheen, Scott and McElveen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTURE OF INTERSTATE 77 AND DECKER BOULEVARD IN RICHLAND COUNTY THE "SENATOR JOEL LOURIE INTERCHANGE" AND TO ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. FUNDERBURK, from the Kershaw Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1296 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO PROVIDE THE KERSHAW COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF SEVEN MEMBERS; AND TO PROVIDE MEMBERS SHALL SERVE TERMS OF FOUR YEARS, EXCEPT THAT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT MEMBERS SHALL SERVE INITIAL TERMS THAT ARE STAGGERED IN TWO, THREE, AND FOUR-YEAR INTERVALS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5413 -- Rep. Henderson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NOVEMBER 2016 AS BLADDER HEALTH MONTH IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5414 -- Reps. Taylor, Clyburn, Corley, Hixon and Wells: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE SUE H. ROE, PROBATE JUDGE FOR AIKEN COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5415 -- Rep. Limehouse: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2016, AS "529 DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FUTURE SCHOLAR 529 COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5416 -- Rep. G. A. Brown: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 401 AND DOG ISLAND ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "ATKINSON CROSSROADS" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1223 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM MAY 2016 AS "MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

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AWARENESS MONTH" THROUGHOUT THE STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO BE AWARE OF MOTORCYCLISTS WHO SHARE OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS, AND TO URGE ALL CITIZENS TO WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE MOTORCYCLE-RELATED CRASHES, INJURIES, AND FATALITIES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1307 -- Senator Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 76 FROM THE TIMMONSVILLE CITY LIMIT TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH INTERSTATE 95 THE "REVEREND DR. HENRY B. PEOPLES HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS AND SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1309 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 76 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH S. CANAL ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MAIN STREET IN MARION, SOUTH CAROLINA, "BISHOP R.F. DAVIS HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

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**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5417 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO COASTAL DIVISION REGULATIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4615, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Without Reference

H. 5418 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4610, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Without Reference

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Allison | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Clary | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | Collins | Crosby |
| Daning | Delleney | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Erickson | Felder |
| Finlay | Forrester | Fry |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | George |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Henderson | Henegan | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Howard |
| Jefferson | Jordan | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Loftis |

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| Long | Lucas | McCoy |
| W. J. McLeod | D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss |
| Nanney | Norman | Norrell |
| Ott | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Ridgeway | Riley |
| Rivers | Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

I came in after the roll call and was present for the Session on Wednesday, May 25.

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| Terry Alexander | Bruce W. Bannister |
| Eric Bedingfield | Beth Bernstein |
| Kenny Bingham | William Clyburn |
| Christopher A. Corley | Chandra Dillard |
| Chris Hart | Jackie Hayes |
| William G. Herbkersman | Jenny A. Horne |
| Chip Huggins | Jeffrey Johnson |
| Ralph Kennedy | Phillip Lowe |
| David Mack | Joe McEachern |
| Cezar McKnight | Mia S. McLeod |
| James Merrill | Harold Mitchell |
| Chris Murphy | Joseph Neal |
| Joshua Putnam | Todd Rutherford |
| Gary Simrill | Leon Stavrinakis |
| Don WellsBrian White | William R. "Bill" Whitmire |

**Total Present--112**

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

Rep. RUTHERFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, May 24.

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NEWTON a leave of absence for the day to attend a Fourth Judicial Circuit conference.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. H. A. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a temporary leave of absence.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. S. Stanley Juk of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. COLE and TALLON presented to the House the Spartanburg High School Boys Varsity Tennis Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Reps. GOVAN, JEFFERSON, HOSEY, COBB-HUNTER and OTT presented to the House the Claflin University Baseball Team, coaches, and other school officials.

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bill and Joint Resolution were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 1297 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 185 OF 1999, RELATING TO PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY ADJUST THE AMOUNT

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OF THE PER DIEM PAYMENTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ADJUSTED RATES.

S. 1206 -- Senator S. Martin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RENAME THE DONALDSON BUS CENTER IN GREENVILLE COUNTY TO BE THE "JOE MADDEN BUS CENTER".

**RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS**

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 1166 -- Senators Leatherman, Setzler, Allen, J. Matthews, Jackson, M. B. Matthews, Malloy, Lourie, Williams, Sheheen, Nicholson, Johnson, Scott, Sabb, Hutto and Kimpson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ON OUTSTANDING LOANS MADE TO THE UNIVERSITY BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND LIABILITIES INCURRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-65-70, TO PROVIDE FOR WHEN THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS ARE DUE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH THE DEBT INCURRED MAY BE RELIEVED, AND TO EXTEND FLEXIBILITY RELATED TO FURLOUGHS AS PROVIDED IN ACT 120 OF 2015.

S. 689 -- Senators Hembree and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-50(B)(2) AND (C) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE BEGINNER'S PERMIT AND VEHICLE OPERATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERMITTEE MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER, OR LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE AT ANY UNPERMITTED TIME UNLESS SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER, OR LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE OPERATOR AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACCOMPANYING DRIVER MUST BE WITHIN A SAFE VIEWING DISTANCE OF THE PERMITTEE WHEN THE PERMITTEE IS OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE OR A THREE-WHEEL VEHICLE.

S. 280 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-11-260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO ADJUST THE NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND LICENSE RENEWAL, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 933 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310(B)(2) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE A TWO YEAR EXTENSION FOR HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PETITIONS FOR A PERSON WHO IS NO LONGER ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND WHO PREVIOUSLY FAILED TO RECEIVE A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR WAS DENIED GRADUATION SOLELY FOR FAILING TO MEET THE EXIT EXAM REQUIREMENTS.

S. 1111 -- Senators Peeler and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-2332, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES FOR CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE METHOD BY WHICH THE LICENSE PLATE FEE IS CALCULATED AND CREDITED; AND TO SET THE LICENSE PLATE FEE FOR 2017 AND 2018.

S. 685 -- Senators Leatherman, Alexander, Campbell, S. Martin, Nicholson and O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 40 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION OF ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING IS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD, REDEFINE,

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AND DELETE DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-30, RELATING TO ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED WITHOUT A LICENSE, SO AS TO PROHIBIT BROKERING OR COORDINATING ENGINEERING OR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR A FEE; BY ADDING SECTION 40-22-35 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH A REGISTERED ENGINEER OR SURVEYOR MAY NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-50, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN AND UPDATE, RATHER THAN ANNUALLY PREPARE, A ROSTER OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-60, RELATING TO THE DUTY OF THE BOARD TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS, SO AS TO UPDATE A CROSS REFERENCE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING STATUTORY REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-75, RELATING TO EMERGENCY WAIVER OF LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO LIMIT APPLICATION OF THIS WAIVER TO DECLARED NATIONAL OR STATE EMERGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE A WAIVER MAY NOT EXCEED NINETY DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-110, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT PERSONS, SO AS TO DELETE A REDUNDANCY; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-220, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ENGINEER, SO AS TO REVISE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-222, RELATING TO LICENSING OF EXISTING ENGINEERS, SO AS TO ADD AN OPTIONAL ACCREDITATION SOURCE FOR AN EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-225, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A SURVEYOR, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-230, RELATING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-250, RELATING TO A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS THROUGH WHICH A LICENSEE MAY MAINTAIN A BRANCH

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OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-260, RELATING TO TEMPORARY LICENSES, SO AS TO REVISE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN OUT-OF-STATE FIRM, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF PLANS PRODUCED AND SUBMITTED FOR PERMITTING BY A PERSON HOLDING A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-270, RELATING TO SEALS OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF A LICENSEE ON A DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES A CERTIFICATION THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY THE LICENSEE OR UNDER HIS DIRECT SUPERVISION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO MODIFY THE EXEMPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-290, RELATING TO "TIER A" SURVEYING, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE CREATION OF NONTECHNICAL MAPS.

S. 1177 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-3-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS, AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-3-230, RELATING TO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE OF ARCHITECTS, BOTH SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO THE "INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM" WITH REFERENCES TO THE "ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-3-240, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR TAKING THE ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION EXAMINATION, SO AS TO REPLACE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WITH REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE ARCHITECTURAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM OR CERTAIN PROGRAMS SANCTIONED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS.

S. 1252 -- Senators S. Martin, Bryant and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-195 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO ISSUE A LICENSE FOR A COMMUNITY

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FIREWORKS DISPLAY IF CERTAIN SAFETY CONDITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

**S. 1212--AMENDED AND SENT TO THE SENATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1212 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-490, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD THE RIVER RIDGE PRECINCT, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Rep. COLE proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1212 (COUNCIL\GGS\1212C001.GGS.ZW16), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 7-7-490(A), as contained in SECTION 1, page 1, by striking subsection (A) in its entirety and inserting:

/ Section 7‑7‑490. (A) In Spartanburg County there are the following voting precincts:

Abner Creek Baptist

Anderson Mill Elementary

Arcadia Elementary

Beaumont Methodist

Beech Springs Intermediate

Ben Avon Methodist

Bethany Baptist

Bethany Wesleyan

Boiling Springs Elementary

Boiling Springs High School

Boiling Springs Intermediate

Boiling Springs Jr. High

Boiling Springs 9th Grade

Canaan

Cannons Elementary

Carlisle Fosters Grove

Carlisle Wesleyan

Cavins Hobbysville

C.C. Woodson Recreation

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Cedar Grove Baptist

Chapman Elementary

Chapman High School

Cherokee Springs Fire Station

Chesnee Elementary

Cleveland Elementary

Clifdale Elementary

Converse Fire Station

Cooley Springs Baptist

Cornerstone Baptist

Cowpens Depot Museum

Cowpens Fire Station

Croft Baptist

Cross Anchor Fire Station

Cudd Memorial

Daniel Morgan Technology Center

Drayton Fire Station

Duncan United Methodist

Eastside Baptist

Ebenezer Baptist

Enoree First Baptist

E.P. Todd Elementary

Fairforest Elementary

Fairforest Middle School

Friendship Baptist

Gable Middle School

Glendale Fire Station

Gramling Methodist

Greater St. James

Hayne Baptist

Hendrix Elementary

Holly Springs Baptist

Jesse Bobo Elementary

Jesse Boyd Elementary

Lake Bowen Baptist

Landrum High School

Landrum United Methodist

Lyman Town Hall

Mayo Elementary

Morningside Baptist

Motlow Creek Baptist

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~~Mountain View Baptist~~

Mt. Calvary Presbyterian

Mt. Moriah Baptist

Mt. Zion Full Gospel Baptist

Oakland Elementary

Pacolet Elementary School

Park Hills Elementary

Pauline Glenn Springs Elementary

Pelham Fire Station

Poplar Springs Fire Station

Powell Saxon Una

R.D. Anderson Vocational

Rebirth Missionary Baptist

Reidville Elementary

Reidville Fire Station

River Ridge Elementary

Roebuck Bethlehem

Roebuck Elementary

Southside Baptist

Spartanburg High School

Startex Fire Station

St. John’s Lutheran

Swofford Career Center

Travelers Rest Baptist

Trinity Methodist

Victor Mill Methodist

Wellford Fire Station

Holy Communion

West View Elementary

White Stone Methodist

Whitlock Jr. High

Woodland Heights Recreation Center

Woodruff Elementary

Woodruff Fire Station

Woodruff Leisure Center /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COLE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

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The question then recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 81; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Anthony | Bales |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Clary | Clemmons |
| Cole | Collins | Corley |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Dillard | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Felder | Forrester | Fry |
| Funderburk | Gagnon | George |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hayes |
| Henderson | Henegan | Hicks |
| Hill | Hiott | Hixon |
| Hodges | Hosey | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Loftis | Lucas | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Nanney |
| Norman | Norrell | Parks |
| Pope | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Riley | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| J. E. Smith | Sottile | Spires |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Wells | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--81**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 1212. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

 Rep. Rita Allison

**S. 1258--RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1258 -- Finance Committee: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 43, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK OF CERTAIN FEES AND FINES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-2740(D), 38-73-470, 56-1-170(B)(3), 56-1-200, 56-1-286(K)(1), 56-1-390(2), 56-1-400(A), 56-1-460(A)(1)(e)(iii), 56-1-550, 56-1-740(B)(3), 56-1-746(D)(3), 56-1-2080, 56-3-355, 56-3-1335, 56-5-750(G)(3), 56-5-2951(B)(1), 56-5-2951(H)(3), 56-9-330, 56-10-240(C), 56-10-245, 56-10-552, 56-19-420(C), AND 56-19-520(A)(4), ALL OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO FEES OR FINES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL OR A PORTION OF THE FEES SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2647 OF THE 1976 CODE, AS ENACTED IN ACT 98 OF 2013 AND RELATED TO SOURCES OF REVENUE USED FOR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUES OF SALES, USE, AND CASUAL EXCISE TAXES DERIVED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 12-36-2620(1) AND 12-36-2640(1) ON THE SALE, USE, OR TITLING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE

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HIGHWAY FUND, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THOSE FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

Rep. BRANNON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 72; Nays 2

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Allison | Anthony | Atwater |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bedingfield |
| Bingham | Bowers | R. L. Brown |
| Burns | Clary | Clemmons |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Corley | Crosby | Delleney |
| Dillard | Duckworth | Erickson |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrester |
| Fry | Funderburk | Gagnon |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hayes |
| Henderson | Herbkersman | Hicks |
| Hiott | Hodges | Hosey |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Jordan | King | Knight |
| Loftis | Long | Lucas |
| McCoy | McEachern | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Nanney | Norrell |
| Ridgeway | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Stringer | Tallon |
| Taylor | Thayer | Tinkler |
| Toole | White | Whitmire |
| Williams | Willis | Yow |

**Total--72**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| Brannon | Norman |  |

**Total--2**

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

**STATEMENT FOR HOUSE JOURNAL**

Abstention from Voting

Based on Potential Conflict of Interest

 I am notifying you that I will not participate in the debate or votes on S. 1258. In accordance with Section 8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code, I recuse myself from voting on the Bill because of a potential conflict of interest.

 My potential conflict involves my practice of real property appraisal for clients including the South Carolina Dept. of Transportation. I wish to have my recusal noted for the House Journal.

 Rep. Roger K. Kirby

RECORD FOR VOTING

 I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 1258. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill, as I voted in favor of it on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, on second reading.

 Rep. Walton J. McLeod

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. LOFTIS a temporary leave of absence.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Rep. HOWARD, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 371 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINING NURSES, SO AS TO ADD THE OVERMEDICATING OR UNDERMEDICATING OF A PATIENT

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BY A NURSE WHO MISREADS A PHYSICIAN'S ORDER AS A GROUND TO REVOKE THE NURSE'S LICENSE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HOWARD, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1036 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-15-176 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY MAY ISSUE RESTRICTED DENTAL AUXILIARY INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES TO DENTISTS WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE LICENSED DENTAL AUXILIARY INSTRUCTORS MAY PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN ACCREDITED DENTAL AUXILIARY PROGRAMS OF TECHNICAL COLLEGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL AND REVOCATION OF RESTRICTED DENTAL AUXILIARY LICENSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO REVISE CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE AND REQUIRE RENEWAL BIENNIALLY INSTEAD OF ANNUALLY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HOWARD, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1037 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF TEAM PHYSICIANS OF ATHLETIC TEAMS VISITING THE STATE FOR A SPECIFIC SPORTING EVENT FROM PHYSICIAN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO EXPAND THE EXEMPTION TO INCLUDE TEAM PHYSICIANS OF ATHLETIC TEAMS VISITING THE STATE FOR A TEAM TRAINING CAMP.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5421 -- Reps. Murphy, Horne, Knight, Jefferson, Mack, Tinkler, Whipper, 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, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, 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, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Toole, Weeks, Wells, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SUMMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2016 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5419 -- Rep. W. J. McLeod: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 2016 "ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO ESTABLISH AND PRACTICE ELECTRICAL SAFETY HABITS IN THE HOME, SCHOOL, AND WORKPLACE TO REDUCE THE

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NUMBER OF ELECTRICALLY-RELATED FIRES, INJURIES, AND DEATHS.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5420 -- Rep. Daning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROWFIELD BOULEVARD AND UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 176, AND AT THE INTERSECTION OF CROWFIELD BOULEVARD AND COLLEGE PARK ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS "HOME OF THE STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL LADY KNIGHTS, THE 2016 AAAA STATE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS".

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

**S. 484--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 484 -- Senators Shealy, Jackson, Cleary and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-10-310 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE MEALS AND COMPETITIVE FOOD REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHOOL SERVICE MEALS AND COMPETITIVE FOODS PROVIDED IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH TWELFTH GRADE DURING THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR MUST MEET OR MAY EXCEED THE NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ADOPT A MORE RESTRICTIVE POLICY AND THE POLICY DOES NOT RESTRICT THE FOOD A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY PROVIDE FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION AT SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL A LA CARTE ITEMS SOLD FOR STUDENT CONSUMPTION MUST BE INCLUDED ON SCHOOL MENUS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR MEAL; TO AMEND SECTION 59-10-330(B),

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RELATING TO THE COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH WELLNESS PLANS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN MUST REPORT COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN SECTION 59-10-310.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposes the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 484 (COUNCIL\AGM\484C002. AGM.AB16):

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

/ SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 63, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 59‑63‑785. Students determined eligible to receive free lunches and students determined eligible to receive reduced price lunches must be offered the same choice of meals and milk offered to children who pay the full price for their meals or milk, regardless of whether one lunch or type of milk offered meets the requirements prescribed in the National School Lunch Program, found in 7 C.F.R. Part 210, and the Special Milk Program for Children, found in C.F.R. Part 215. Students eligible to receive free or reduces priced lunches may not be denied a meal or provided an alternative meal if they owe the school for meals.”

SECTION 2. Section 59‑10‑310 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 59‑10‑310. (A) In an effort to promote optimal healthy eating patterns and academic success, the State Board of Education by policy shall establish requirements for ~~elementary school food service meals and competitive foods based upon the recommendations outlined in the State Department of Education Task Force on Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Report, National School Lunch Act, and the most recent applicable Dietary Guidelines for Americans~~ all school food service meals and competitive foods provided in kindergarten through twelfth grade during the academic school year, which must meet or may exceed, the nutritional requirements established by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service. The nutritional requirements must be continuously updated to reflect the current United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service standards. A school district board of trustees may adopt a more restrictive policy. A school or district shall not restrict the

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food that a parent or guardian may provide for student consumption at school.

 (B) School fundraisers must be exempted from the requirements in this section; however, nothing in this section shall restrict or prohibit the department from establishing policy with regard to school fundraisers, as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture.”

SECTION 3. Section 59‑10‑330(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 59‑10‑330. (B) Each district, in collaboration with the CSHAC, shall develop a school health improvement plan that addresses strategies for improving student nutrition, health, and physical activity and includes the district’s wellness policy. The school health improvement plan must report compliance with the requirements contained in Section 59‑10‑310. The district health improvement plan goals and progress toward those goals must be included in the district’s strategic plan required pursuant to Section 59‑20‑60.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. STRINGER moved to adjourn debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. HAYES, HILL, WHITE, ANTHONY, FELDER, NORMAN, CLARY, HAMILTON, HART and MCEACHERN requested debate on the Bill.

**S. 1122--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1122 -- Senators Rankin, Cleary and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4-10-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF THE LOCAL OPTION TOURISM DEVELOPMENT FEE.

Rep. WHITE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 31, which was agreed to.

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**S. 381--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 381 -- Senators Shealy, Bright, Turner, Johnson, Young, Jackson, Grooms, Sabb, Thurmond, Massey, Allen, Sheheen, Davis, Hembree, L. Martin, Bryant, Peeler, Alexander, Lourie, Cromer, Setzler and Scott: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-11-620(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEAVE AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO IS TERMINATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF FULL RETIREMENT SHALL HAVE FIVE DAYS AFTER TERMINATION TO PURCHASE THE REMAINING TIME.

Rep. ANTHONY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 104; Nays 2

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anderson |
| Anthony | Atwater | Bales |
| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bedingfield | Bernstein | Bingham |
| Bowers | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| Burns | Clary | Clemmons |
| Cobb-Hunter | Cole | Collins |
| Crosby | Daning | Delleney |
| Dillard | Douglas | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Forrester | Fry | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | George | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hart |
| Hayes | Henderson | Henegan |
| Herbkersman | Hicks | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Hodges |
| Horne | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Jordan | Kennedy | King |
| Kirby | Knight | Long |
| Lucas | Mack | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |

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| W. J. McLeod | Merrill | D. C. Moss |
| V. S. Moss | Nanney | Neal |
| Norrell | Parks | Pitts |
| Pope | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Riley | Rivers | Robinson-Simpson |
| Ryhal | Sandifer | Simrill |
| G. M. Smith | G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Sottile | Spires | Stavrinakis |
| Stringer | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | Tinkler | Toole |
| Weeks | Wells | Whipper |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total--104**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Bradley | Norman |  |

**Total--2**

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

**S. 460--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 460 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-43-370 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY IN THIS STATE MAY ALLOW A TAXPAYER THE OPTION TO RECEIVE CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX BILLS AND RECEIPTS IN ELECTRONIC FORM, TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING COUNTY TO MAINTAIN PROOF THAT AN EMAIL WAS SENT TO A TAX PAYER, AND TO REQUIRE A PARTICIPATING COUNTY TO CREATE AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND TO PUBLISH THE APPLICATION PROCESS.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 460 (COUNCIL\DKA\460C009.DKA.SA16), which was adopted:

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Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

/ SECTION \_. A. Article 3, Chapter 43, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 12‑43‑235. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if agricultural real property being assessed pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(d), is transferred to another person, and the new owner certifies that the use of the property will not change, then the certification is considered to be an application for the assessment pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(d), and the property must continue to be assessed pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(d), unless the property does not otherwise qualify.

 (B) The assessor of each county shall develop a form by which a person may make a certification pursuant to subsection (A).

 (C)(1) If agricultural real property is sold or is conveyed in a manner in which an attorney is required by law to close the transaction, the closing attorney must provide the new owner with the certification form developed pursuant to subsection (B), and the new owner must sign an acknowledgement declaring receipt of the certification form.

 (2) If agricultural real property is transferred by a deed of distribution or through any other method of probate, before closing the estate, the probate court must provide the new personal representative with the certification form developed pursuant to subsection (B), and the new personal representative must sign an acknowledgement declaring receipt of the certification form.

 (D) If the assessor does not receive a signed certification form from the new owner within sixty days of the transfer, the assessor must notify the new owner of the impending change in assessment ratio unless the new owner makes the certification pursuant to subsection (A), or otherwise applies to be assessed pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(d). This notification must include the certification form and information regarding the manner in which a person may apply to be assessed pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(d). If the assessor does not receive a response from the new owner within thirty days of initially notifying the new owner, the assessor must notify the new owner again in the same manner.”

B. This section takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to property tax years beginning after 2015.

SECTION \_. A. Section 12‑54‑122(G) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

 “( ) Instead of the filing of the tax lien notice pursuant to item (1), the department may implement a system of filing and indexing liens

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which must be accessible to the public over the Internet or through other means as the department considers appropriate. The liens filed pursuant to this item are effective statewide from the date and time they are recorded and encumber all the taxpayer’s property and rights to property as provided in Section 12‑54‑120, regardless of the property’s location. Liens filed under item (1) continue to be effective from the date and time they were recorded. Nothing in this item may be construed so as to extend the effectiveness of the lien beyond ten years from the date of filing, as provided in Section 12‑54‑120.”

B. This section takes effect July 1, 2016. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. G. R. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. G. M. SMITH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 31, which was agreed to.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. DOUGLAS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day, for medical reasons.

**JOINT ASSEMBLY**

At 12:00 noon the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

**ELECTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, A SUPREME COURT JUDGE, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES**

 The Reading Clerk of the Senate read the following Concurrent Resolution:

S. 1311 -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen and Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, CHIEF JUSTICE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2016,

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AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JULY 31, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2016; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 5, CHIEF JUDGE, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2021; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2016; AND AS THE DATE TO MEET IN JOINT SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MEMBER TO THE SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEAT 1, TO FILL A TERM WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEAT 3, TO FILL A TERM WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEAT 5, TO FILL A TERM WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE SC PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SEAT 7, TO FILL A TERM WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020.

 The PRESIDENT recognized Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

**ELECTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**FOR THE SUPREME COURT**

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the following candidate had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable Donald Wayne Beatty.

 On motion of Sen. Larry Martin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the Honorable Donald Wayne Beatty was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

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RECORD FOR VOTING

 I officially cast a “Nay” vote on Don Beatty for Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. I wish this to be recorded in the Journal.

 Rep. Jonathon Hill

 I voted “No” for the election of Don Beatty as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Rep. Garry R. Smith

 I wish to be recorded as a “Nay” vote on the race for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

 Christopher A. Corley

 I officially cast a “Nay” vote for Don Beatty for Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

 Rep. Joshua Putnam

**ELECTION OF A SUPREME COURT JUDGE, SEAT 2**

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Supreme Court Justice, Seat 2.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the following candidate had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable John Cannon Few.

 On motion of Sen. Larry Martin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the Honorable John Cannon Few was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE,**

**CHIEF JUDGE, SEAT 5**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 5.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable James Edward Lockemy and the Honorable Paula H. Thomas.

 Sen. Larry Martin spoke on the nomination and moved that the race be carried over and referred to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

 Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the motion, which was agreed to.

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 Sen. Larry Martin stated that the Honorable Paula H. Thomas had withdrawn from the race, and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable James Edward Lockemy, in nomination.

 Rep. PITTS spoke upon the election and moved to reject the nominee.

 Rep. RUTHERFORD moved to table the motion and requested a roll call.

 The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

 The following named Senators voted to table the motion:

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Cleary Coleman Cromer

Davis Fair Gambrell

Gregory Hembree Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy Massey Matthews, John

Matthews, Margie McElveen Nicholson

Rankin Reese Scott

Setzler Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--34**

 The following named Senators voted not to table the motion:

Bright Corbin Courson

Grooms Hayes Martin, Larry

Peeler Shealy

**Total--8**

 Rep. DELLENEY moved that, with unanimous consent, the House be allowed to vote by electronic roll call.

 Rep. PITTS objected.

 The Reading Clerk of the House called the roll of the House, and the Representatives voted *viva voce* as their names were called:

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 The following named Representatives voted to table the motion:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Anthony |
| Bales | Ballentine | Bamberg |
| Bannister | Bedingfield | Bernstein |
| Bingham | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brannon | G. A. Brown | R. L. Brown |
| Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter | Cole |
| Delleney | Dillard | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Fry |
| Funderburk | George | Govan |
| Hamilton | Hardee | Hart |
| Hayes | Henegan | Herbkersman |
| Hicks | Hodges | Horne |
| Hosey | Howard | Huggins |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kennedy | King | Kirby |
| Long | Lucas | Mack |
| McCoy | McEachern | McKnight |
| M. S. McLeod | W. J. McLeod | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Murphy |
| Neal | Norman | Norrell |
| Ott | Parks | Pope |
| Quinn | Ridgeway | Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| Simrill | G. M. Smith | J. E. Smith |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Tinkler |
| Toole | Weeks | Whipper |
| Williams | Yow |  |

**Total--80**

The following named Representatives voted not to table the motion:

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| Allison | Atwater | Burns |
| Clary | Clemmons | Collins |
| Corley | Crosby | Daning |
| Finlay | Forrester | Gagnon |
| Henderson | Hill | Hiott |
| Hixon | Lowe | Merrill |
| Nanney | Pitts | Putnam |
| Riley | Sandifer | G. R. Smith |
| Sottile | Stringer | Tallon |

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| Taylor | Thayer | Wells |
| White | Whitmire | Willis |

**Total--33**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 42

Total number of Representatives voting 114

Grand Total 156

Total number of votes to table the motion to reject 115

Total number of votes not to table the motion 41

So, the motion to reject the nominee was tabled.

 Sen. Larry Martin moved that the Joint Assembly proceed with the election of the Honorable James Edward Lockemy.

 Rep. PUTNAM requested a roll call.

 Sen. Lourie moved that the previous roll call be applied.

 Rep. PUTNAM objected.

 The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Lockemy for the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5:

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| Alexander | Allen | Bryant |
| Campbell | Cleary | Coleman |
| Courson | Cromer | Davis |
| Fair | Gambrell | Gregory |
| Grooms | Hayes | Hembree |
| Johnson | Kimpson | Leatherman |
| Lourie | Malloy | Matthews, John |
| Matthews, Margie | McElveen | Nicholson |
| Peeler | Rankin | Reese |
| Scott | Setzler | Shealy |

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| Sheheen | Thurmond | Verdin |
| Williams | Young |  |

**Total--35**

The following named Senators voted against Lockemy for the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5:

**Total--0**

On the motion of Rep. DELLENEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Lockemy for the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5:

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| Alexander | Anderson | Anthony |
| Atwater | Bales | Ballentine |
| Bamberg | Bannister | Bedingfield |
| Bernstein | Bingham | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brannon | G. A. Brown |
| R. L. Brown | Clyburn | Cobb-Hunter |
| Cole | H. A. Crawford | Daning |
| Delleney | Dillard | Duckworth |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
| Fry | Funderburk | George |
| Govan | Hamilton | Hardee |
| Hart | Hayes | Henegan |
| Hodges | Hosey | Howard |
| Huggins | Jefferson | Johnson |
| Jordan | Kennedy | King |
| Kirby | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | McCoy |
| McEachern | McKnight | M. S. McLeod |
| W. J. McLeod | Merrill | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Murphy |
| Nanney | Neal | Norman |
| Norrell | Ott | Parks |
| Pope | Quinn | Ridgeway |
| Rivers | Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford |
| Ryhal | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| J. E. Smith | Spires | Stavrinakis |

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| Stringer | Tallon | Tinkler |
| Toole | Weeks | Whipper |
| Williams | Yow |  |

**Total--86**

The following named Representatives voted against Lockemy for the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Seat 5:

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| Clary | Clemmons | Corley |
| Forrester | Gagnon | Hill |
| Hiott | Hixon | Pitts |
| Putnam | Riley | Sandifer |
| G. R. Smith | Sottile | Taylor |
| Thayer | Wells | White |
| Whitmire | Willis |  |

**Total--20**

**RECAPITULATION**

Total number of Senators voting 35

Total number of Representatives voting 106

Grand Total 141

Of which Lockemy received 121

 Whereupon, the Honorable James Edward Lockemy was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the following candidate had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable Paul Michael Burch.

 On motion of Sen. Larry Martin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the Honorable Paul Michael Burch was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

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**FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3**

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Wanda L. Adams, Thomas Tredway Hodges, and Katherine Hall Tiffany.

 Senator Larry Martin stated that Wanda L. Adams and Thomas Tredway Hodges had withdrawn from the race, and placed the names of the remaining candidate, Katherine Hall Tiffany, in nomination.

 On the motion of Senator Larry Martin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, Katherine Hall Tiffany was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4**

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Seat 4.

 Sen. Larry Martin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: James Crayton Alexander and Karen Sanchez Roper.

 Senator Larry Martin stated that James C. Alexander had withdrawn from the race, and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Karen Sanchez Roper, in nomination.

 On the motion of Senator Larry Martin, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, Karen Sanchez Roper was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**ELECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**SEATS 1, 3, 5, AND 7**

SEAT 1

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Commissioner, Seat 1.

 Sen. Alexander, on behalf of the Joint Screening Committee, stated that John E. "Butch” Howard and Carolynn "Carolee" Williams had been screened and found qualified.

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 Sen. Alexander stated that Carolyn “Carolee” Williams had withdrawn and placed the name of the remaining candidate, John “Butch” Howard, in nomination.

 On the motion of Sen. Alexander, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that John “Butch” Howard was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 3

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Commissioner, Seat 3.

 Sen. Alexander, on behalf of the Joint Screening Committee, stated Comer H. "Randy" Randall III had been screened and found qualified.

 On the motion of Sen. Alexander, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Comer H. "Randy" Randall III was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 5

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Commissioner, Seat 5.

 Sen. Alexander, on behalf of the Joint Screening Committee, stated that William J. “Billy” Hagner and Swain E. Whitfield had been screened and found qualified.

 Sen. Alexander stated that William J. “Billy” Hagner had withdrawn and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Swain E. Whitfield, in nomination.

 On the motion of Sen. Alexander, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Swain E. Whitfield was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 7

 The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Commissioner, Seat 7.

 Sen. Alexander, on behalf of the Joint Screening Committee, stated that Gordon "O'Neal" Hamilton had been screened and found qualified.

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 On the motion of Sen. Alexander, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

 Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Gordon “O’Neal” Hamilton was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

**JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES**

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT announced that under the terms of the Concurrent Resolution the Joint Assembly would recede from business.

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

**THE HOUSE RESUMES**

At 12:55 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

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

**RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE**

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3897 -- Reps. Jefferson, Daning, Crosby and Rivers: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 45 IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM GETHERS FUNERAL HOME TO GREEN HILL ROAD "WILLIE G. GAMBLE HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:59 p.m., the House in accordance with the motion of Rep. LONG, adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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