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of the

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

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TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

(STATEWIDE SESSION)

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The House assembled at noon.

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

 Our thought for today is from I Timothy 6:17: “As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

 Let us pray. God of comfort and assurance, we thank You for Your presence that promises to protect us through the storms of life that comes to us. Be our comforter in all times of need. Bless and protect our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Protect our men and women who serve and sometimes suffer for our freedom. Remember our men and women who suffer from 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. WICKENSIMER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor of Greenville, which was agreed to.

**In Memory of Dr. Bob Taylor**

Thank you, Mr. Speaker,

Today I ask that the House adjourn in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor from Greenville. Dr. Taylor passed away this last Thursday, February 27th after a long battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Bob was a college professor, college dean, and served on Greenville County Council for 20 years and was the former Council Chairman. He was a hunter and served on many boards in the community and state. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Barb Taylor, son Scott, and daughters Tami and Wendy. His daughter, Wendy Nanney, was a former S.C. House Member. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren. Bob was a man of faith, a great sense of humor, and just a great man.

I ask that these remarks be recorded in the journal."

 Rep. Paul Wickensimer

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Hager, and his family, on the loss of his father, Roland Hager.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Angie Stone.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for those affected by the fires in Horry County.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Wendy Taylor, on the loss of her father, Dr. Bob Taylor.

**APPOINTMENT**

The following was received:

**3rd Congressional District Legislative Delegation**



The Honorable Henry D. McMaster The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett

State House, First Floor 401 Gressette Building

Columbia, SC 29201 Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond The Honorable Charles F. Reid

1205 Pendleton Street 213 Blatt Building

Columbia SC 29201 Columbia, SC 29201

February 27, 2025

**RE: Approval of Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 3rd District DOT Commission**

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et. seq., members of the General Assembly representing the 3rd Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted and members of the House of Representatives met.

As Senior Member of the 3rd District Delegation, I certify that Ms. Pamela L. Christopher received a majority of the weighted vote of only the members of the House of Representatives in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

 Ms. Pamela L. Christopher

 129 North Main Street, #200

 Anderson, South Carolina 29621-5608

S.C. Department of Transportation Commission

 Pchristopher@andersonscchamber.com

864-226-3454

 3rd Congressional District

 Term Commencing: 02/15/2024

 Term Expiring: 02/15/2028

 *Vice*: Self

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William R. Whitmire

Received as information.

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT**

The following was received:

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., March 3, 2025

Mr. Speaker:

 I am hereby transmitting my appointment of Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esquire to serve as Richland 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 Ms. Lawrence qualified and the Richland County Legislative Delegation has submitted her 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

Richland County Master-in-Equity

Term Commencing: April 30, 2021

Term Expiring: April 30, 2027

Type: Initial Appointment

Vice: Hon. Joseph M. Strickland (resigned)

Contact Information:

Stephanie N. Lawrence, Esquire

101 Branchview Drive

Columbia, South Carolina 29229

Yours very truly,

Henry Dargan McMaster

Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 103; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

**Total--103**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4115 -- Reps. Vaughan, 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, Terribile, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF AND GAIN PREVENTION EDUCATION ON THE SIGNS OF TOPICAL STEROID DEPENDENCE AND THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 3, 2026, AS TOPICAL STEROID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Bowers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTOR, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SENSATIONAL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4117 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, 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, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MILDRED EARLINE ROBERTS OF TRAVELERS REST ON THE OCCASION OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4118 -- Reps. Grant, 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, 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 DOROTHY NELSON BONNER OF CLARENDON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4119 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, 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, 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, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 2025 AS "BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BRAIN INJURY SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURY IN THE STATE AND NATIONALLY, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF BRAIN INJURIES.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4120 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION WHERE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 18 MEETS SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 IN UNION COUNTY "US AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT KENNETH JASON WILBURN MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 4121 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Calhoon, Kilmartin, White and Forrest: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS FROM THE 220TH BLOCK TO THE 460TH BLOCK OF CEDARCREST DRIVE IN LEXINGTON COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "DEDICATED IN THE HONOR OF THE VETERANS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY."

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 392 -- Senator Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SOUTH CAROLINA AS A TECHNOLOGY FIRST STATE, COMMITTED TO THE EXPLORATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ENABLING AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS THAT MAY ALLOW ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS WITH DISABILITIES GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE INDEPENDENT AND FULFILLING LIVES.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 4122 -- Rep. Clyburn: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE AND DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR A HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4123 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROTECTION OF MINORS FROM PORNOGRAPHY AND OBSCENITIES ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ARTICLE REGARDING OBSCENITY LAWS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "HARMFUL TO MINORS" AND "MATERIAL" TO INCLUDE ANY PORTION OF MATERIALS AND PERFORMANCES THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED OBSCENE, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "PROFANE LANGUAGE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO THE OFFENSES OF DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS AND EXHIBITING HARMFUL PERFORMANCES TO MINORS, DEFENSES, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE PROVIDED BY THE STATUTE ONLY TO THE TEACHING OF AGE-APPROPRIATE SEX EDUCATION AND HUMAN BIOLOGY CURRICULUM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4124 -- Reps. Pope and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14950, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS FOR SERVICE MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CERTAIN MILITARY CAMPAIGNS, SO AS TO ADD AFGHANISTAN WAR VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 51 -- Senators Davis, Grooms, Stubbs, Massey, Garrett, Sutton, Turner, Graham, Gambrell, Zell, Johnson, Rice, Campsen, Sabb, Tedder, Fernandez, Leber, Devine, Climer, Cromer, Hutto, Young, Kimbrell, Matthews, Jackson, Blackmon, Adams, Hembree, Corbin, Williams, Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin, Kennedy, Alexander and Walker: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE SANTEE COOPER TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS ON UTILIZING ASSETS ASSOCIATED WITH V.C. SUMMER UNITS 2 AND 3, AND FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 127 -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 136 -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

**ROLL CALL**

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

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| Ballentine | Bamberg | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
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| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| Schuessler | Sessions | G. M. Smith |
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| Taylor | Teeple | Terribile |
| Vaughan | Weeks | Wetmore |
| White | Whitmire | Wickensimer |
| Williams | Willis | Wooten |
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**Total Present--118**

**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. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative commitment in Washington, D.C.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SANDERS a leave of absence for medical reasons.

**SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR**

**DOCTOR OF THE DAY**

Announcement was made that Dr. March Seabrook of Lexington was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3021 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | FORREST, MAGNUSON and WILLIS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3030 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | LAWSON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3046 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | FORREST, YOW, CROMER and GILREATH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3052 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | FORREST |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3092 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | PACE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3127 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | HIXON, TAYLOR, GAGNON, OREMUS, HARTZ and DAVIS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3256 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | PACE |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3409 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | LAWSON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3497 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | BAILEY |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3643 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | LIGON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3650 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | FORREST, B. NEWTON, HIXON and TAYLOR |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3756 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | FORREST |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3927 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | GILREATH |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3930 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | LONG |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3934 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | BERNSTEIN |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4069 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | MAGNUSON |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 4103 |
| Date: | ADD: |
| 03/04/25 | WEEKS |

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

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| Bill Number: | H. 3924 |
| Date: | REMOVE: |
| 03/04/25 | MONTGOMERY |

**CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT**

The following was taken up:

State of South Carolina

Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., February 24, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

 I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. Pursuant to Section 57-1-310(A)(2) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, this appointment is made with advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT

Department of Transportation Commission

Term Commencing: February 15, 2022

Term Expiring: February 15, 2026

Type: Initial Appointment

Seat: At-Large

Vice: James T. McLawhorn Jr.

Contact Information:

James Britt Blackwell, O.D.

1268 Ebenezer Road

Rock Hill, South Carolina 29732

Yours very truly,

Henry McMaster

Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 113; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Bauer |
| Beach | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brewer | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Caskey | Chapman | 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 | Haddon |
| Hager | Hardee | 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 |
| T. Moore | Morgan | Moss |
| Murphy | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rankin |
| Reese | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | 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**

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

**H. 3969--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3969 -- Reps. Rutherford, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Grant, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Reese and Rose: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 110; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Bauer |
| Beach | Bernstein | Bowers |
| Bradley | Brewer | Brittain |
| Burns | Bustos | Calhoon |
| Caskey | Chapman | Clyburn |
| Cobb-Hunter | Collins | B. J. Cox |
| B. L. Cox | Crawford | Cromer |
| Davis | Dillard | Duncan |
| Edgerton | Erickson | Forrest |
| Gagnon | Garvin | Gatch |
| Gibson | Gilliam | Gilliard |
| Gilreath | Govan | Grant |
| Guest | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Hart | Hartnett |
| Hartz | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| Herbkersman | Hewitt | Hixon |
| Holman | Hosey | Howard |
| Huff | J. E. Johnson | J. L. Johnson |
| Jones | Jordan | Kilmartin |
| King | Landing | Lawson |
| Ligon | Long | Lowe |
| Luck | Magnuson | Martin |
| May | McCabe | McCravy |
| McDaniel | Mitchell | Montgomery |
| T. Moore | Morgan | Moss |
| Murphy | Neese | B. Newton |
| W. Newton | Oremus | Pace |
| Pedalino | Pope | Rankin |
| Reese | Rivers | Robbins |
| Rose | 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**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 4088--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 108; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Bailey | Ballentine | Bannister |
| Bauer | Beach | Bernstein |
| Bowers | Bradley | Brewer |
| Brittain | Burns | Bustos |
| Calhoon | Caskey | Chapman |
| 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 |
| Haddon | Hardee | Hart |
| Hartnett | Hartz | Hayes |
| Henderson-Myers | Herbkersman | Hewitt |
| 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 | T. Moore |
| Morgan | Moss | Murphy |
| Neese | B. Newton | W. Newton |
| Oremus | Pace | Pedalino |
| Pope | Rankin | Reese |
| Rivers | Robbins | Rose |
| Schuessler | G. M. Smith | M. M. Smith |
| Spann-Wilder | Stavrinakis | Taylor |
| Teeple | Terribile | Vaughan |
| Weeks | Wetmore | White |
| Whitmire | Wickensimer | Williams |
| Willis | Wooten | Yow |

**Total--108**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was in the lobby discussing legislative business with a constituent when the vote was taken on H. 4088 Darlington County Forfeited Land Commission.  If present I would have voted “yes” on the local bill.

Rep. Sessions

**H. 3021--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3021 -- Reps. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

Reps. B. NEWTON, FORREST, HIXON, HIOTT, OREMUS, MARTIN, BREWER, B. L. COX, J. E. JOHNSON, HARRIS, CROMER, ROBBINS, WHITMIRE, WEEKS, GILLIAM and T. MOORE requested debate on the Bill.

**H. 3756--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

Rep. GATCH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

**H. 3945--RECOMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3945 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Caskey and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-580 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE COUNTING, PHOTOGRAPHING, RELOCATION, CAPTURING, HUNTING OR TAKING OF FERAL HOGS OR COYOTES BY UNMANNED AIRCRAFT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. HIXON moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to.

**H. 3650--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3650 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, W. Newton, Bailey, Robbins, Crawford, Guest, Caskey, Forrest, B. Newton, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-60, RELATING TO OFFENSES DEFINED AS VIOLENT CRIMES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF DISCHARGING FIREARMS AT OR INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-440, RELATING TO DISCHARGING FIREARMS INTO A DWELLING HOUSE, OTHER BUILDING, STRUCTURE, ENCLOSURE, VEHICLE, AIRCRAFT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER CONVEYANCE, DEVICE, OR EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO CREATE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

 Yeas 111; Nays 0

 Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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| Anderson | Atkinson | Bailey |
| Ballentine | Bannister | Beach |
| Bernstein | Bowers | Bradley |
| Brewer | Brittain | Burns |
| Bustos | Calhoon | Caskey |
| Chapman | 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 | Haddon | Hager |
| Hardee | Harris | Hartnett |
| Hartz | Hayes | Henderson-Myers |
| 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 | T. Moore | Morgan |
| Moss | Murphy | Neese |
| B. Newton | W. Newton | Oremus |
| Pace | Pedalino | Pope |
| Rankin | Reese | Rivers |
| Robbins | Rose | 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--111**

 Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 3046--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3046 -- Reps. T. Moore, Lawson, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, W. Newton, Vaughan, Mitchell, Rankin, Long, Oremus, Gibson, Burns, Edgerton, Guffey, Govan, Wickensimer, Caskey, Forrest, Yow, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND ADD THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR; SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY POSSIBLE TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND INCLUDE TIER I AND TIER II DESIGNATIONS FOR OUT-OF-STATE OR FEDERAL CONVICTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-342, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SOLICITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-387, RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC IN A STATE OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT NUDITY, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR ACT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

**H. 3127--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 25, which was agreed to.

**S. 363--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON REGULATIONS, ADMIN. PROC., AI AND CYBERSECURITY**

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, the following Joint Resolution was ordered recalled from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity:

S. 363 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. WICKENSIMER 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. 4111 -- Reps. Williams, Mitchell, Luck, Yow, 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, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, 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, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON ITS HISTORIC SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SEASON AND CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS, AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 6, 2025, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 24 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:11 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WICKENSIMER, adjourned in memory of Dr. Bob Taylor of Greenville, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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