**Thursday, March 5, 2015**

**(Statewide Session)**

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The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

The Psalmist reminds all of us to:

“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”(Psalm 37:5-6)

Bow in prayer with me, please:

O God, we fully realize the challenges that members of this Senate face. These leaders and their aides are buffeted by 21st century winds of change, called to by voices strident and sometimes tempting, overwhelmed by tasks that at first blush frequently appear insurmountable. Continue, Lord, to encourage and inspire each Senator. Help them ever to remember that You are at their side. Bless them all and continue also to bless and keep safe our troops serving valiantly in so many places worldwide. Indeed, may Your righteousness always shine like the dawn. We pray this in Your loving name, O Lord. Amen.

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

**Motion to Ratify Adopted**

At 11:10 A.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the House of Representatives was invited to attend the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts at 11:15 A.M.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 05, 2015, at 11:15 A.M. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R1, S. 8) -- Senators L. Martin, Campsen, Hembree, Setzler and Gregory: AN ACT TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM NOT COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR, MAY BE REMOVED ONLY FOR CAUSE, AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE TERM, DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL’S MILITARY RANK IS MAJOR GENERAL AS OPPOSED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI.

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(R2, S. 225) -- Senators Cromer and Setzler: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND PROVISO 105.15 OF PART 1B OF THE 2014‑2015 APPROPRIATIONS ACT, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT RATES PAID TO PHARMACIES PARTICIPATING IN THE STATE HEALTH PLAN BY CATAMARAN, THE CONTRACTED PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGER FOR THE PLAN.

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(R3, S. 342) -- Senator Hayes: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑21‑225 SO AS TO REQUIRE FILING OF AN ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT BY THE ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PERSON OF AN INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY, AND TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CONTENT OF THE REPORT; BY ADDING SECTION 38‑21‑285 SO AS TO ENABLE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN SUPERVISORY COLLEGES, TO PROVIDE RELATED POWERS AND DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF RELATED EXPENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY REGULATORY ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “ENTERPRISE RISK”; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑60, RELATING TO THE STATEMENT REQUIRED BY A PERSON SEEKING TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF AN INSURER, SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑70, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF A STATEMENT THAT MUST BE FILED BY A PERSON SEEKING TO ACQUIRE CONTROL OF AN INSURER, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONTENT REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑90, RELATING TO APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF AN INSURER, SO AS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS WHERE APPROVAL OF MORE THAN ONE COMMISSIONER IS REQUIRED, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “COMMISSIONER”; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑110, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE EFFECTUATION OF THE DIVESTITURE OF A DOMESTIC INSURER WITHOUT APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑125, RELATING TO ACQUISITIONS OF INSURERS EXEMPT FROM THE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN ACQUISITIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE FROM THESE EXEMPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑130, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MEMBERS OF INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO AN INCORRECT REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑140, RELATING TO REQUIRED STATEMENTS OF REGISTERING MEMBERS OF INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEMS, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS OF THE INSURER BY ITS BOARD, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑220, RELATING TO DISCLAIMERS OF AFFILIATION, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING CERTAIN REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DISCLAIMER MUST BE CONSIDERED GRANTED ABSENT CERTAIN NOTIFICATION BY THE DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR A DENIAL; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑230, RELATING TO FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AMENDMENT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE ENTERPRISE RISK FILING; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN REGISTERED INSUREDS AND THEIR AFFILIATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AGREEMENTS FOR COST‑SHARING SERVICES AND MANAGEMENT MUST INCLUDE PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY REGULATION, TO INCLUDE AMENDMENTS OR MODIFICATIONS OF CERTAIN AFFILIATE AGREEMENTS AMONG TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING DOMESTIC INSURERS AND ANY PERSON IN AN INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY SYSTEM THAT REQUIRES CERTAIN NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS NOTICE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑280, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE DIRECTOR TO COMPEL PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION FROM INSURERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO MAKE THE INFORMATION PRIVILEGED AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCOVERY OR THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR USE OF THIS INFORMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE NEITHER THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE MAY BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY ABOUT THIS INFORMATION IN A PRIVATE CIVIL ACTION; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑340, RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS AND VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VIOLATIONS MAY SERVE AS AN INDEPENDENT BASIS FOR THE DIRECTOR TO DISAPPROVE DIVIDENDS OR DISTRIBUTIONS AND FOR PLACING THE INSURER UNDER AN ORDER OF SUPERVISION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑90‑160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 38 TO RISK RETENTION GROUPS LICENSED AS A CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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(R4, S. 364) -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE REQUIRING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE STATE READING PROFICIENCY PLAN FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2015, AS PROVIDED IN ACT 284 OF 2014, ALSO KNOWN AS THE “SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED ACT”, TO JUNE 15, 2015.

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(R5, H. 3519) -- Rep. Merrill: AN ACT TO RATIFY AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON LOTTERIES AND THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROHIBITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY AUTHORIZE RAFFLES TO BE OPERATED AND CONDUCTED BY RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS, CHARITABLE, OR ELEEMOSYNARY PURPOSES, AND BY GENERAL LAW MUST DEFINE THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT RAFFLES, TO PROVIDE THE STANDARDS FOR THEIR CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ANY OTHER LAW NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE PROPER FUNCTIONING, HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND CHARITABLE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE RAFFLES ARE CONDUCTED.

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**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, with unanimous consent, the Senate agreed to go into Executive Session prior to adjournment.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointment was transmitted by the Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley:

**Local Appointment**

Reappointment, Horry County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence July 31, 2015, and to expire July 31, 2021

Cynthia G. Howe, 36 Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator SHANE MARTIN introduced Dr. M. David Mitchell, of Spartanburg, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator MALLOY, at 12:05 P.M., Senator THURMOND was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 12:05 P.M., Senator CAMPBELL was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Leave of Absence**

At 12:09 P.M., Senator HAYES requested a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator PEELER rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator LEATHERMAN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 444 Sen. Campbell

S. 519 Sen. Setzler

S. 278 Sens. Lourie, Scott

S. 339 Sen. Scott

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 520 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1705, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIES OF FISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE OR POSSESS A TIGER SHARK (GALEOCERDO CUVIER) AND TO PROVIDE THAT A TIGER SHARK THAT IS CAUGHT MUST BE RELEASED.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 521 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XVII OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS, TO EXEMPT MEMBERS OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THEY POSSESS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

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Senator MALLOY spoke on the Resolution.

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

S. 522 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-39-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, TO REMOVE A PORTION OF DORCHESTER COUNTY FROM THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "COASTAL ZONE".

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

S. 523 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 28, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR FUELS SUBJECT TO USER FEES, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COLLECTIVE ROAD ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, TO PROVIDE FOR INDEXING OF THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE TO ADJUST FOR INFLATION, BUT NOT TO INCREASE MORE THAN ONE AND ONE-HALF CENT IN A SINGLE YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, THE USER FEE SHALL INCREASE BY TEN CENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND RELATED FEES, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A FIVE-YEAR LICENSE TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS, AND TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A TEN-YEAR LICENSE TO FIFTY DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS RECEIVED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-620 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FEES FOR PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO ARE HANDICAPPED TO THIRTY-SIX DOLLARS, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE FOR EVERY PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE TO FORTY DOLLARS, TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE SIXTY-FOUR YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FOR A PROPERTY-CARRYING VEHICLE WITH A GROSS WEIGHT OF SIX THOUSAND POUNDS OR LESS TO FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS, AND TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR PERSONS WHO ARE SIXTY-FOUR YEARS OF AGE FOR A PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE TO THIRTY-EIGHT DOLLARS, AND TO ALLOCATE THE INCREASE IN FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-130, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN TRAILERS, TO PROVIDE THAT BOAT TRAILERS UNDER TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT TRAILERS, AUTOMOBILE UTILITY TRAILERS, AND OTHER PRIVATELY OWNED UTILITY TRAILERS, BUT NOT INCLUDING FARM TRAILERS, SHALL BE REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT A REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH TRAILER, WHICH SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-400, RELATING TO AUTOMOBILE UTILITY TRAILERS, TO ADD A CODE SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLES POWERED EXCLUSIVELY BY ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, OR ANY OTHER FUEL OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, SHALL PAY A ROAD USER FEE, TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLES POWERED BY A COMBINATION OF MOTOR FUEL SUBJECT TO MOTOR FUEL USER FEES AND ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, OR ANY FUEL OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A ROAD USER FEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DIRECTION OF FUNDS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2810, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, SMALL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, AND SOUTH CAROLINA APPORTIONMENT FACTOR; TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS ARTICLE DO NOT APPLY TO SMALL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2820 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ASSESS THE VALUATION OF ALL LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES OF MOTOR CARRIERS REGISTERED FOR USE IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2830 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DETERMINATION OF VALUE BASED ON RATIO, TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES ARE SUBJECT TO A ROAD USER FEE IN LIEU OF A PROPERTY TAX, DETERMINED BY THE APPORTIONMENT FACTOR FOR THE FLEET OF WHICH THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE IS A PART; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2840 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FILING OF PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTOR CARRIER REGISTERING A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS SHALL PAY THE ROAD USE FEE DUE ON THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME AND IN THE MANNER THE PERSON PAYS A REGISTRATION FEE ON HIS VEHICLE AND A HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT FEE INSTEAD OF FILING PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2850 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ASSESS ANNUALLY THE ROAD USE FEE DUE ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR BY JULY FIRST OF EACH YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE METHOD OF CALCULATION OF THE FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2860 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ONE-TIME FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS IS EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEE IS IN LIEU OF ANY LOCAL ROAD USE FEE, REGISTRATION FEES, OR ANY OTHER VEHICLE-RELATED FEE IMPOSED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE ON A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH FEES MAY BE PAID; TO AMEND CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEE REVENUES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2870, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION FORMULA, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEE REVENUES SHALL BE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-37-2865(B); TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2880, RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF ALL LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAX AND INSTEAD SUBJECT TO THE ROAD USE FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376, RELATING TO THE SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE FOR A CLASSIFICATION PERTAINING TO LARGE COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-120(5) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER COMMONLY USED IN COMBINATION WITH A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR WHICH THE FEE ON THE TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER HAS BEEN PAID, IS EXEMPT; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-610 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF BIENNIAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS ON WHICH THE ROAD USE FEE IS IMPOSED IS REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED AND LICENSED ANNUALLY; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FEES FOR SELF-PROPELLED PROPERTY CARRYING VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FEES FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION MAY BE CREDITED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REGISTER A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ONE-HALF OF THIS STATE'S PORTION OF THE LICENSE AND ROAD FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-23-620, RELATING TO SITUATIONS IN WHICH LOCAL FEES MAY OR MAY NOT BE IMPOSED, TO PROVIDE FOR ALLOCATION IF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY IMPOSES A LICENSE FEE OR TAX; TO AMEND ARTICLE 21, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR CARRIERS ARE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2610 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS, TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES MUST PAY ROAD USE FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 12-37-2650, TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES MUST PAY ROAD USE FEES IN LIEU OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FEES FOR SELF-PROPELLED PROPERTY CARRYING VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY REGISTER AND LICENSE SMALL COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO DEFINE RECREATION VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON REGISTERING A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE MUST PAY AN INITIAL ROAD IMPACT REGISTRATION FEE EQUAL TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE GROSS PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE, NOT TO EXCEED FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS, TO PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSIONS FROM THIS FEE, TO CREATE A TRANSFER FEE APPLICABLE ON THE SALE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, OR RECREATION VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE REVENUE WITH THE FIRST TWENTY MILLION OF REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT FUND AND THE REMAINING FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A LOCAL MATCH OPTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY GIVE EACH COUNTY ANY SECONDARY ROADS IT DOES NOT KEEP IN ITS SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-2740(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE USER FEES AMONG COUNTIES, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MUST BE APPOINTED HALF BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND HALF BY THE CITY COUNCIL; TO AMEND CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT A HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY FEE EQUAL TO SIX PERCENT OF THE APPLICABLE CHARGES IS IMPOSED UPON THE REPAIR OR LABOR OF A TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE AND TOWING OF A VEHICLE OR ANCILLARY ROAD SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THAT SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-545(B)(2), BY REDUCING AND THEN ELIMINATING THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED BY THAT SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, TO REPEAL VARIOUS SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS IMPOSED BY THAT SECTION; CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE IS AMENDED BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-240, TO DIRECT REVENUES RAISED BY THE REPEAL OF VARIOUS SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS IN SECTION 12-36-2120 TO BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND AND TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS TO MAKE ANNUAL ESTIMATES OF THE REVENUE RAISED BY THE REPEAL OF VARIOUS SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS IN SECTION 12-36-2120; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MAXIMUM TAXES ON SALES OR LEASES, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRANSFER FEE OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE, NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, MUST BE COLLECTED UPON THE SALE OF AN AIRCRAFT, BOAT, OR SELF-PROPELLED LIGHT CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A LEASE, A TOTAL FEE EQUAL TO THE LESSER OF FIVE PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE LEASE OR ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER OF COLLECTION OF THE FEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE REVENUE GENERATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-130(6) OF THE 1976 CODE TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE PROJECT TO CLARIFY ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MUST BE SELECTED FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-140 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO REPEAL SECTION 6 OF ACT 114 OF 2007 REMOVING THE SUNSET PROVISION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.

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Senator CLEARY spoke on the Bill.

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

S. 524 -- Senators Hembree and Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-15-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INDECENT EXPOSURE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CORRECTIONS OR DETENTION FACILITY IS CONSIDERED A PUBLIC PLACE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE VIOLATION OCCURS WITHIN A CORRECTIONS OR DETENTION FACILITY, THE SENTENCE IS TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY.

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

H. 3324 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, G. M. Smith, Yow, Hardee, Clemmons, Goldfinch, Hardwick, Johnson, Duckworth, W. J. McLeod and Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO STUDY STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL VETERANS ISSUES; TO MAKE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE STRUCTURE, DELIVERY, AND COORDINATION OF VETERANS SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, DURATION, AND STAFFING.

Read the first time and referred to the General Committee.

H. 3576 -- Reps. Bannister, Merrill, Murphy, Atwater, Collins, Gagnon, Hamilton, Hicks, Pitts, Sandifer, G. R. Smith, Tallon, Whitmire, Henderson and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND COACHES PROVIDE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE COACH IS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RATHER THAN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS ARE NOT CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF ANY CIVIL ACTIONS INSTITUTED BY THIRD PARTIES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION".

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

H. 3722 -- Reps. Lucas, Bingham, Pope, McEachern, Ballentine, Simrill, Funderburk, G. M. Smith, W. J. McLeod, Yow, Knight, Johnson, Clyburn, Duckworth, Clemmons, Stavrinakis, Norrell, M. S. McLeod, Quinn, Southard, Corley, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Bales, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Cole, Collins, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Mack, McKnight, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Putnam, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Sandifer, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Williams, Willis, Govan, Whitmire, H. A. Crawford and Brannon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, SO AS TO RECONSTITUTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015, TO CONSIST OF FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT, TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TWO MEMBERS ELECTED BY THE SENATE, RESPECTIVELY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THESE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS' TERMS OF OFFICE AND MANNER OF THEIR REMOVAL UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO VEST WITH THE COMMISSION THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INITIATE OR RECEIVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ITS STAFF, AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND PROCESSING OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS, STAFF, AND CANDIDATES PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED PROCEDURES AND FOR THE REFERRAL OF SUBSTANTIVE COMPLAINTS TO THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES FOR DISPOSITION TOGETHER WITH THE ETHICS COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE A VIOLATION HAS OCCURRED; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-350, RELATING TO THE ETHICS BROCHURE PROVIDED TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC MEMBERS, AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO DIRECT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO UPDATE THE BROCHURE'S CONTENTS AND REQUIRE DOCUMENTATION OF ITS RECEIPT BY DESIGNATED INDIVIDUALS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 8-13-530 AND 8-13-540, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REVISE THESE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND PROCEDURES IN ORDER TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND TO MAKE OTHER CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE HOUSE OR SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEES TO ISSUE FORMAL ADVISORY OPINIONS AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR EFFECT AND APPLICABILITY; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 SO AS TO CREATE A COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS JURISDICTION, COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 16 ENTITLED "ETHICS, CRIMINAL PENALTIES" SO AS TO INCORPORATE BY REFERENCE THE DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN SECTIONS 8-13-100 AND 8-13-1300, TO MOVE CERTAIN LANGUAGE RELATING TO ETHICS VIOLATIONS AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO CREATE SIMILAR OFFENSES CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 28, TITLE 16 WITH REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-780, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REMEDIES FOR BREACHES OF ETHICAL STANDARDS BY PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, OR EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE REMEDIES FOR A BREACH OF CERTAIN ETHICAL STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-790, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS OR EMPLOYEES IN BREACH OF ETHIC STANDARDS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1510, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR THE LATE FILING OF OR FAILURE TO FILE A REQUIRED ETHICS REPORT OR STATEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES AFTER THE MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY HAS BEEN LEVIED; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1515 SO AS TO CREATE THE NEW OFFENSE OF WILFUL FAILURE TO FILE A REQUIRED STATEMENT OR REPORT IN AN EFFORT TO CONCEAL A VIOLATION OF THE ETHICS CHAPTER AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1520, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, SO AS TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR WILFUL VIOLATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1525 SO AS TO REVISE AND EXPAND THE REMEDIES FOR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ETHICAL STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DUTIES, POWERS, AND PROCEDURES OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF CIVIL PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-140, RELATING TO THE PENALTIES FOR WILFULLY FILING A GROUNDLESS COMPLAINT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CIVIL PENALTY MAY BE ASSESSED IN ADDITION TO A CRIMINAL PENALTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FORM AND REQUIRED CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1314, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CERTAIN NONCANDIDATE COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BY ONE CANDIDATE TO ANOTHER AND COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE CONTRIBUTION RESTRICTION EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMITTEES; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1313 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS NOT A COMMITTEE AND WHO MAKES AN INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT OR VALUE IN EXCESS OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING A CALENDAR YEAR OR MAKES AN ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION TO FILE A REPORT OF SUCH EXPENDITURE OR COMMUNICATION WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "ELECTIONEERING COMMUNICATION"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1320, RELATING TO THE ATTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIFIC TYPES OF ELECTIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ATTRIBUTED TO A PRIMARY ELECTION AND TO A PRIMARY ELECTION RUNOFF; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT A "CANDIDATE" IS ALSO A PERSON THAT MAINTAINS AN OPEN BANK ACCOUNT CONTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "CANDIDATE" FOR PURPOSES OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT A "CANDIDATE" IS ALSO A PERSON THAT MAINTAINS AN OPEN BANK ACCOUNT CONTAINING CONTRIBUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1302, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORY OFFICE TO REQUEST IN WRITING THE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN MANDATORY RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF VERIFYING CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE FORMS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS, SO AS TO DELETE THE SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION FOR AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1348, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE TYPE OF PROHIBITED EXPENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1308, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CAMPAIGN REPORT TO BE FILED SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE AN ELECTION SHOWING CONTRIBUTIONS OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND EXPENDITURES TO OR BY THE CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING AT LEAST TWENTY DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION AND ENDING SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE THE ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1318, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIRE CAMPAIGN DEBT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST BE USED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF RETIRING CAMPAIGN DEBT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-756 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO USE OF OFFICIAL POSITION OR OFFICE FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, REPORTING OF PARTICULAR GIFTS, RESTRICTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT AND RELATED PROVISIONS, DO NOT APPLY TO A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THAT BENEFITS THE INSTITUTION AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, IF THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION RETAINS SOME ROYALTY RIGHTS TO THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY; BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 8-13-705, 8-13-720, 8-13-725, 8-13-750, 8-13-755, AND 8-13-760 ALL RELATING TO ETHICS RULES OF CONDUCT.

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

H. 3751 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4500, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

H. 3752 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF DENTISTRY, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4502, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3753 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF LONG TERM HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATORS, RELATING TO FEES [AND FEE SCHEDULE], DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4507, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3754 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4509, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3755 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF NURSING, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4510, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3756 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTICIANRY, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4511, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3757 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4512, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

H. 3758 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4513, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3759 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4514, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

H. 3760 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY, RELATING TO FEES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4515, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3761 -- Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING DAY CARE FACILITIES FOR ADULTS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4498, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

H. 3771 -- Rep. Bales: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT SERVICE OF TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND TO CELEBRATE ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING ELECTRICITY IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Senator CAMPSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable report on:

S. 334 -- Senator Johnson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT A STATEWIDE STUDY OF BOATING SAFETY ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO IMPROVE BOATING SAFETY ON THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 454 -- Senators Campsen and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE DEER QUOTA TAGS TO HUNT ON PROPERTY WITH A DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION THERETO, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST POSSESS A SET OF INDIVIDUAL DEER TAGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT ON PROPERTY WITHOUT A DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT, TO SET THE DEER TAG FEES FOR IN AND OUT‑OF‑STATE RESIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑920(B)(6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF PRIVILEGES, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND TAGS, TO SUBSTITUTE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT FOR ANTLERLESS DEER QUOTA PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑920(B)(7) OF THE 1976 CODE, TO REMOVE “ANTLERLESS” AND SUBSTITUTE “INDIVIDUAL”; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GAME, TO PROVIDE FOR THE BAG LIMITS FOR ANTLERED AND ANTLERLESS DEER, AND THE LIMIT FOR DEER ON PROPERTY ENROLLED IN THE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO TAKE MORE THAN THE LEGAL LIMIT OF DEER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GAME, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE DEER TAGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE VALIDITY OF SUCH TAGS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL DEER TAKEN MUST BE TAGGED, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS, MOVE, OR TRANSPORT AN UNTAGGED DEER, TO POSSESS MORE THAN ONE SET OF DEER TAGS OR TAGS ISSUED IN ANOTHER’S NAME, AND TO ALTER A DEER TAG FOR FRAUDULENT OR UNLAWFUL PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑390 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER GAME ZONES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE TAKING OF DEER; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑11‑335 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator CAMPSEN from the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry submitted a favorable report on:

S. 463 -- Senators S. Martin and Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF WILDLIFE TAGGING, VALIDATION, AND METHODS OF CHECKING HARVESTED GAME UTILIZED IN OTHER STATES AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., March 4, 2015

Mr. President and Senators:

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

**MASTER-IN-EQUITY REAPPOINTMENT**

Reappointment, Horry County Master-In-Equity, with term to commence July 31, 2015, and to expire July 31, 2021:

The Honorable Cynthia G. Howe, 405 36th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

Received as information.

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

**AMENDED, READ THE THIRD TIME**

**RETURNED TO HOUSE**

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 Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator PINCKNEY proposed the following amendment (GGS\  
3352C002.GGS.ZW15), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 2(A)(1), as contained in SECTION 1, page 7, line 27, by striking / S‑53‑00‑15A / and inserting / S-53‑00‑15C /.

Amend the bill further, Section 2(A)(2), as contained in SECTION 1, page 7, beginning on line 29, by striking item (2) in its entirety and inserting:

/ (2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

District Pop Dev. %Dev. Hisp %Hisp NH\_WHT %NH\_WHT NH\_BLK %NH\_BLK

1 2,608 1 0.04% 127 4.87% 767 29.41% 1,702 65.26%

2 2,607 0 0% 902 34.60% 969 37.17% 688 26.39%

3 2,607 0 0% 434 16.65% 689 26.43% 1,467 56.27%

4 2,607 0 0% 251 9.63% 1,494 57.31% 844 32.37%

5 2,608 1 0.04% 276 10.58% 761 29.18% 1,540 59.05%

6 2,608 1 0.04% 267 10.24% 1,794 68.79% 492 18.87%

7 2,608 1 0.04% 227 8.70% 960 36.81% 1,387 53.18%

8 2,607 0 0% 828 31.76% 546 20.94% 1,151 44.15%

9 2,607 0 0% 372 14.27% 942 36.13% 1,239 47.53%

Total 23,467 3,684 15.70% 8,922 38.02% 10,510 44.79%

District VAP H18 %H18 NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP

1 1,985 73 3.68% 617 31.08% 1,286 64.79% 12 9

2 1,953 590 30.21% 824 42.19% 501 25.65% 48 38

3 1,866 245 13.13% 556 29.80% 1,052 56.38% 17 13

4 1,945 150 7.71% 1,152 59.23% 627 32.24% 18 16

5 1,911 189 9.89% 618 32.34% 1,079 56.46% 31 25

6 1,971 182 9.23% 1,429 72.50% 324 16.44% 55 36

7 1,919 135 7.03% 787 41.01% 974 50.76% 34 23

8 1,854 552 29.77% 449 24.22% 800 43.15% 82 53

9 1,925 230 11.95% 748 38.86% 910 47.27% 54 37

Total 17,329 2,346 13.54% 7,180 41.43% 7,553 43.59% 351 250 /

Amend the bill further, page 8, beginning on line 32, by striking SECTION 2 in its entirety and inserting:

/ SECTION 2. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a special election for all seats on the reapportioned Jasper County Board of Education must be conducted on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in August of 2015. The special election must be conducted by the Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections (county board). The county board shall give notice by publication seventy-five days prior to the election and a second notice two weeks after the first notice, in one or more newspapers with general circulation in Jasper County. Filing for election to the Jasper County Board of Education opens on June 1, 2015, at noon to run for a period of fifteen days until noon on June 15, 2015. When more than one person is seeking election to a single seat on the Jasper County Board of Education, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes is declared the winner of the seat as provided by this section. In order to stagger the terms, board members representing odd‑numbered districts who are elected in the August 2015 Special Election shall serve only until their successors are elected in the 2016 General Election. Board members representing even‑numbered districts who are elected in the August 2015 Special Election shall serve only until their successors are elected in the 2018 General Election. Upon the expiration of the initial terms of those board members elected in the August 2015 Special Election, members of the Jasper County Board of Education must be elected for terms of four years. Members may succeed themselves.

(B) Beginning with the 2016 General Election, in order to qualify as a candidate for an odd‑numbered election district seat on the Jasper County Board of Education, a person shall file a statement of candidacy with the Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections no earlier than August first, or if August first falls on Sunday, no earlier than the following Monday, and no later than twelve o’clock noon on August fifteenth, or if August fifteenth falls on Sunday, no later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. In the 2018 General Election, the even‑numbered election district seats on the Jasper County Board of Education shall offer for election by filing a statement of candidacy with the county board of elections and voter registration no earlier than August first, or if August first falls on Sunday, no earlier than the following Monday, and no later than twelve o’clock noon on August fifteenth, or if August fifteenth falls on Sunday, no later than twelve o’clock noon on the following Monday. The statement of candidacy must be a sworn statement and must include the candidate’s name, age, voting precinct, and any other information the county board of elections and voter registration requires. A candidate for a single‑member election district seat also shall indicate for which seat number he is filing. When more than one person is seeking election to a single seat on the Jasper County Board of Education, the candidate who receives the highest number of votes is declared the winner of the seat.

(C) In the event of a vacancy on the Jasper County Board of Education occurring for any reason other than expiration of a term, the board shall call a special election to fill the unexpired term, so long as the vacancy does not occur within ten months of a regular board of education election. In this case, the vacancy must be filled for the unexpired term or for a full term, as appropriate, at the next regular election.

(D) The Jasper County Board of Voter Registration and Elections shall conduct and supervise the elections for board members in the manner governed by the election laws of this State, mutatis mutandis. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator PINCKNEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

**Recorded Vote**

Senator DAVIS desired to be recorded as voting against the adoption of the amendment.

The question then was third reading of the Bill, as amended.

The Bill was read third time, and ordered returned to the House of Representatives with amendments.

**Recorded Vote**

Senator DAVIS desired to be recorded as voting against third reading of the Bill.

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

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

S. 373 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9‑1‑1620, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPTIONAL FORMS OF RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, SO TO ALLOW A MEMBER TO CHANGE THE FORM OF MONTHLY PAYMENT WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS, INSTEAD OF ONE YEAR, AND IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO REQUIRE THE MEMBER TO REIMBURSE THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ANY EXCESS PAYMENT RECEIVED.

S. 379 -- Senator Courson: A BILL TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 4 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 37, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 39, RELATING TO COUNTY AUDITORS; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 43, RELATING TO COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 45, RELATING TO COUNTY TREASURERS AND THE COLLECTION OF TAXES; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 49, RELATING TO ENFORCED COLLECTION OF TAXES GENERALLY; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 51, RELATING TO ALTERNATE PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES; TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 59, RELATING TO FORFEITED LANDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑60‑1760, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX PROTESTS.

S. 398 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22‑2‑5, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY EXAMINATION FOR MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE VALIDITY OF THE EXAMINATION SCORES FROM SIX MONTHS BEFORE AND SIX MONTHS AFTER THE TIME THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE TO ONE YEAR BEFORE AND ONE YEAR AFTER THE TIME THE APPOINTMENT IS TO BE MADE.

S. 193 -- Senators Hutto, Campbell and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑2080 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO ESTABLISH THE INTRASTATE VISION WAIVER PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS MAY OBTAIN A WAIVER FROM THE SIGHT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WAIVER, THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A WAIVER MAY GRANTED, AND THE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A WAIVER.

S. 304 -- Senators L. Martin, Alexander, Verdin, Hayes, Peeler, Cromer, Corbin, Nicholson, Rankin, Hembree, Williams, Coleman and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑23‑110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, RELATING TO CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER BETWEEN A JOINT POWER AND ENERGY AGENCY AND ITS CONSTITUENT MUNICIPALITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS TO BUY POWER FOR ADDITIONAL PERIODS NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE RENEWAL OR EXTENSION.

S. 375 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6‑5‑15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SECURING DEPOSITS OF FUNDS BY LOCAL ENTITIES, SO AS TO ALLOW A LOCAL ENTITY TO DEPOSIT ALL OR A PORTION OF SURPLUS PUBLIC FUNDS IN ITS CONTROL OR POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 350 -- Senators Campbell, Malloy, Setzler, Scott, Alexander, Hembree, O’Dell, Hayes, Grooms, Cleary, Williams, Bennett, Johnson, Hutto, L. Martin, Fair, Turner, Allen, Matthews, Peeler, Lourie, Courson, Coleman, Jackson, McElveen, Shealy, Sabb, Kimpson, Nicholson and Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF ACT 314 OF 2000, AS LAST AMENDED BY ACT 248 OF 2010 TO TERMINATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT ON JUNE 30, 2020.

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

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campsen Cleary

Coleman Courson Cromer

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Hutto

Jackson Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry* Massey McElveen

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Rankin Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Turner Verdin

Young

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

Bright Davis *Martin, Shane*

**Total--3**

The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 501 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND E-911 OFFICER TRAINING & CERTIFICATION (RENUMBER AND REORGANIZE), DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4350, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Resolution was carriedover.

S. 502 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4372, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Resolution was carriedover.

S. 503 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4455, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Resolution was carriedover.

S. 504 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO REPORTING OF MISCONDUCT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4345, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Resolution was carriedover.

S. 506 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, RELATING TO ARTICLE 5, ADJUDICATION OF MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4523, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Joint Resolution.

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Resolution was carriedover.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**ADOPTED**

S. 331 -- Senator Rankin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17 AT THE INTERSECTION OF FARROW PARKWAY AND SC 707 IN HONOR OF THE BELLAMY FAMILY, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “THE BELLAMY INTERCHANGE”.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Concurrent Resolution.

The Committee on Transportation proposed the following amendment (331R002.KM.LKG), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, by striking the concurrent resolution in its entirely and inserting:

/ A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17 AT THE INTERSECTION OF FARROW PARKWAY AND SC 707 IN HONOR OF THE BELLAMY FAMILY, AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “THE BELLAMY INTERCHANGE”.

Whereas, the Bellamy family has a rich history rooted in Horry County that includes a number of ancestors who settled in the county in 1765; and

Whereas, John Luther Bellamy, Thomas Vernon Bellamy, and Emory D. Bellamy once owned seventy-five acres of land upon which the United States Highway 17 overpass is located at its intersection with Farrow Parkway and South Carolina Highway 707 in Horry County; and

Whereas, the Bellamy family property was condemned and taken by the United States government in 1941 under the Civil Action No. 657 Order for Possession Petition, as part of a larger acquisition of land for development of the future Myrtle Beach Air Force Base; and

Whereas, a portion of the Bellamy family land was subsequently released by the United States government to allow for the construction of what was then referred to as Highway 17 Bypass, and which is today known as US Highway 17; and

Whereas, the recently constructed flyover interchange of US Highway 17 and Farrow Parkway is situated almost entirely on property which was originally owned by the Bellamy family; and

Whereas, the Bellamy family continues to be an integral part of Horry County through participation in the public and private sectors. They have served our country in multiple branches of the armed services, including multiple theatres of war; and

Whereas, the members of the General Assembly also believe that it is fitting and proper to name this interchange the “Bellamy Interchange”. Now, therefore,

Be is resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of US Highway 17 at the intersection of Farrow Parkway and SC 707 in honor of the Bellamy family, and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “The Bellamy Interchange”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bellamy family. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

The amendment was adopted.

There being no further amendments, the Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

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

**MOTION ADOPTED**

At 12:15 P.M., on motion of Senator CROMER, the Senate agreed to dispense with the balance of the Motion Period.

**HAVING DISPENSED WITH THE MOTION PERIOD, THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE.**

**NONCONCURRENCE**

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.

The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

Senator CAMPSEN explained the amendments.

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

**Ayes 0; Nays 42**

**AYES**

**Total--0**

**NAYS**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Hutto Jackson

Johnson Kimpson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

Nicholson O'Dell Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

The Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE SPECIAL ORDERS.**

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

S. 475 -- Senators Leatherman, Setzler, Courson, Matthews, Jackson, Hutto, O’Dell, Williams and Nicholson: 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 A NEW APPOINTED BOARD, TO SPECIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL POWERS TO THE NEW BOARD, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE NEW BOARD SHALL SERVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2018, AT WHICH TIME ANOTHER BOARD SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE CURRENT BOARD WAS ELECTED.

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

The Joint Resolution was read the third time ordered sent to the House.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the seal of secrecy was removed, so far as the same relates to appointments made by the Governor and the following names were reported to the Senate in open session:

**STATEWIDE APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

Having received a favorable report from the Corrections and Penology Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with the term to commence March 15, 2013, and to expire March 15, 2019

4th Congressional District:

Clifton D. Baxter, 1104 Charter Oak, Taylors, SC 29687

On motion of Senator FAIR, the question was confirmation of Clifton D. Baxter.

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

**Ayes 35; Nays 0; Abstain 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Fair

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Jackson Johnson Leatherman

Lourie *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--35**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Davis Malloy McElveen

**Total--3**

The appointment of Clifton D. Baxter was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with the term to commence March 15, 2013, and to expire March 15, 2019

1st Congressional District:

Thomas F. Hallam, 23 Combahee Road, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928 *VICE* Orton Bellamy

On motion of Senator FAIR, the question was confirmation of Thomas F. Hallam.

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

**Ayes 35; Nays 0; Abstain 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Fair

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Jackson Johnson Leatherman

Lourie *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--35**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Davis Malloy McElveen

**Total--3**

The appointment of Thomas F. Hallam was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, with the term to commence March 17, 2015, and to expire March 15, 2021

5th Congressional District:

Henry S. Eldridge, 2040 Manila Bay Lane, Tega Cay, SC 29708

On motion of Senator FAIR, the question was confirmation of Henry S. Eldridge.

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

**Ayes 35; Nays 0; Abstain 3**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Fair

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Jackson Johnson Leatherman

Lourie *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--35**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Davis Malloy McElveen

**Total--3**

The appointment of Henry S. Eldridge was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Education Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2016

Four-Year Institutions:

Allison Dean Love, 224 Wood Duck Road, Columbia, SC 29223 *VICE* Natasha M. Hanna

On motion of Senator COURSON, the question was confirmation of Allison Dean Love.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Allison Dean Love was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees, with the term to commence July 1, 2012, and to expire July 1, 2015

Chamber of Commerce:

Laban D. Chappell, 1335 Winchester Drive, Charleston, SC 29407 *VICE* Laura H. Getty

On motion of Senator COURSON, the question was confirmation of Laban D. Chappell.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Laban D. Chappell was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Public Charter School District Board of Trustees, with the term to commence July 1, 2015, and to expire July 1, 2018

Chamber of Commerce:

Laban D. Chappell, 1335 Winchester Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

On motion of Senator COURSON, the question was confirmation of Laban D. Chappell.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Laban D. Chappell was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2014, and to expire July 1, 2016

Technical and Comprehensive Education:

Paul O. Batson III, 296 Roberts Circle, Greer, SC 29650 *VICE* vacant

On motion of Senator COURSON, the question was confirmation of Paul O. Batson III.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Paul O. Batson III was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, with the term to commence July 1, 2012, and to expire July 1, 2016

At-Large:

Tim M. Hofferth, 260 Edgewood Drive, Chapin, SC 29036 *VICE* Guy C. Tarrant (resigned)

On motion of Senator COURSON, the question was confirmation of Tim M. Hofferth.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Tim M. Hofferth was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Finance Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Revenue and Taxation, with term coterminous with Governor

James F. Reames III, 1418 Shady Lane, Columbia, SC 29206 *VICE* Bill Blume

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the question was confirmation of James F. Reames III.

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Shealy

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of James F. Reames III was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Director of the Department of Administration, with term coterminous with Governor

Director:

Marcia S. Adams, 102 Audubon Oaks Way, Irmo, SC 29063

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the question was confirmation of Marcia S. Adams.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Marcia S. Adams was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the General Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

VSO:

Christopher M. Maddox, 124 Braelin Court, Gaston, SC 29053

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of Christopher M. Maddox.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Christopher M. Maddox was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

At-Large:

James R. Lorraine, 154 Kimberwick Court, Aiken, SC 29803

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of James R. Lorraine.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of James R. Lorraine was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation, with the term to commence March 15, 2012, and to expire March 15, 2019

5th Congressional District:

Billy N. Shorter, Jr., 2695 Nicholson Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 *VICE* Derle Lowder

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of Billy N. Shorter, Jr.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Billy N. Shorter, Jr. was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

VSO:

Jimmy E. Hawk, 249 Royal Tower Drive, Irmo, SC 29063

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of Jimmy E. Hawk.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Jimmy E. Hawk was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Board of Trustees for the Veterans’ Trust Fund of South Carolina, with term coterminous with Governor

CVAO:

James C. Brown, 241 Palm Hill Court, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE* Alan R. Roberts

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of James C. Brown.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of James C. Brown was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Commission for the Blind, with the term to commence May 19, 2014, and to expire May 19, 2018

4th Congressional District:

Mary S. Sonksen, 102 Edgebrook Court, Spartanburg, SC 29302

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of Mary S. Sonksen.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Mary S. Sonksen was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation, with the term to commence June 30, 2015, and to expire June 30, 2022

2nd Congressional District:

Rhonda J. Presha, 92 Westridge Road, Elgin, SC 29045

On motion of Senator O’DELL, the question was confirmation of Rhonda J. Presha.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Rhonda J. Presha was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Judiciary Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Juvenile Justice, with term coterminous with Governor

Director:

Sylvia L. Murray, 204 Stamport Circle, Irmo, SC 29063 *VICE* Margaret Barber

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Sylvia L. Murray.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Sylvia L. Murray was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Human Affairs Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2015, and to expire June 30, 2018

7th Congressional District:

Harold Jean Brown, Post Office Box 2376, Georgetown, SC 29442

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Harold Jean Brown.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Harold Jean Brown was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina Workers’ Compensation Commission, with the term to commence June 30, 2012, and to expire June 30, 2018

At-Large:

Michael R. Campbell, 131 High Knoll Road, Columbia, SC 29223 *VICE* Ms. Andrea Roche

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Michael R. Campbell.

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

**Ayes 28; Nays 0; Abstain 11**

**AYES**

Alexander Bennett Bright

Bryant Campsen Cleary

Corbin Courson Cromer

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Reese Scott

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams

**Total--28**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Allen Coleman Davis

Kimpson Malloy Massey

McElveen Rankin Sabb

Setzler Young

**Total--11**

The appointment of Michael R. Campbell was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Foster Care Review Board, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2018

4th Congressional District:

Monica G. Hill, 112 Lake Bowen Drive, Inman, SC 29349

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Monica G. Hill.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Monica G. Hill was confirmed.

Reappointment, Juvenile Parole Board, with the term to commence June 30, 2015, and to expire June 30, 2019

At-Large:

Carla J. Smalls, 261 Caedmons Creek Drive, Irmo, SC 29063

On motion of Senator LARRY MARTIN, the question was confirmation of Carla J. Smalls.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of Carla J. Smalls was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Reappointment, South Carolina Board of Real Estate Appraisers, with the term to commence May 31, 2015, and to expire May 31, 2018

General Public:

Rex L. Casterline, P.O. Box 123, Columbia, SC 29202

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the question was confirmation of Rex L. Casterline.

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

**Ayes 36; Nays 0; Abstain 2**

**AYES**

Alexander Bennett Bright

Bryant Campsen Cleary

Coleman Corbin Courson

Cromer Fair Gregory

Grooms Hembree Jackson

Johnson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen Nicholson

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Sabb Scott

Setzler Shealy Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--36**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Allen Davis

**Total--2**

The appointment of Rex L. Casterline was confirmed.

Reappointment, South Carolina Panel for Dietetics, with the term to commence May 30, 2015, and to expire May 30, 2017

Dietetics Educator:

Judy H. Thomas, 101 Laurel Circle, Fort Mill, SC 29715

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the question was confirmation of Judy H. Thomas.

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 0; Abstain 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Bennett Bright

Bryant Campsen Cleary

Coleman Corbin Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hembree

Jackson Johnson Leatherman

Lourie Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

Nicholson Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Allen

**Total--1**

The appointment of Judy H. Thomas was confirmed.

Initial Appointment, Jobs Economic Development Authority, with the term to commence July 27, 2012, and to expire July 27, 2015

1st Congressional District:

William W. Peacock, 67 Greenleaf Road, Bluffton, SC 29910 *VICE* Sean McLernon

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the question was confirmation of William W. Peacock.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of William W. Peacock was confirmed.

Reappointment, Jobs Economic Development Authority, with the term to commence July 27, 2015, and to expire July 27, 2018

1st Congressional District:

William W. Peacock, 67 Greenleaf Road, Bluffton, SC 29910

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the question was confirmation of William W. Peacock.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

Pinckney Rankin Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The appointment of William W. Peacock was confirmed.

Reappointment, Real Estate Appraisers Board, with the term to commence May 31, 2015, and to expire May 31, 2018

Licensed or Certified Appraiser:

Christopher E. Barczak, 2965 North Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

On motion of Senator ALEXANDER, the question was confirmation of Christopher E. Barczak.

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

**Ayes 36; Nays 0; Abstain 2**

**AYES**

Alexander Bennett Bright

Bryant Campsen Cleary

Coleman Corbin Courson

Cromer Fair Gregory

Grooms Hembree Jackson

Johnson Leatherman Lourie

Malloy *Martin, Larry Martin, Shane*

Massey McElveen Nicholson

Peeler Pinckney Rankin

Reese Sabb Scott

Setzler Shealy Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--36**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Allen Davis

**Total--2**

The appointment of Christopher E. Barczak was confirmed.

Having received a favorable report from the Medical Affairs Committee, the following appointments were taken up for immediate consideration:

Initial Appointment, Director of Department of Health & Human Services, with term coterminous with Governor

Christian L. Soura, 210 Waltham Abby Road, Columbia, SC 29212 *VICE* Mr. Anthony Keck

On motion of Senator PEELER, the question was confirmation of Christian L. Soura.

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

**Ayes 37; Nays 0; Abstain 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campsen

Cleary Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hembree Jackson Johnson

Leatherman Lourie *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey McElveen

Nicholson Peeler Pinckney

Rankin Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

**ABSTAIN**

Malloy

**Total--1**

The appointment of Christian L. Soura was confirmed.

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

**Confirmation**

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

Reappointment, Horry County Master-in-Equity, with the term to commence July 31, 2015, and to expire July 31, 2021

Cynthia G. Howe, 36 Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:50 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

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