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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 119:125: "I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your decrees."

Let us pray. Your decrees are wonderful; therefore, I obey them; the unfolding of Your words gives light, it gives understanding. Direct our steps according to Your word. Let no sin rule over me. We give thanks and praise You will offer Your blessings to these Representatives and Staff as we begin a new day. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bestow Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Remember our Armed Forces and their hidden wounds. 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. BREWER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Coach Tim Touchberry, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Coach Tim Touchberry.

STATEMENT BY REP. RIVERS

Rep. RIVERS made a statement relative to the community service of Kenneth Singleton.

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STATEMENT BY REP. GOVAN

Rep. GOVAN made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of Liz Zimmerman Keitt.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 14, 2025
Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of James J. Wegmann, Esquire to serve as Beaufort County Master-in-Equity. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Mr. Wegmann qualified and the Beaufort County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as a candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT

Beaufort County Master-in-Equity

Term Commencing: June 6, 2021

Term Expiring: June 30, 2027

Type: Initial Appointment

Vice: Hon. Marvin Henry Dukes III (resigned/elevated)

James J. Wegmann, Esquire
21 Egret Drive
Beaufort, South Carolina 29907

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3843 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISIO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2025" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-17-200, AND 59-1-407 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISIO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, AND 59-101-220 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, 59-50-100, AND 59-1-497 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, AND 59-48-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE

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GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING

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TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, BOTH RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, AND 14-1-290 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-310 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 BOTH SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN

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PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS

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RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISIO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 1-1-1740, AND 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, AND 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220, RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE, SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISIO.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4016 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4017 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN ALEXANDER-BANKS, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE AUNTIE KAREN FOUNDATION, FOR HER TWENTY-FIRST LEGENDS OF CONCERT SERIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4018 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy,

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Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HARTSVILLE LIONS CLUB UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO EXPRESS THE UTMOST GRATITUDE FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HARTSVILLE AND DARLINGTON COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4019 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ALVIN BURTON "BUCK" ROBERTS OF ANDERSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4020 -- Reps. Gatch, Bamberg, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Holman, Murphy, Robbins and Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF TIMOTHY FURMAN TOUCHBERRY AND EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4027 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOP DR. FLOYD A. KNOWLIN, OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR FIFTY YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO HIS CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4021 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE TRAVIS E. OVERTON FOR HIS SEVENTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS A MEMBER OF THE COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FAMILY IN SUPPORT OF ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, AND FRIENDS, AND TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON HIS SUDDEN PASSING.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4022 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

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Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE W. PAUL PRINCE FOR HIS SIXTY YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE LORIS FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AND FIRST RESPONDER AND COMMEND HIM FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE CITIZENS OF HORRY COUNTY.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4023 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR SHORTY'S GRILL FOR DECADES OF SERVICE AS A CULINARY INSTITUTION IN LORIS, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4024 -- Reps. Hardee, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. EDWARD ECKERT JR., DDS FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE HORRY AND GEORGETOWN COUNTIES.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4028 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A

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RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4029 -- Reps. Hartnett, Wetmore, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Brewer, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-10, RELATING TO REPORTABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALPHA-GAL SYNDROME TO BE REPORTED.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4030 -- Reps. Chapman, Gagnon, Vaughan, Lawson, M. M. Smith, Sessions, Guffey, Brewer, Gilliam, Whitmire, Brittain, Hager, McGinnis, Davis, Collins, Hiott, Wooten and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4031 -- Reps. Kilmartin, White, Gilreath and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-11-30 SO AS TO CREDIT CERTAIN FINES AND FEES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND WITHOUT ANY REDUCTIONS FOR TRANSFERS TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 43 OF TITLE 11 RELATING TO THE STATE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

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Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

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STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. HERBKERSMAN 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, February 13.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to legislative business in Washington, D.C.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Sunday Olatunde of Irmo was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3007
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3008
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WILLIS and J. L. JOHNSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3029
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 SESSIONS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3045
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3046
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3058
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3276
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WOOTEN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3430
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 CALHOON and GAGNON

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3431
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 OREMUS, HART, CALHOON and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3510
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 HART, WILLIAMS, LUCK, GAGNON and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3558
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3563
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3564
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 HART

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3569
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3591
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3798
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 HART, WILLIAMS, RIVERS and GILLIARD

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3812
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3858
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GIBSON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3924
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3926
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3970
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 GRANT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4001
Date: ADD:
02/18/25 KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 3849
Date: REMOVE:
02/18/25 CALHOON

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3222 -- Reps. Bailey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

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4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS THAT A COUNTY MAY APPOINT AND COMMISSION, AND TO CORRECT AN INCORRECT REFERENCE.

H. 3558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, February 19, which was agreed to.

H. 3813--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3813 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-430, RELATING TO BEAR HUNTING, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A REGISTERED PARTY DOG HUNT IN GAME ZONE 1.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

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Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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H. 3814--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 3814 -- Rep. Hixon: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURFACE WATER STUDY COMMITTEE MAY STUDY THE CURRENT STATE OF GROUNDWATER IN THIS STATE AND TO POSTPONE THE DUE DATE OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Rep. BURNS explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

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McCabe	McCrary	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris

Total--1

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

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY

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REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3798--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3798 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson, Stavrinakis, Govan, Erickson, Bradley, Weeks, Hart, Williams, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon

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Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3510--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3510 -- Reps. Gilliam, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos, Yow, Mitchell, Hart, Williams, Luck, Gagnon and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE

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THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3510 (LC-3510.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-40(B) and inserting:

(B) Subject to the recommendation of a majority of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county, the secretary shall appoint ~~a one~~ county veterans' affairs officer for each county in the State, whose term of office shall begin July first of each odd-numbered year and shall continue for a term of two years and until a successor shall be appointed. ~~The General Assembly shall appropriate funding in the annual general appropriations act to provide for two full-time employees in each county veterans' affairs office in each county.~~ Upon securing funding in the annual general appropriations act, the General Assembly shall provide for two full-time employees in each county veterans' affairs office in each county. Qualifications shall be determined by the county legislative delegation upon a majority vote of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county. A county veterans' affairs officer is ~~an at-will employee of the department,~~ subject to removal for cause at any time by ~~the secretary,~~ a majority of the Senators representing the county, and a majority of the House members representing the county.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day to attend a funeral.

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Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3510 (LC-3510.SA0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-40(B) and inserting:

(B) Subject to the recommendation of a majority of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county, the secretary shall appoint ~~a one~~ county veterans' affairs officer for each county in the State, whose term of office shall begin July first of each odd-numbered year and shall continue for a term of two years and until a successor shall be appointed. Upon securing funding in the annual general appropriations act, the General Assembly shall provide for ~~two~~ three full-time employees in each county veterans' affairs office in each county. If a county has a population of three hundred thousand or more, according to the most recent United States Census data, the county veterans' affairs office must have four full-time employees. Qualifications shall be determined by the county legislative delegation upon a majority vote of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county. A county veterans' affairs officer is ~~an at-will employee of the department~~, subject to removal for cause at any time by ~~the secretary~~, a majority of the Senators representing the county, and a majority of the House members representing the county.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. The provisions of this act sunset two years after the effective date.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

Rep. DAVIS spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 70; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley

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Brewer	Brittain	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Crawford
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Morgan	Oremus	Pace
Sanders	Teeple	Terrible
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teepie	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

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Williams
Yow

Willis

Wooten

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

Rep. MCDANIEL 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. 3921 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM ON "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM DAY" ON FEBRUARY 26, 2025, FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS IN EDUCATING AND TRAINING SOUTH CAROLINA'S WORKFORCE FOR HIGH-DEMAND, SKILLED JOBS IN OUR STATE.

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H. 3003 -- Reps. Collins and Beach: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MAIN STREET IN THE TOWN OF EASLEY IN PICKENS COUNTY FROM WILBUR STREET TO NORTH PENDLETON STREET "OFFICER MATTHEW LOGAN HARE MEMORIAL AVENUE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 3995 -- Rep. McDaniel: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BUNYON THOMPSON FAMILY TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF TOMMIE LEE AND EUNICE SHELTON THOMPSON, GETHSEMANE SCHOOL, AND GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:25 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BREWER, adjourned in memory of Coach Tim Touchberry, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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H. 3003	31	H. 3849	20
H. 3007	18	H. 3858	20
H. 3008	18	H. 3921	31
H. 3029	18	H. 3924	20
H. 3045	18	H. 3926	20
H. 3046	18	H. 3970	20
H. 3058	18	H. 3995	32
H. 3222	20	H. 4001	20
H. 3276	18	H. 4016	8
H. 3430	18, 24	H. 4017	9
H. 3431	19	H. 4018	9
H. 3510	19, 26, 27	H. 4019	10
H. 3558	19, 21	H. 4020	11
H. 3563	19	H. 4021	12
H. 3564	19	H. 4022	12
H. 3569	19	H. 4023	13
H. 3591	19	H. 4024	14
H. 3798	19, 25	H. 4027	11
H. 3812	20	H. 4028	14
H. 3813	21	H. 4029	15
H. 3814	23	H. 4030	15
H. 3843	4	H. 4031	15