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The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

 Our thought for today is from Job 22:21: “Agree with God, and be at peace; in this way good will come to you.”

 Let us pray. Almighty God, give these Representatives and staff the courage and strength to act on their convictions. Guard these men and women from doing what is not in the best interest of the people they serve. Give them the integrity to do what they say they are going to do. Keep them safe from all harm. Bless our Nation, President, President-elect, State, Governor, Speaker, staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless and protect our defenders of freedom as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our 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 Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. RIDGEWAY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Coach John Franklin Thames, which was agreed to.

**REGULATIONS RECEIVED**

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

Document No. 4728

Agency: Commission on Higher Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-111-330

Free Tuition for Residents Sixty Years of Age

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives

January 13, 2017

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 10, 2018

Document No. 4729

Agency: Commission on Higher Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-149-10

Determination of Rates of Tuition and Fees

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives

January 13, 2017

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 10, 2018

Document No. 4730

Agency: Commission on Higher Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-114-75

South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives

January 13, 2017

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3471 -- Rep. Hamilton: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017, AS "SPEECH AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THOSE WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME OFFERING SPEECH AND DEBATE OPPORTUNITIES TO STUDENTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3472 -- Rep. Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE LIONEL SMITH, LTD., OF AIKEN AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMPANY ON FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDINGLY SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3474 -- Reps. J. E. Smith, Bernstein, Rutherford, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JEAN-YIH (PETER) CHIOU, DIRECTOR OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN ATLANTA, FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD CREATING A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3475 -- Rep. Howard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BERTHA SYDNEY WILLIAMS STEWART OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-FIRST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AS SHE MOVES TO JOIN HER DAUGHTER IN NORTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3476 -- Reps. Bales, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE STEPHANIE M. JOHNSON ON HER EXTENSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION AND TO HONOR HER FOR HER SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3477 -- Reps. Douglas, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND NORRIS B. TURNER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY MINISTRY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3489 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO OUR FRIENDS FROM LYCEE JEAN BAPTISTE DE LA SALLE IN CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE, WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT-EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH J. L. MANN HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENVILLE COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3490 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Arrington, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bennett, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Davis, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Knight, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AND COACHES AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR WIN OF THE 2016 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3491 -- Rep. Gagnon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ABBEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED FOR CAPTURING THE 2016 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the privilege of the floor of the South Carolina House of Representatives be extended to the Abbeville High School varsity football team, coaches, and school officials, at a date and time to be determined by the Speaker, for the purpose of being recognized and commended for capturing the 2016 Class AA State Championship title.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 3473 -- Rep. McCoy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED RESTRICTED TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 3478 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-250 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM USING EXCESSIVE RESTRAINT WHEN DETAINING A PERSON OR EXCESSIVE FORCE WHILE MAKING AN ARREST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR AN OFFICER WHO USES EXCESSIVE RESTRAINT OR FORCE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-255, SO AS TO GRANT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SPECIFIC AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ALL OFFICER-INVOLVED USES OF FORCE THAT RESULT, OR COULD HAVE RESULTED, IN SEVERE BODILY INJURY OR DEATH, TO ALLOW FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF AN OFFICER-INVOLVED USE OF FORCE TO BE COMPLETED BY A SEPARATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL FOR EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO GRANT AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER THE SAME AUTHORITY AS HE WOULD HAVE IN HIS HOME JURISDICTION FOR THE DURATION OF THE INVESTIGATION, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE FORWARDING OF THE EVIDENCE TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UPON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3479 -- Reps. Clemmons and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-517 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMERICAN INDIAN ARTISTS MAY USE WILD ANIMAL PRODUCTS THAT ARE NOT PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW IN ARTS AND CRAFTS THAT ARE OFFERED FOR SALE AND SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 3480 -- Reps. McCoy, Stavrinakis, Fry, S. Rivers, Erickson and Tallon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH "HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEKEND" WHEREBY CERTAIN HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS ITEMS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE STATE SALES TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3481 -- Reps. McCoy and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-1-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO PUBLISHES ON THE PERSON OR ENTITY'S WEBSITE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS OF A PERSON WHOSE CHARGES HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED OR DISMISSED, OR WHO IS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF A CHARGE, WITHOUT FEE OR COMPENSATION, SHALL REMOVE THE ARREST AND BOOKING RECORDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3482 -- Reps. McCoy and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 30-2-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON KNOWINGLY OBTAINING OR USING PERSONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM A STATE AGENCY FOR COMMERCIAL SOLICITATION BY A PRIVATE PERSON OR PRIVATE ENTITY, SO AS TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF THIS PROHIBITION AND RELATED REQUIREMENTS TO INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3483 -- Rep. McCoy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-600, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VARIOUS ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON THAT UNLAWFULLY INJURES A HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDER, A FIREFIGHTER, AN EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN, AN EMERGENCY ROOM NURSE, OR AN ALLIED HEALTH CARE WORKER DURING THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES AND THE INJURING PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO KNOW OF THE INJURED PERSON'S STATUS COMMITS THE OFFENSE OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3484 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3760 SO AS TO ALLOW A STATE TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS HIRING AN UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BENEFITS, TO PROVIDE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT, THOSE TAXES AGAINST WHICH THE CREDIT IS ALLOWED, AND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CREDITABLE EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CREDIT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT IS ALLOWED FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS HIRED AFTER JUNE 30, 2017, AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, AND EXTENDS FOR FIFTY MONTHS FOR EACH CREDITABLE EMPLOYEE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3485 -- Rep. Hart: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX AND THE METHOD OF VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE LIMITS ON INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROVIDE BY LAW A DEFINITION OF "FAIR MARKET VALUE" FOR REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPERTY TAX, TO ELIMINATE THE FIFTEEN PERCENT LIMIT ON INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY OVER FIVE YEARS AND TO ELIMINATE AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY CHANGE THE VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3486 -- Rep. Hart: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270 AND ACT 388 OF 2006, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-30, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30 AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3487 -- Reps. Ridgeway, Govan, Duckworth, Hardee and Douglas: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-78-15, 44-78-20, 44-78-30, 44-78-45, ALL AS AMENDED, 44-78-50, AND SECTION 44-78-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A PATIENT WHO IS A CHILD TO REQUEST AND REVOKE A DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE CHILD.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 3488 -- Reps. Sandifer and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 55, TITLE 38 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURER TO DELIVER, STORE, OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE A NOTICE OR DOCUMENT MAY BE DELIVERED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, TO REQUIRE THE PARTY TO VERIFY OR ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED NOTICE OR DOCUMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT A WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE LEGAL EFFECTIVENESS, VALIDITY, OR ENFORCEABILITY OF THE NOTICE OR DOCUMENT, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO NOTIFY THE PARTY OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES BEFORE SENDING ADDITIONAL NOTICES OR DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO CONSENT TO RECEIVE CERTAIN NOTICES OR DOCUMENTS, TO ALLOW FOR A PARTY TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED DOCUMENTS, TO PROTECT A PRODUCER FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ANY HARM OR INJURY THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF A PARTY'S ELECTION TO RECEIVE A NOTICE OR DOCUMENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO

PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 42 -- Senators Bryant, Gambrell and Hembree: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL DAYS MISSED BY STUDENTS ATTENDING TOWNVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC EVENTS THAT OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2016, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE MAKE-UP REQUIREMENT THAT FULL SCHOOL DAYS MISSED DUE TO DISRUPTIONS BE MADE UP.

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Douglas | Duckworth | Elliott |
| Erickson | Felder | Finlay |
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| Loftis | Long | Lowe |
| Lucas | Mack | Magnuson |
| Martin | McCoy | McCravy |
| McEachern | McKnight | Mitchell |
| D. C. Moss | V. S. Moss | Murphy |
| Neal | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Norman | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Ridgeway | S. Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Rutherford | Ryhal |
| Sandifer | Simrill | G. M. Smith |
| G. R. Smith | J. E. Smith | Sottile |
| Spires | Stavrinakis | Stringer |
| Tallon | Taylor | Thayer |
| Thigpen | Toole | Weeks |
| West | Wheeler | Whipper |
| White | Whitmire | Williams |
| Willis | Yow |  |

**Total Present--119**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**

Rep. MITCHELL signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, January 12.

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. Rebecca W. Widener of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3240 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 01/17/17 | HARDEE |

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3440 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 01/17/17 | W. NEWTON |

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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| --- | --- |
| Bill Number: | H. 3427 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 01/17/17 | DAVIS, BENNETT, RUTHERFORD, NEAL, STAVRINAKIS and MITCHELL |

**H. 3462--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3462 -- Reps. Kirby, Jordan, Williams, Alexander and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE TO FOUR YEARS, TO STAGGER THE TERMS OF THE MEMBERS, TO REQUIRE THAT THE MEMBERS BE ELECTED AT A GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH A VACANCY IS FILLED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 88; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Alexander | Allison | Anthony |
| Arrington | Bales | Bamberg |
| Bennett | Bernstein | Blackwell |
| Bradley | Burns | Chumley |
| Clary | Clemmons | Clyburn |
| Cogswell | Cole | Collins |
| Crawford | Crosby | Daning |
| Davis | Delleney | Douglas |
| Duckworth | Elliott | Erickson |
| Felder | Finlay | Forrest |
| Forrester | Fry | Funderburk |
| Gagnon | Gilliard | Hamilton |
| Hardee | Hayes | Henderson |
| Henegan | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| Hixon | Hosey | Howard |
| Jefferson | Johnson | Jordan |
| Kirby | Knight | Loftis |
| Lowe | Lucas | Mack |
| Magnuson | Martin | McCoy |
| McCravy | McEachern | D. C. Moss |
| Neal | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Norman | Norrell | Ott |
| Parks | Pitts | Pope |
| Putnam | Ridgeway | S. Rivers |
| Robinson-Simpson | Ryhal | Sandifer |
| Simrill | Sottile | Spires |
| Stavrinakis | Tallon | Taylor |
| Thayer | West | Wheeler |
| White | Williams | Willis |
| Yow |  |  |

**Total--88**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 3464--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3464 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER OF DAYS THAT SCHOOLS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSED DUE TO SNOW OR EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE WAIVERS ARE AVAILABLE IN ADDITION TO THOSE AVAILABLE BY STATUTE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE WAIVERS MAY BE MADE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE SCHOOLS FOR WHICH A WAIVER IS SOUGHT HAVE MADE UP THREE FULL DAYS, OR THE EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF HOURS, MISSED DUE TO SNOW, EXTREME WEATHER, OR OTHER DISRUPTIONS REQUIRING THE SCHOOL TO CLOSE DURING THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR.

Rep. ALLISON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution until Wednesday, January 18, which was agreed to.

**H. 3441--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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

H. 3441 -- Rep. Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 42-9-450 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PAYMENTS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION BY EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES MUST BE MADE BY CHECK OR DIRECT DEPOSIT.

Rep. FORREST 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. 3400 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KATHERINE "KATIE" JOHNSON, A SOUTH CAROLINA NATIVE AND FORMER SLAVE WHO LEFT A LEGACY FOR HER DESCENDANTS THAT STILL RESOUNDS AND INSPIRES TODAY.

H. 3454 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND CELEBRATE SOUTH CAROLINA SON CAMDEN RIVIERE FOR HIS IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF WINNING THE 2016 REAL TENNIS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO WISH HIM WELL IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:49 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. RIDGEWAY, adjourned in memory of Coach John Franklin Thames, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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