**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

**(Statewide Session)**

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 The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, 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:

Psalm 23:1

 As most of you recall, the familiar opening to Psalm 23 is: “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.”

 Join me as we bow in prayer: I am confident, O Lord, that virtually no one hearing my voice does not recall how much every one of us needs to have You as our shepherd. In ways so very typical for all of us, without Your caring and loving guidance we are prone to wander off course, to head in directions and to make decisions that are far from those You would have us choose. That is why we pray today, dear God, that each Senator and every staff member will turn to You, follow Your teachings, and honor You as they in turn strive to do what is best for all of the people of South Carolina. And may these Senate leaders feel that special closeness to You, O Lord, for which we all yearn. In Your loving name we pray. Amen.

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

**Call of the Senate**

 Senator SETZLER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Garrett

Grooms Gustafson Harpootlian

Hembree Hutto Jackson

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell

Kimpson Loftis Malloy

Martin Massey Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Scott

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Talley Turner

Williams Young

 A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

**Statewide Appointments**

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

At-Large:

Mark A. Singleton, 5470 Reba Road, Conway, SC 29527-7012 *VICE* Robin A. Helms

Referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

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

Director:

Michael Wise, 2 School Yard Court, Columbia, SC 29209

Referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Commission for Minority Affairs, with the term to commence June 30, 2021, and to expire June 30, 2025

5th Congressional District:

Ame E. Fuss, 29049 Snapper Point, Tega Cay, SC 29708-8403 *VICE* William B. James, Jr.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Local Appointments**

Reappointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Wynee D. Eubanks, 107 Hillandale Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670-2924

Reappointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Carey B. Murphy, 601 Glenwood Ave., Anderson, SC 29625-2856

Initial Appointment, Dillon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Anthony Britt, 116 Kemper Church Road, Lake View, SC 29563-5665 *VICE* Charles Spivey

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Katina Capers-Washington, 307 Robinson Avenue, Winnsboro, SC 29180-6153

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Jannita Gaston, 66 Buckberry Lane, Winnsboro, SC 29180-7042

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Danielle Miller, 628 Old Chester Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180-7153

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

M. Paul Swearingen, 106 East Washington Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180-1135

Initial Appointment, Greenwood County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Carson McCurry-Henderson, P. O. Box 1784, Greenwood, SC 29648-1784 *VICE* Lisa Hotchkiss

Reappointment, Lexington County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Gary Wayne Reinhart, 139 East Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072-4128

Reappointment, Newberry County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Ronald C. Halfacre, 1810 Harper Street, Newberry, SC 29108-2804

Reappointment, Newberry County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Barry S. Koon, 14149 C R Koon Highway, Newberry, SC 29108-8250

Reappointment, Sumter County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Larry Blanding, 190 East Canal Street, Sumter, SC 29150-4951

Reappointment, Sumter County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Bryan Keith Griffin, 115 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150-4956

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator K. JOHNSON introduced Dr. Robert Ridgeway III of Manning, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, at 12:05 P.M., Senator VERDIN was granted a leave of absence until 12:30 P.M.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator CROMER, at 12:05 P.M., Senator CAMPSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

 At 1:10 P.M., Senator DAVIS requested a leave of absence until 1:40 P.M.

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator McELVEEN, at 1:34 P.M., Senator SABB was granted a leave of absence until 2:30 P.M.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSOR ADDED**

The following co-sponsor was added to the respective Bill:

S. 739 Sen. Talley

**RECALLED**

 S. 761 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 45 AND US HIGHWAY 52 IN ST. STEPHEN IN BERKELEY COUNTY “DR. SAM SCHUMANN INTERSECTION” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 H. 3905 -- Reps. Hixon and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6‑13‑920, RELATING TO THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FILLING A BOARD VACANCY FOR PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INCAPACITATION OR NONATTENDANCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6‑13‑1010, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR INJURING OR DESTROYING FACILITIES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY, SO AS TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

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

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

**RECALLED**

 H. 3974 -- Rep. Dillard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF S-75 (E WASHINGTON STREET) IN THE CITY OF GREENVILLE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH LAURENS ROAD TO ITS CONVERGENCE WITH S-1077 “STEWART SPINKS ROAD” AND PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

 Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 H. 4332 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MAY 2023 AS “NF AWARENESS MONTH” AND FURTHER TO DECLARE MAY 17, 2023, AS “NF AWARENESS DAY” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

 Senator VERDIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Medical Affairs and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 H. 4350 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-160, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CHEROKEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

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

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator CLIMER, with unanimous consent, Senators SETZLER, BENNETT, K. JOHNSON, ALLEN, GAMBRELL, SENN and CLIMER were granted leave to attend a subcommittee meeting and were granted leave to vote from the balcony.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 758 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SAMARITAN'S FEET UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

sr-0387km-vc23.docx : a7d49112-1c29-49c0-a4a2-5d59f21e5be2

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 759 -- Senator Stephens: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE EPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC.

sr-0380km-vc23.docx : 25a4230d-a200-4dbe-a621-73b3acf98603

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 760 -- Senators McElveen and Gustafson: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON A FINE SEASON.

lc-0313cm-rm23.docx : 113962a5-5661-460b-acb8-b35175096a70

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 761 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 45 AND US HIGHWAY 52 IN ST. STEPHEN IN BERKELEY COUNTY "DR. SAM SCHUMANN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

sr-0385km-hw23.docx : 603809eb-a7cb-494e-ac2d-f2d36cced855

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

 S. 762 -- Senator Garrett: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE MAJOR CHRIS MORGAN UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE GREENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE CITY OF GREENWOOD, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

lc-0343wab-ar23.docx : 30331355-e321-46e9-9665-b39766b494de

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 763 -- Senator Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON TIPPING FEES THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE FOR RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN WASTE TIRES AND TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION ON MARKET DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING END-OF-LIFE TIRE RECYCLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

lc-0250vr23.docx : 96b42736-cd29-4660-98f5-6af2a611cce6

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

 S. 764 -- Senators Climer, M. Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 470 OF 2000, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS OF MEMBERS OF ROCK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 IN YORK COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS, TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC

INFORMATION REGARDING THESE REVISED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

 S. 765 -- Senators Talley, Martin, Corbin and Kimbrell: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE CHARLES W. "CHARLIE" JONES, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY MAGISTRATE COURT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BENCH AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

lc-0316sa-rm23.docx : 4865c837-399b-41bc-82cb-32b009fb648b

 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 766 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND JAMES A. JAMISON, ASSISTANT PASTOR OF BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF EXEMPLARY MINISTRY AND SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

 S. 767 -- Senators Corbin and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

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

 S. 768 -- Senators Malloy and Martin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES LITTLE LONG BRANCH RIVER ALONG DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "WATSON BRANCH" IN MEMORY OF W. BURKE WATSON AND JEANNE CARR WATSON AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS, AND REQUEST THAT THE COST OF THESE SIGNS OR MARKERS ARE NOT PAID FOR WITH PUBLIC FUNDS.

lc-0316cm-gt23.docx : 3f293cdc-6a10-4c9d-8834-02074d85dde2

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 S. 769 -- Senators Alexander, Adams, Allen, Bennett, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Grooms, Gustafson, Harpootlian, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Kimpson, Loftis, Malloy, Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Scott, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Stephens, Talley, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE STATE OF ISRAEL UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND COMMEND ISRAEL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE UNITED STATES.

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

 H. 3168 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 56-3-2210 AND 56-3-2230, BOTH RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES AS ANTIQUE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES MAY BE USED AT NIGHT FOR PURPOSES IDENTIFIED IN THESE SECTIONS IF EQUIPPED WITH WORKING HEADLIGHTS AND REAR LIGHTS.

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

 H. 3732 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Pope, S. Jones, Vaughan, Hiott, Hixon and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-668 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE RESTORATION, EXHIBITION, SHOWING, AND ENJOYMENT OF CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AS THE OFFICIAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY PASTIME OF THE STATE.

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

 H. 4217 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE NAMES OF CERTAIN PRECINCTS, ADD NEW PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

 H. 4291 -- Rep. Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE EIGHTH DAY OF AUGUST OF EACH YEAR AS "CLOG DANCING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

 H. 4352 -- Reps. Calhoon and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH".

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

 H. 4408 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. ALBERT AIKEN NEAL, PASTOR OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH IN COLUMBIA, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS PASTORAL RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

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

 H. 4410 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HONDA SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATES AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PRODUCING RELIABLE POWERSPORTS PRODUCTS IN TIMMONSVILLE THAT ARE FUN TO RIDE AND DRIVE.

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

 H. 4419 -- Reps. Anderson, G. M. Smith, Hardee, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Bailey, J. E. Johnson, Crawford, Atkinson, McGinnis, Schuessler and Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KEVIN PENDERGRASS OF MYRTLE BEACH ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2022-2023 CAROLINAS INDEPENDENT AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION QUALITY DEALER OF THE YEAR.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 S. 399 -- Senators Peeler and Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE “DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH” AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO DELEGATE TO THE DIVISION THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, AND TO TRANSFER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, RELATING, IN PART, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION; 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 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

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 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator DAVIS explained the Bill.

**Objection**

 Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Bill a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

 Senators HUTTO and MATTHEWS objected.

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator DAVIS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Bill a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

 There was no objection.

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

 Senator DAVIS from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE “SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT”, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator CLIMER from the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 3682 -- Reps. Murphy, Wetmore, Bailey, Rose, Crawford, Brewer, Taylor, Hardee, Wooten, Pope, McDaniel, Hewitt, Bauer, Yow, J.E. Johnson, Willis, Ligon, Lawson, Robbins, Schuessler, Guest, Henegan, Williams, M.M. Smith and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47‑1‑140, RELATING TO THE CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING A LIEN ON THE SEIZED ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 47‑1‑145, RELATING TO CUSTODY AND CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO OUTLINE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING THE COST OF CARE OF THE SEIZED ANIMALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 47‑1‑170, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator DAVIS from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4049 -- Reps. Sandifer, Anderson, West, McGinnis, Hardee, Brittain, Neese, W. Newton and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 33‑7‑101 AND 33‑31‑701, BOTH RELATING TO MEETINGS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator DAVIS from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4115 -- Reps. Sandifer, Ott and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRACTOR’S LICENSING BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDE NEW DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑30, RELATING TO CONTRACTING WORK FOR WHICH LICENSURE IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM COST OF SUCH WORK TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑100, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑110, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑230, RELATING TO QUALIFYING PARTY CERTIFICATION FOR INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑240, RELATING TO QUALIFYING PARTY CERTIFICATION FOR ENTITIES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑250, RELATING TO RENEWALS OF LAPSED LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE RENEWALS COMPLETED WITHIN NINETY DAYS AFTER LICENSURE EXPIRATION ARE CONSIDERED RENEWED RETROACTIVELY TO THE EXPIRATION DATE AND PERIODS OF LICENSURE LAPSE ARE ELIMINATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑260, RELATING TO LICENSEE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE SUCH REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LICENSE GROUPS, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAY NOT BE FURTHER DISCLOSED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑262, RELATING TO SURETY BONDS IN LIEU OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD MAY INCREASE BOND REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑290, RELATING TO LICENSURE OF APPLICANTS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE EXAMINATION SUCH APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PASS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑320, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIRED REGISTRATION PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM APPLICATION OF THE CHAPTER AND REQUIRED CONTENT OF POSTERS DISTRIBUTED TO BUILDING PERMIT OFFICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXEMPTIONS AND ELIMINATE THE POSTER REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑11‑410, RELATING TO LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS AND SUBCLASSIFICATIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CLASSIFICATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 40‑11‑390 RELATING TO UNLICENSED ENTITIES ENGAGING IN GENERAL OR MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1999; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40‑11‑400 RELATING TO QUALIFYING PARTY CERTIFICATES.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., May 2, 2023

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

 S. 342 -- Senators Shealy, Jackson and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑1‑40, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S CODE, SO AS TO DEFINE UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH, HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH, AND YOUTH AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

 Placed on Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 640 -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO WATER CLASSIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5119, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator TURNER, the Resolution was carried over.

**OBJECTION**

S. 95 -- Senators Campsen, Senn, Verdin, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Gustafson, Young, Grooms, Fanning, Loftis and Garrett: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

 Senator ALLEN objected to consideration of the Resolution.

**OBJECTION**

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59‑25‑60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL’S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

 Senator STEPHENS objected to consideration of the Bill.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 732 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO DEFINED PROGRAM, GRADES 9-12 AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5130, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Resolution was carried over.

**OBJECTION**

H. 3951 -- Reps. Haddon, G.M. Smith, Bannister, Hiott, Ligon, Hixon, Leber, Erickson, Forrest, Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Willis, Calhoon, Pope, Davis and M.M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ACT” BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE, AND OUTLINE PROGRAM CRITERIA, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

 Senator HUTTO objected to consideration of the Bill.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 639 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7‑7‑530, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN YORK COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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

**OBJECTION**

H. 3952 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Bannister, Bradley, Crawford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Felder, Alexander, Wetmore, Hyde, Sessions, Guffey, Connell, Hager, Atkinson, Moss, Stavrinakis, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, B. Newton, Williams, T. Moore, Robbins, Brewer, Murphy, Wooten, Cromer, Magnuson, Pope, Hixon, Forrest, M.M. Smith, Davis, Ballentine, Erickson, Guest, Ott, Willis, Sandifer, White, Lawson, Hardee and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑1‑102, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR CONSUMERS, BEST PRACTICES FOR BUSINESSES, AND TO MEDIATE COMPLAINTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑6‑106, RELATING TO INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PRESENTATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE BEFORE BEGINNING AN INVESTIGATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑6‑108, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT ORDERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED BEFORE A CEASE AND DESIST IS ISSUED TO A BUSINESS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑2‑307, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACT CLOSING FEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLOSING FEE TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED WITH THE ADVERTISED PRICE.

 Senators HARPOOTLIAN and JACKSON objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 739 -- Senators Setzler, Alexander, Peeler, Williams, Davis and Talley: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A ONE-TIME AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF CERTAIN REMAINING SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING TAX CREDITS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 1.B.1 OF ACT 202 OF 2022, CERTAIN REMAINING SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING TAX CREDITS AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-6-3795 FOR THE TAX YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND NOT EXCEEDING $25 MILLION IN ONE-TIME, NON-RECURRING FUNDING FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSING TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 31 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE, ALL FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ADDRESS ESCALATIONS AND OTHER COSTS FOR CERTAIN MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

 The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution.

 The Committee on Finance proposed the following amendment (SF-739.CH0003S):

 Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby provides a one‑time authorization of South Carolina Housing Tax Credits pursuant to and for the purposes described in this Joint Resolution in an amount necessary but not exceeding $29,806,029, comprised of $12,889,152 remaining available from the one‑time authorization of South Carolina Housing Tax Credits provided in Section 1.B.1 of Act 202 of 2022, and a total of $16,916,877 remaining available for allocations for the tax year ending December 31, 2023, pursuant to Section 12‑6‑3795. In addition to the foregoing, the General Assembly hereby authorizes pursuant to and for the purposes described in this joint resolution an amount necessary but not exceeding $25,000,000 from the undesignated balance held in the South Carolina Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 13, Title 31 of the South Carolina Code, as non‑recurring, one‑time funding, and not as South Carolina Housing Tax Credits. No later than June 30, 2023, the State Housing Finance and Development Authority must develop a plan to allocate the South Carolina Housing Tax Credits and non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to this joint resolution as supplemental financial support to certain multi‑family housing projects that had by March 31, 2023, received a tentative allocation of South Carolina Housing Tax Credits pursuant to Act 202 of 2022. The plan, and any project allocations proposed thereunder, must be submitted to the Joint Bond Review Committee for review and comment prior to awarding any South Carolina Housing Tax Credits or non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to this joint resolution.

 Amend the joint resolution further, by striking SECTIONS 3 and 4 and inserting:

SECTION 3. Any supplemental South Carolina Housing Tax Credits or non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to this joint resolution must be limited to the amount necessary to provide supplemental financial support to projects that (1) are under construction; and (2) have demonstrated independently-verified costs exceeding original estimates as a consequence of escalations in costs of construction and materials, increases in interest rates, and such other extenuating factors as may be recommended by the State Housing Finance and Development Authority, subject to the review and comment of the Joint Bond Review Committee; provided, however, that no single project may receive an allocation of more than the lesser of (1) the actual amount of South Carolina Housing Tax Credits and non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to this joint resolution necessary to achieve financial feasibility of the project based on the independently verified costs exceeding the original estimate for the project; or (2) twenty percent of the South Carolina Housing Tax Credit reflected on the eligibility statement, as defined in Section 12-6-3795(A)(1), previously furnished for the project by the State Housing Finance and Development Authority; further provided, however, that the State Housing Finance and Development Authority may recommend, subject to the review of the Joint Bond Review Committee, a de minimus adjustment not exceeding five percent beyond the limitations of this SECTION to promote financial feasibility of the project in marginal circumstances. Project sponsors must have requested consideration of and provided justification for any costs in excess of original estimates to the State Housing Finance and Development Authority no later than March 31, 2023.

 SECTION 4. The plan must conform with such provisions of the Qualified Allocation Plan and the State Ceiling Allocation Plan as the State Housing Finance and Development Authority may recommend to be applicable to any supplemental South Carolina Housing Tax Credits or non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to this joint resolution; provided, however, that priority must be given to projects with highest rates of completion and earliest dates that the projects are expected to be placed in service.

 Amend the joint resolution further, by striking SECTION 6 and inserting:

SECTION 6. The State Housing Finance and Development Authority may require, as a condition of any supplemental South Carolina Housing Tax Credits or non‑recurring, one‑time funding made available pursuant to the plan required by SECTION 1 and this joint resolution, an agreement from the project sponsor that the South Carolina Housing Tax Credits and any non‑recurring, one‑time funding allocated to the project are deemed final, without recourse.

 Amend the joint resolution further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION 10. In addition to the other amounts made available by this Joint Resolution, the General Assembly hereby authorizes the State Housing Finance and Development Authority to allocate an amount necessary but not exceeding fifty percent of the federal low-income housing tax credit allocated to this State for the tax year ending December 31, 2023, as supplemental financial support to certain multi-family housing projects utilizing federal nine percent tax credits as defined in Section 12-6-3795(A)(7) that had by March 31, 2023, requested consideration of and provided justification for any costs in excess of original estimates to the State Housing Finance and Development Authority. Any allocations of federal tax credits made pursuant to this SECTION must be included and coordinated within the plan required pursuant to SECTION 1, and are subject to, without limitation, the same requirements, determinations, limitations, and other provisions as are applicable to the State Housing Tax Credits included in SECTIONS 1 through 7 of this joint resolution.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator SETZLER explained the amendment.

 The question then being second reading of the Resolution.

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator SETZLER asked unanimous consent to make a motion to give the Resolution a second reading, carry over all amendments and waive the provisions of Rule 26B in order to allow amendments to be considered on third reading.

 There was no objection.

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

**OBJECTION**

H. 3691 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Davis, B.L. Cox, Pace, Guest, Leber, J.E. Johnson, Pope, Brittain, McGinnis, Hardee, Hewitt, Jordan, Thayer, Anderson, Rutherford, Trantham, Bailey, Schuessler, Gagnon, Beach, Oremus, Forrest, S. Jones, Taylor, Hixon, Blackwell, Collins, Bannister, Hiott, Carter, O'Neal, Ligon, Guffey, Sessions, T. Moore, Nutt, Hayes, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Hager, B. Newton, White, Landing, Kirby, Moss, Bustos, Long, Caskey, Cromer and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17‑5‑135 SO AS TO ALLOW CORONERS TO POSSESS AND ADMINISTER OPIOID ANTIDOTES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 44‑130‑90 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES BY CORONERS AND THE REPORTING OF THEIR USE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17‑5‑510, RELATING TO DUTIES OF CORONERS AND MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CORONERS ARE CONSIDERED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS IF KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

 Senator MATTHEWS objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 3890 -- Reps. Rose, Murphy, Brewer, Mitchell, Robbins, Schuessler, Guest, King and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 22‑5‑920, RELATING TO YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ELIGIBILITY FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF CERTAIN OFFENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW EXPUNGEMENT FOR CONVICTIONS INVOLVING A DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION OFFENSE.

 Senator SCOTT objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 3908 -- Reps. Collins, G.M. Smith, Bannister, Erickson, Whitmire, Felder, Bernstein, Ott, Haddon, W. Newton, Carter, Elliott, Crawford, Ballentine, Caskey, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Mitchell, Yow, M.M. Smith, Willis, Vaughan, Cobb-Hunter, Oremus, McGinnis, Trantham, Calhoon, Gatch, Weeks, Rose, Alexander, Tedder, Garvin, Murphy, Sandifer, Hartnett, Robbins, Brewer, Pope, Pace, Henegan, Williams, Wheeler, Wooten, T. Moore, Hyde and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8‑11‑151 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UPON THE BIRTH OF A CHILD OR INITIAL LEGAL PLACEMENT OF A FOSTER CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 8‑11‑156 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UPON THE INITIAL LEGAL PLACEMENT OF A CHILD BY ADOPTION FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

 Senator FANNING objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 4017 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑6‑40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2022 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

 Senator HUTTO objected to consideration of the Bill.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 564 -- Senator Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7‑7‑330, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN JASPER COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD ONE PRECINCT, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE NAMES OF THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND AND MAINTAINED BY THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

 The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

 The question then being second reading of the Bill.

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

**Ayes 42; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Davis

Fanning Gambrell Garrett

Grooms Gustafson Harpootlian

Hembree Hutto Jackson

*Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell

Kimpson Loftis Malloy

Martin Massey Matthews

McElveen McLeod Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Scott

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Talley Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--42**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

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

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 756 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE, RELATING TO REPRESENTATION BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNAL AND THE APPELLATE PANEL, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5164, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 757 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO CONTINUING OBLIGATION TO UPDATE, REQUEST FOR HEARING, AND ANSWER, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5131, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

 On motion of Senator M. JOHNSON, the Resolution was carried over.

**OBJECTION**

H. 3681 -- Reps. West, Long, Rutherford, Bannister, Bradley, Chumley, Hiott, Hixon, Atkinson and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44‑95‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE MAY NOT ENACT ANY LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RULES PERTAINING TO INGREDIENTS, FLAVORS, OR LICENSING OF CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, E‑LIQUID, VAPOR PRODUCTS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES ENACTED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREEMPTION IMPOSED BY THIS ACT.

 Senators KIMPSON and McELVEEN objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 3857 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑103‑15, RELATING TO CATEGORIES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE AND THEIR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS, SO AS TO ADD A NEW CATEGORY FOR DOCTORAL/PROFESSIONAL UNIVERSITIES AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RELATED MISSIONS.

 Senator K. JOHNSON objected to consideration of the Bill.

**OBJECTION**

H. 4023 -- Reps. S. Jones, Erickson, Henegan, Alexander, Bradley, J.L. Johnson, White, Ott, Gilliam, Beach, Gibson, O'Neal, Cromer, McGinnis, McDaniel, Vaughan, Bauer, A.M. Morgan, Leber, T.A. Morgan, Chumley, McCravy, McCabe, Landing, Ballentine, Haddon, Hartnett, Herbkersman, Oremus and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑60, RELATING TO LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION, MANNER OF APPOINTMENT, AND TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF CERTAIN CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN TASKS BY LOCAL FIRST STEPS PARTNERSHIPS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑70, RELATING TO LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTICOUNTY PARTNERSHIPS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑150, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPTION OF A STANDARD FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM FOR LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PROCUREMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 63‑11‑1726 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL PUBLICLY FUNDED EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVING AGENCIES AND ENTITIES SHALL PARTICIPATE IN CERTAIN DATA SHARING INITIATIVES SUPPORTED BY THE ADVISORY COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1720, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ADD THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS A TRUSTEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1725, RELATING TO THE FIRST STEPS ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO REVISE DATA GOVERNANCE POLICIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES TO BUILD PARENT KNOWLEDGE, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND REVIEW OF AN OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑11‑1730, RELATING TO OVERSIGHT DUTIES OF THE FIRST STEPS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING LOCAL PARTNERSHIP PERSONNEL POLICIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑152‑10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE AUTHORIZING ACT ARE PERMANENT AND FUTURE REAUTHORIZATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED; AND BY AMENDING ACT 99 OF 1999, RELATING TO THE TIMES AT WHICH THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS ACT TAKES EFFECT AND IS REPEALED UNLESS REAUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE AUTOMATIC REPEAL PROVISION AND REAUTHORIZATION REQUIREMENT.

 Senator HUTTO objected to consideration of the Bill.

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

**MADE SPECIAL ORDER**

H. 3908 -- Reps. Collins, G.M. Smith, Bannister, Erickson, Whitmire, Felder, Bernstein, Ott, Haddon, W. Newton, Carter, Elliott, Crawford, Ballentine, Caskey, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Mitchell, Yow, M.M. Smith, Willis, Vaughan, Cobb-Hunter, Oremus, McGinnis, Trantham, Calhoon, Gatch, Weeks, Rose, Alexander, Tedder, Garvin, Murphy, Sandifer, Hartnett, Robbins, Brewer, Pope, Pace, Henegan, Williams, Wheeler, Wooten, T. Moore, Hyde and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8‑11‑151 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UPON THE BIRTH OF A CHILD OR INITIAL LEGAL PLACEMENT OF A FOSTER CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 8‑11‑156 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROVIDE PAID PARENTAL LEAVE UPON THE INITIAL LEGAL PLACEMENT OF A CHILD BY ADOPTION FOR ELIGIBLE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

 Senator MASSEY moved that the Bill be made a Special Order.

 Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

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

**Ayes 38; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Climer Corbin

Cromer Fanning Gambrell

Garrett Grooms Gustafson

Harpootlian Hembree Hutto

Jackson *Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael*

Kimbrell Kimpson Loftis

Malloy Martin Massey

McLeod Peeler Reichenbach

Rice Scott Senn

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Talley Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--38**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 The Bill was made a Special Order.

**ADJOURNED DEBATE**

H. 3681 -- Reps. West, Long, Rutherford, Bannister, Bradley, Chumley, Hiott, Hixon, Atkinson and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44‑95‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE MAY NOT ENACT ANY LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RULES PERTAINING TO INGREDIENTS, FLAVORS, OR LICENSING OF CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES, E‑LIQUID, VAPOR PRODUCTS, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES ENACTED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREEMPTION IMPOSED BY THIS ACT.

 Senator MASSEY moved that the Bill be placed in the status of Adjourned Debate.

 Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

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

**Ayes 32; Nays 9**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Bennett

Cash Climer Corbin

Cromer Gambrell Garrett

Grooms Gustafson Hembree

Hutto *Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Michael*

Kimbrell Loftis Malloy

Martin Massey Peeler

Reichenbach Rice Scott

Setzler Shealy Stephens

Talley Turner Verdin

Williams Young

**Total--32**

**NAYS**

Allen Fanning Harpootlian

Jackson Kimpson Matthews

McElveen McLeod Senn

**Total--9**

 The Bill was placed in the status of Adjourned Debate.

**ADJOURNED DEBATE**

H. 3952 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Bannister, Bradley, Crawford, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Felder, Alexander, Wetmore, Hyde, Sessions, Guffey, Connell, Hager, Atkinson, Moss, Stavrinakis, Yow, Mitchell, Ligon, B. Newton, Williams, T. Moore, Robbins, Brewer, Murphy, Wooten, Cromer, Magnuson, Pope, Hixon, Forrest, M.M. Smith, Davis, Ballentine, Erickson, Guest, Ott, Willis, Sandifer, White, Lawson, Hardee and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑1‑102, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATION FOR CONSUMERS, BEST PRACTICES FOR BUSINESSES, AND TO MEDIATE COMPLAINTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑6‑106, RELATING TO INVESTIGATORY POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PRESENTATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE BEFORE BEGINNING AN INVESTIGATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑6‑108, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT ORDERS OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED BEFORE A CEASE AND DESIST IS ISSUED TO A BUSINESS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 37‑2‑307, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE SALES CONTRACT

CLOSING FEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLOSING FEE TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED WITH THE ADVERTISED PRICE.

 Senator MASSEY moved that the Bill be placed in the status of Adjourned Debate.

 Senator MASSEY explained the Bill.

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

**Ayes 36; Nays 6**

**AYES**

Adams Alexander Allen

Bennett Cash Climer

Corbin Cromer Fanning

Gambrell Garrett Grooms

Gustafson Hembree Hutto

*Johnson, Michael* Kimbrell Loftis

Malloy Martin Massey

McElveen Peeler Rankin

Reichenbach Rice Scott

Senn Setzler Shealy

Stephens Talley Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--36**

**NAYS**

Harpootlian Jackson *Johnson, Kevin*

Kimpson Matthews McLeod

**Total--6**

 The Bill was placed in the status of Adjourned Debate.

**Statement by Senator K. JOHNSON**

 I was out of the Chamber attending a subcommittee meeting prior to the vote to adjourn debate on H. 3952. I am a supporter of the Bill and inadvertently voted “No” on the motion to give the Bill adjourned debate status. I meant to vote “Yes” and look forward to supporting the Bill on Second Reading.

**MOTION UNDER RULE 32B ADOPTED**

 Senator MASSEY, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, moved under the provisions of Rule 32B to call H. 3728 from the Contested Calendar.

 The motion under Rule 32B was adopted.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 At 1:32 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, 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.**

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 120 -- Senators Hembree, Campsen and Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24‑3‑580, RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF THE IDENTITIES OF EXECUTION TEAM MEMBERS AND THE PENALTIES FOR THE UNLAWFUL DISCLOSURE, SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE IDENTITY OF PERSONS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OR ADMINISTRATION OF AN EXECUTION OF A DEATH SENTENCE IS CONFIDENTIAL; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO PROVIDE THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES USED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF A DEATH SENTENCE IS EXEMPT FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE; TO PROVIDE THE OUT‑OF‑STATE ACQUISITION OF DRUGS INTENDED FOR USE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL STATE LICENSING PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OR ANY OTHER AGENCY, AS WELL AS REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY; TO PROVIDE PHARMACIES OR PHARMACISTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE SUPPLYING, MANUFACTURING, OR COMPOUNDING OF DRUGS INTENDED FOR USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY ARE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN LICENSING PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; TO PROVIDE, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, NO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY SHALL DISCLOSE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF EXECUTION TEAMS OR THE DETAILS REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN DRUGS USED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY; AND TO PROVIDE THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION IS TO ENSURE THE ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF PERSONS OR ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING OR EXECUTION OF A DEATH SENTENCE.

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

**NONCONCURRENCE**

H. 3532 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Pope, McCravy, B. Newton, West, Chapman, Burns, Wooten, Haddon, O'Neal, Carter, W. Newton, M.M. Smith, Davis, Pace, B.L. Cox, Gilliam, Thayer, Bailey, Hardee, Blackwell, Leber, Mitchell, Chumley, Ligon, Hiott, Yow, Landing, Hixon, Taylor, Oremus, Cromer and J.E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17‑15‑270 SO AS TO PROVIDE SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CRIMES WHILE ON PRETRIAL RELEASE ON BOND; BY ADDING SECTION 17‑15‑280 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PRETRIAL RELEASE ON BOND FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH COMMITTING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL CRIMES AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING IF ADDITIONAL CHARGES ARE PENDING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17‑15‑15, RELATING TO THE DEPOSIT OF A CASH PERCENTAGE IN LIEU OF BOND, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FULL CASH BOND FOR PERSONS CHARGED WITH CERTAIN CRIMES.

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

 Senator HEMBREE explained the amendments.

 On motion of Senator MARTIN, the Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**Motion Adopted**

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed that if and when the Senate stands adjourned today, that it will adjourn to meet tomorrow at 11:45 A.M. for the purpose of attending the Joint Assembly, and that the Senate would reconvene one hour upon the conclusion of the Joint Assembly.

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

**DEBATE INTERRUPTED**

H. 3728 -- Reps. Felder, A.M. Morgan, Leber, Magnuson, Haddon, Harris, Taylor, S. Jones, Landing, McCravy, Lowe, Jordan, Bradley, Herbkersman, Bannister, W. Newton, Elliott, B.J. Cox, Willis, Hewitt, West, Long, Burns and T.A. Morgan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY IN EDUCATION ACT”; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59 SO AS TO EXPRESS RELATED INTENTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONCEPTS FROM BEING INCLUDED IN PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR ADDRESSING VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59‑28‑180, RELATING TO PARENTAL EXPECTATIONS IN THE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN’S EDUCATION ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN REGARDING MORALS, ETHICS, AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO PROVIDE A PARENTAL PLEDGE OF EXPECTATIONS MUST BE PROVIDED TO PARENTS AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS.

 The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

 The Committee on Education proposed the following amendment (SEDU-3728.DB0105S):

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 59-29-600.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-610(2) and inserting:

 (2) “Parent” means the biological parent, adoptive parent, stepparent, person with legal custody or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a student, excluding an individual whose parental relationship to the child has been legally terminated.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-620(A)(1) and inserting:

 (1) members of one race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin are inherently superior to members of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin;

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-620(A)(5) and inserting:

 (5) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin;

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-620(A)(7) and inserting:

 (7) fault, blame, or bias should be assigned to members of a race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin because of their race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-620(C) and inserting:

 (C) A student, administrator, teacher, staff member, other school or district employee, or volunteer may not be required to engage in any gender or sexual diversity training or counseling unless it is prescribed as part of a corrective action plan pursuant to Section 59‑29‑630.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-620(D)(1), (2), and (3) and inserting:

 (1) the history of an ethnic group, as described in the South Carolina State Standards and instructional materials adopted pursuant to the South Carolina Code of Regulations;

 (2) the fact‑based discussion of controversial aspects of history or current events;

 (3) the fact‑based instruction on the historical oppression of a particular group of people based on race, sex, ethnicity, class, nationality, religion, or geographic region; or

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, Section 59-29-620, by adding a subsection to read:

 (F) Nothing in this section prohibits an LEA from taking disciplinary action or corrective action for prohibited conduct as prescribed by state law, the department of education, or local school board.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-630 and inserting:

 (9) location, either physical or virtual, of the printed or electronically available material; and

 (10) a statement by the complainant verifying that he has made a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept and resolve the matter as required in Section 59-29-640(B)(3), including the date and time of the communication, the mode of communication, copies of any communications available, and a summary of the outcome of the communications and resolution efforts.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-640(A)(1)(a) and inserting:

 (a) provide a statement on its website announcing the rights of parents to review all curriculum;

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-640(A)(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) and inserting:

 (c) ensure compliance with the provisions of this article by investigating suspected violations and complaints filed pursuant to this article;

 (d) prohibit retaliation for filing a complaint or participating in an investigation;

 (e) obtain written consent from a parent prior to the participation of a minor student in the investigative process, including consent for the minor to be interviewed;

 (f) provide instructions to a complainant or individual alleged to have violated for filing an appeal of the LEA determination with the department in a written determination to an eligible complainant; and

 (g) before July 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, provide a report to the department containing a summary of the:

 (i) number of complaints filed with a description of the nature of each complaint;

 (ii) number of complaints closed;

 (iii) number of complaints pending;

 (iv) number of resolution agreements successfully executed;

 (v) number of complaints substantiated; and

 (vi) number of complaints not substantiated.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-640(B)(3) and inserting:

 (3) A requirement that the complainant must have undertaken a good faith effort to communicate with the principal or individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept to discuss the complainant’s concerns and attempt to resolve the matter.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-640(C) and inserting:

 (C) An LEA shall work collaboratively with parents, teachers, and other employees to resolve concerns and complaints. At any point after a complaint is filed but before the LEA has issued a final written determination, the parties may reach an early resolution of an allegation through a resolution agreement, which shall include any agreed upon terms of the early resolution. Once a complaint is submitted, it must be confidential and not accessible to the public until a decision has been rendered and administrative procedures provided in this article have been exhausted. An LEA is not required to complete its investigation or issue a final written determination once it has entered a resolution agreement with the complainant.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-640(H)(2)(c)(I) and inserting:

 (I) The State Board shall issue a written determination letter to the complainant, the individual alleged to have included or promoted the prohibited concept, and the LEA from which the allegation arose. This determination letter is subject to any federal or state law that relates to the privacy of student information.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-650(A) and inserting:

 (A) Beginning with the 2024‑2025 School Year, and each school year thereafter, each LEA prominently shall post information regarding their chosen curriculum and instructional materials on the school district website. The information must indicate the materials used by school, grade or course, and subject matter, and must include:

 (1) a listing of the approved textbooks by title and including author, brief summary, and date of copyright for every course offered in the district;

 (2) a link to statewide academic standards;

 (3) relevant district policies concerning curriculum development and academic transparency; and

 (4) a process for which parents may review in person, at the school of their child’s attendance and contest instructional materials and library and media center materials being used.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-650(C)(4) and inserting:

 (4) a list of primary textbooks and instructional materials;

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 59-29-670 and 59-29-680.

 Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 59-28-180(A), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), and (14) and (B) and inserting:

 Parent involvement influences student learning and academic performance; therefore, parents are expected to:

 ~~(1)~~(a) uphold high expectations for academic achievement;

 ~~(2)~~(b) expect and communicate expectations for success;

 ~~(3)~~(c) recognize that parental involvement in middle and high school is equally as critical as in elementary school;

 ~~(4)~~(d) ensure attendance and punctuality;

 ~~(5)~~(e) attend parent‑teacher conferences;

 ~~(6)~~(f) monitor and check homework;

 ~~(7)~~(g) communicate with the school and teachers;

 ~~(8)~~(h) build partnerships with teachers to promote successful school experiences;

 ~~(9)~~(i) attend, when possible, school events;

 ~~(10)~~(j) model desirable behaviors;

 ~~(11)~~(k) use encouraging words;

 ~~(12)~~(l) stimulate thought and curiosity; ~~and~~

 ~~(13)~~(m) show support for school expectations and efforts to increase student learning; and

 (n) be the primary source of their student’s education regarding learning morals, ethics, and civic responsibility.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator MASSEY explained the amendment.

 Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

 Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 2, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. and the following Acts were ratified:

 (R16, S. 39) -- Senator Grooms: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO THE ESTABLISH THE “EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM”, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND OVERSIGHT OF THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND CONSISTING OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO PROVIDE THESE SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED, TO PROVIDE MEASURES FOR EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS, TO ESTABLISH A REVIEW PANEL AND PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES, AND TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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 (R17, S. 299) -- Senators Shealy, Goldfinch, Hutto and Jackson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63‑1‑50, RELATING TO JOINT CITIZENS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE STATE CHILD ADVOCATE TO THE COMMITTEE.

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 (R18, S. 341) -- Senators Shealy, Jackson and Hutto: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62‑5‑101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND USE OF TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS FOR A MINOR WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS OF TURNING EIGHTEEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 62‑5‑201, RELATING TO JURISDICTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL LIMITED JURISDICTION OF THE COURT OVER MINORS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62‑5‑303, RELATING TO PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME A GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDING CAN BE INITIATED TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS BEFORE A MINOR REACHES THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

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 (R19, S. 581) -- Senators Hembree, Campsen, McElveen, Goldfinch, Senn, Grooms and Corbin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑661 SO AS TO NAME THE VENUS FLYTRAP THE OFFICIAL CARNIVOROUS PLANT OF THE STATE.

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 (R20, S. 593) -- Senator Hutto: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7‑7‑440, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN ORANGEBURG COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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 (R21, H. 3605) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Oremus, Magnuson, Pace, Long, Elliott, Burns, May, Beach, Forrest, Blackwell, B. Newton, Caskey and Ligon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “EARN AND LEARN ACT OF 2023”, BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑1‑80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO SEND INFORMATION REGARDING AN INVESTIGATION TO THE LICENSEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑1‑90, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO ALLOW A LICENSEE TO REQUEST CERTIFICATION OF AN INVESTIGATION FROM THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑1‑140, RELATING TO EFFECT OF PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DENIAL OF A LICENSE BASED SOLELY OR IN PART ON A PRIOR CRIMINAL CONVICTION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-1-77 SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO ALLOW A WORKER TO

EARN A PAYCHECK WHILE FULFILLING APPLICABLE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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 (R22, H. 4099) -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7‑7‑350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE TWO EXISTING PRECINCTS, TO ADD TWO NEW PRECINCTS, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

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**Motion Adopted**

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

**LOCAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Confirmations**

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

Reappointment, Newberry County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Ronald C. Halfacre, 1810 Harper Street, Newberry, SC 29108-2804

Reappointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Wynee D. Eubanks, 107 Hillandale Rd., Pendleton, SC 29670-2924

Reappointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Carey B. Murphy, 601 Glenwood Ave., Anderson, SC 29625-2856

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

M. Paul Swearingen, 106 East Washington Street, Winnsboro, SC 29180-1135

Reappointment, Sumter County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Larry Blanding, 190 East Canal Street, Sumter, SC 29150-4951

Reappointment, Newberry County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Barry S. Koon, 14149 C R Koon Highway, Newberry, SC 29108-8250

Reappointment, Lexington County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Gary Wayne Reinhart, 139 East Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072-4128

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Katina Capers-Washington, 307 Robinson Avenue, Winnsboro, SC 29180-6153

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Danielle Miller, 628 Old Chester Road, Winnsboro, SC 29180-7153

Reappointment, Fairfield County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Jannita Gaston, 66 Buckberry Lane, Winnsboro, SC 29180-7042

Initial Appointment, Dillon County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Anthony Britt, 116 Kemper Church Road, Lake View, SC 29563-5665 *VICE* Charles Spivey

Reappointment, Sumter County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Bryan Keith Griffin, 115 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150-4956

Initial Appointment, Greenwood County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Carson McCurry-Henderson, P. O. Box 1784, Greenwood, SC 29648-1784 *VICE* Lisa Hotchkiss

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 4:04 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:45 A.M.

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